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MEMORANDUM FOR: Miss Eloise Page, FI/DDP
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Chief, Collection Guidance Staff, DDI

SUBJECT : Comments on Recommendations Contained in
Paragraph 9 of CCPC Report

The USIB action (USIB-D-64.6/12) relating to the CCPC report, "Review of Intelligence Activities Against Communist China" requested member agencies to comment on the recommendations contained in paragraph 9 of the CCPC report. Attached is a draft of proposed CIA comments. I would appreciate your concurrence or appropriate criticism and suggestions thereon as soon as possible, preferably by close of business 12 February.

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Part III

Comments on Recommendations Contained in Paragraph 9 of CCPC Report

Recommendation a: "USIB reaffirm the high priority for intelligence activity against Communist China, endorse the need for developing a strong intelligence data base and an intelligence competence against China commensurate with that against other highest priority targets."

Comment: It is believed that any statement by USIB concerning the priority to be accorded a subject or an area should be made in the context of the current, approved Priority National Intelligence Objectives (DCID 1/3). To do otherwise would tend to undermine the bases of the existing priority system and introduce uncertainty and doubt as to USIB's true intentions. Accordingly, it is suggested that this recommendation be reworded as follows: "USIB call to the attention of member agencies the substantive intelligence problems relating to Communist China set forth in the current DCID 1/3, Priority National Intelligence Objectives, and endorse the need for developing a strong data base and an intelligence competence against Communist China in accordance therewith."

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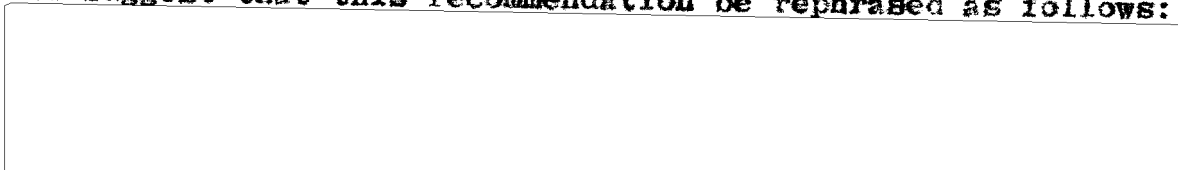


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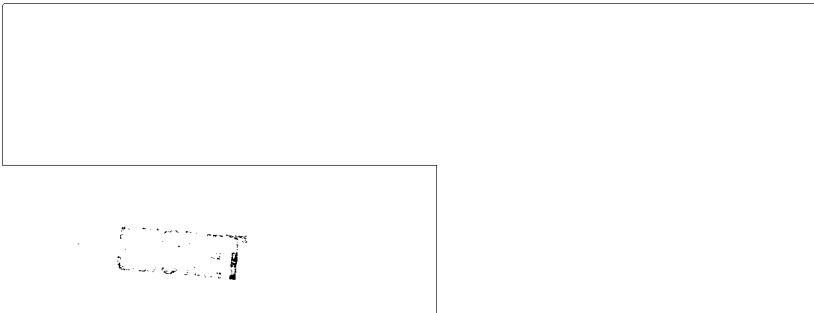
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Comment: As indicated above, we believe that statements by USIB concerning "priority" should be carefully made in the context of the PNIO's, or eschewed altogether. Accordingly, we suggest that this recommendation be rephrased as follows:



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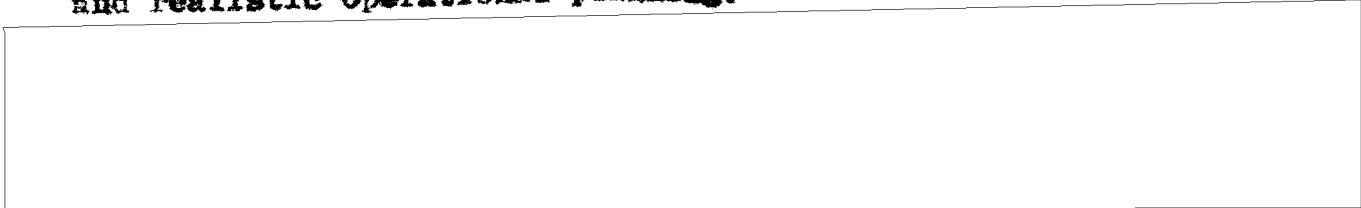
Recommendation e: "Agencies adjust their research and analysis programs"

Comment: We agree that operational planning, and particularly planning for the intensified operations described in Recommendation b above will require augmented substantive research and analysis support. We also agree that such support, to be realistic and effective, requires close collaboration between the analysts and operators concerned. As presently worded, however, the recommendation strongly implies that such support should be provided exclusively by the research and analysis components of the agencies concerned. Granted that augmented research support is required, we believe that the question of whether such support should be provided by the

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research and analysis component, the operational component, or both, is a question of internal management to be decided by each agency for itself. Consequently, we suggest that the Recommendation be reworded as follows: "Agencies provide greater attention to research on subjects essential for detailed and realistic operational planning."



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