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MEMORANDUM FOR: Planning Officer, Office of Special Projects  
Planning Officer, Office of Scientific Intelligence  
Planning Officer, Office of ELINT  
Planning Officer, Office of Computer Services  
Planning Officer, Office of Research and Development  
Planning Officer, Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center  
Planning Officer, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT: Planning Assumptions, FY 1972-FY 1976

1. We have received from O/PPB a preliminary draft of the planning assumptions for the next program planning cycle. A copy is included here for your evaluation and comments.

2. We need your rough-draft comments in Planning and Programming Branch, DDS&T, by 23 July 1969 so that a single paper can be assembled for the Directorate response. The draft of this collective paper will then be returned to you so that you can again evaluate it in terms of your Office needs. Your comments and recommendations on the draft of the Directorate response are needed in R&P Branch by 1 August 1969 for preparation of the final copy which will be sent to O/PPB.

3. You will recall that the planning assumptions in years past have been provided late in the planning cycle and they have been so vague as to be of little help in long-range planning. By getting this early draft some four to five months earlier than last year, we have a golden opportunity to help shape it into a relevant basis for FY 1972 plans and FY 1973 through FY 1976 estimates. If we can get adequate assumptions at the Agency level, then we certainly should be able to derive some well-defined and pertinent Directorate planning factors.

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4. The following items are suggested to provoke your thoughts in the matter.

a. Where in the paper should there be more precision in the assumptions?

b. What factors would you like to see stated as Agency policy, assuming such policy would be a broad directive to engage in some definable activity during the planning period?

c. Should the paper state Agency intentions by major category? For example--increase technical collection efforts and reduce agent collection (or vice versa). Attempt to process all technical intelligence data automatically but retain human analysts for political and economic intelligence.

d. Should the paper, instead, state intentions by world areas, perhaps as they are divided in the Target Orientation Display Target Structure? (copy attached)

e. Are there places in which you want or need guidance which does not appear in the paper?

f. Do you need or want a list of most probable priority target countries (in order of priority) for each year of the planning period?

g. Would a listing of relative emphasis on categories be of use? For example--rank order the categories; Collection, Production, RD&E for each year.

h. Should there be an estimate of what kind of intelligence activity we should downgrade or eliminate?



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