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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, D/CG, St/TH, ST/CS, D/S

FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff

SUBJECT : OIR Contribution to the OCI Periodic Requirements List (PRL) for Latin America, 1 October 1959 - 31 January 1960.

1. Contributions are requested from your Division or Staff for the next issue of the Latin America PRL.

2. The Periodic Requirements Lists for major geographic areas are revised every four months and are intended to provide guidance for reporting officers on those aspects of current events having intelligence significance. The list should contain only those requirements which bear a direct relationship to current events and which, conceivably, could be answered within a four month reporting period. The list is not intended to be a summary of current gaps. Occasionally current international situations may indicate that PRL items should be retained for an additional four month period. However, it is necessary to indicate the special circumstances justifying their retention.

3. Examples of the type of requirements appropriate for inclusion in the PRL are those related to the geographic or economic aspects of:

- a. Recently promulgated decrees of Bloc governments;
- b. Recent reports of intra-bloc delegation visits;
- c. Recent reports of new Communist Chinese credits.

4. Because the PRL is an effort to provide guidance on the most current information needs on an area, statements reflecting broad and continuing interests in subject fields are not acceptable for this publication. Examples of these are:


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- a. Report current data on oil reserves, production schedules, and construction within the petroleum industry.
 - b. Report new construction on Manchurian rail net.
 - c. Give current production data of chrome ore in Albania.

As they stand, the above requirements will not meet the purpose of the PNL. However, if they could be shown to be related to some current event or new reporting and could be made sufficiently specific, they might fulfill this purpose.


5. Include for each requirement a background showing its relation to current events. In order to permit maximum utility to the field it is requested that questions be classified individually.

6. Recent contributions of ORR analysts have generally reflected these policies and branches are urged to continue submitting only those requirements which meet the criteria outlined above.

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For the Chief,
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