

COMMENTS ON NEW DRAFT, 21 April 1951, PREPARED BY CIA IN COMPLIANCE WITH NSC ACTION 282

Nowhere in the text do I find specific reference to the original NSC 282 request to conduct and organize a study of foreign economic intelligence requirements relating to the national security, "including requirements for mobilization planning." It is, therefore, suggested that this reference be included on page 3, as follows (underlining indicates amendments):

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"6. Therefore, what is needed is a continuing machinery for insuring that the available economic intelligence resources are mobilized around security issues, including requirements for mobilization planning, problem by problem, and that where adequate economic intelligence on a particular security ~~and mobilization planning~~ issue is not being provided by any agency, responsibility for its provision will be clearly allocated."

The writer does not concur in statement as worded on page 6. In previous discussions of the subject, it has not been implied that the proposed Economic Intelligence Committee should be a committee with powers of final decision, but rather a committee for purposes of facilitating coordination and for preparing recommendations. The following changes on page 6 are therefore suggested (deletions and underlining indicate amendments):

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"(e) In the establishment of priorities and allocation of responsibilities for the collection and analysis to fill specific gaps in the economic intelligence needed for national security, the decisions of the recommendations of the Economic Intelligence Committee with regard to such intelligence, shall govern the activities of the IAC agencies in the same manner as decisions of be submitted to the Intelligence Advisory Committee for decisions. Similarly, Disagreements disagreements as to priorities and allocations may be referred to the Intelligence Advisory Committee. Where disagreements arise with respect to the activities of non-IAC agencies, the Intelligence Advisory Committee may refer these to the National Security Council."

Page 14+15: Section E. "Economic analysis relating to the ~~availability~~ availability, the importance to either set of powers, and the vulnerability to interruption of the flow of specific strategic materials and services from other areas, principally Africa and Latin America."

The following change is suggested:

"The general economic situation in areas other than those outlined in B, C, and D above is important for many aspects of United States policy. ~~However,~~ The impact on our national security position of general economic conditions, capabilities, and intentions in such regions as Africa and Latin America is of less immediate importance than the ~~contribution these areas make to supplies of critical raw materials needed by considerable~~ contribution these areas make to supplies of critical raw materials needed by considerable since the United States depends vitally upon the strategic raw material resources of these areas, the exportable surplus of which has to be shared by the Western Allies. It should also be noted that part of these raw materials are being exported to the Soviet Bloc and the Western Allies. The intelligence most urgently required on these areas, then, is specific details on a limited number of resources and facilities, actual and potential, ~~rather than exhaustive coverage.~~"