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TO : Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Coordination

DATE: 25 January 1956

FROM : Acting Chief, Collection Staff, OSI

SUBJECT: OSI Comments on Draft ▇▇▇ Memorandum on Requirements dated 12 January 1956.

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   1. The pattern of investigation authorized in subject memo lies within the Director's statutary authority and could provide evidence as to the adequacy of the development and coordination of information requirements and collection tasks in conformity with established Priority National Intelligence Objectives. However, the plan would not of itself provide the information concerning procedures and organizational aspects which would be required by the IAC Directive and which would be necessary for developing recommendations to improve the present system. In any case it is readily apparent that the present system is not adequate, further, it does not provide a ready means for ascertaining the coverage and/or deficiencies of the requirements problem.

   2. This office recommends that, instead of asking the IAC agencies to provide the information outlined in subject memo, an investigating group be established to work within the agencies and follow the procedures of each agency from research programs through to collection. Such a full-time group of four-five experienced intelligence officers (from CIA and other IAC agencies), reporting to the IAC, would be in a better position to carry out the IAC Directive than would be a committee which was largely dependent upon Agency replies to a questionnaire. Additionally, the work load imposed by the questionnaire method might be objectionable to the agencies.

   3. Whatever procedure is followed, it is recommended that the scope of the investigation be limited to the number one priority category of the Priority National Intelligence Objectives. Such limitation should provide sufficient evidence to enable Mr. Bissell to carry out the IAC Directive.

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