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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Coordination

FROM: Deputy Chief, Special Intelligence Staff, OCI

SUBJECT: Implementation of IAC-D-50/5

REFERENCE: Your memo dated 12 January 1956
My memo dated 9 January 1956

1. The pattern of investigation proposed in your memo of 12 January is not likely to provide the information necessary to assess the effectiveness of existing provisions for the development and coordination of information requirements and collection tasks in implementation of DCID 4/5.

2. The fundamental question is: "Has the US Intelligence Community developed the most effective requirements and collection programs possible?" The answer to this question, I believe, can be produced only by a staff or task force whose job would be to conduct an intensive examination into the problem. Here are some of the questions I think ought to be answered:

a. To what extent has coordination been achieved among producers in developing information requirements implementing DCID 4/5, particularly in those areas of intelligence which cut across agency lines?

b. To what extent have PNIO's been translated into usable guidance to collectors?

c. To what extent have conflicts arisen, with respect to overlap in, and assignment of priorities to, requirements which require further interpretation of the PNIO's (both from the producers and the collectors' point of view)?

d. To what extent are information requirements prepared by producers related to the PNIO's, in terms of substance and priority?

e. To what extent have collectors used PNIO's as a guide in the planning and development of collection programs?

f. To what extent have collectors coordinated their programs to accomplish PNIO's? Have plans been developed and coordinated for the most effective use of community collection resources?

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