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Following a discussion of changes proposed by State the Board approved the subject estimate as amended.

No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

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In opening the discussion Mr. Abbot Smith commented that it was important to note that the scope of this estimate had been limited to specific questions posed by the White House staff. Following a brief discussion of the purpose and scope of this paper the Board considered a series of changes proposed by the acting State member.

The Board then approved SNIE 30-69 as amended.

5. Communist China's Strategic
Weapons Program
(NIE 13-8-69)

In the course of the Board's consideration of this paper General Carter commented in regard to paragraph 44 that, while he did not disagree with the judgment in the second sentence, there was a possibility that the Chinese Communists might test full range ICBM shots to the Pacific rather than the Indian Ocean. In view of the possibility of Pacific testing and of the necessity to allocate intelligence collection resources properly when full range Chinese ICBM tests begin, General Carter recommended that an appropriate body, e. g. GMAIC, keep this question under review. He concluded that such a continuing review might avoid unnecessary duplication of collection resources. Mr. Helms agreed with this suggestion and requested the Executive Secretary to arrange for the assignment of this task to an appropriate individual or committee.

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25X1 [redacted] pointed out that this estimate was the type normally released to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and that previous versions of this paper had been released. [redacted] noted that a Top Secret version was planned. The Chairman indicated his concurrence in the release of this paper to the Joint Committee and also agreed that a Top Secret version of the paper should be prepared. 25X1

The Board then:

- a. Approved NIE 13-8-69 as amended.
- b. Agreed that BNE and the USIB Representatives should prepare a Top Secret version of the subject estimate as soon as possible and that this version need not be submitted for USIB consideration.
- c. Noted the statement by the AEC Representative that the subject estimate is of the type normally released to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and concurred in the release of this estimate to the Joint Committee.
- d. Concurred in General Carter's suggestion that questions related to the possibility of full range Chinese Communist ICBM tests into the Pacific rather than the Indian Ocean be kept under review. *

6. USIB-D-9.7/11, 27 February
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(A summary of the Board's discussion on this item is being circulated in the subject document.) 25X1

Adjournment: 1125

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Executive Secretary

*Subsequent to the meeting the Executive Secretary conferred with Mr. Brandwein, Chairman of GMAIC, and [redacted] on this subject. It was determined that the continuing review of this problem as described above should be assigned to GMAIC, consulting as necessary with [redacted] the DCI China Intelligence Activities Coordinator. 25X1

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