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Notes on IP Board Meeting

27 March 1970

DIA AND DOS REVIEW COMPLETED

1. Security control of Willis Ware's (Def. Science Bd.) report on Security of computer systems.

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[   ] OS, (in attendance) sought coordination with IP Board on draft memo to DOD stating CIA recommends the Ware report be considered UNCLASSIFIED but controlled by "Official Use Only". DOD proposed no controls (UNCLASSIFIED).

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[   ] said he was under great pressure from DOD for an immediate answer from CIA... in that the document was already at the printers.

Considerable discussion... but no member of the Board had personally read report. (Present version of report became available to CIA on 13 March 1970.)

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Basic question seemed to be whether or not the uncontrolled issuance of this report would increase the vulnerability of our computer systems to unauthorized and illicit penetration. [   ] draft memo suggested it would; this in turn raised question of the adequacy of the proposed "Official Use Only" caveat.

It is apparently unclear whether or not open literature already contains the same information as the Ware report.

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Chairman pointed out that the IP Board was not competent at this meeting to assert whether or not the Ware report would increase our vulnerability to penetration. The Board's discussion showed a concensus that if in fact the Ware report was dangerous to intelligence methods it should be classified and the draft memo would best be revised accordingly. The Chairman suggested [   ] check with OGC re possible legal basis for CIA objection to uncontrolled publication. Finally, he instructed IP&E Team to review the report and feedback an opinion on this classification question.

Action: IP&E Team to review the Ware report and discuss its conclusions with [   ]

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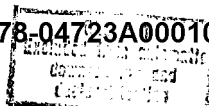
2. Feedback from Chairman's briefing of Executive Director-Comptroller and Deputy Directors:

Some of the feedback from this briefing:

- Need constructive attitude re community concerns and efforts.

- CIA's technical experts should be called on when appropriate to lend their weight to certain CIA positions in community matters.

- IPC's to wear CIA-wide hats in Board's deliberations as much as feasible.

- Agency needs centralized consideration of intended increases in ADP resources, even if already budgeted.

- DD/S&T said he feels DCI sometimes is not aware of significance of ADP inputs to Agency activities. The Executive Director-Comptroller urged each DD to try to make the ADP contribution clearer when briefing DCI on such activities.

3. Policy Paper on ADP Approvals:

Most members felt some dollar threshold was needed on contracts (ietm 2.c in draft policy). [_____] suggested $50k,   **25X1A**
which was accepted.

25X1A   [_____] suggested extension of last sentence of para. 2 to include mention of certain non-ADP devices (photographic, etc.).

General agreement that the reference to OCS in para. 3.e should be placed in clearer context... or eliminated entirely.

25X1A   [_____] suggested procedure should show that proposals pass through IP Board on way to Executive Director-Comptroller.

25X1A   Action: [_____] to re-draft this paper. [_____] to phone in   **25X1A**
desired wording covering additional devices for last sentence of para. 2. IP Board will reconsider paper at next meeting.

4. Policy Paper on Systems Support Services

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[ ] said paper was written to reflect three goals previously discussed by IP Board:

a. Develop Systems Support Services skills in-house; minimize dependency on commercial suppliers.

b. Avoid duplicate tasking of commercial suppliers by our various ADP centers.

c. Avoid efforts in each ADP center to build up full range of systems support skills; instead, maximize use of such skills in OCS to support other centers.

Considerable discussion. Agreed to rewrite the paper to concentrate on the following theme: Do job locally if you can. If can't handle locally, turn to OCS for help. If OCS can't handle it with its staff, then OCS will task commercial source (thereby avoiding duplicate tasking). (This channel to commercial supplier via OCS will be normal for IBM assistance; exceptions as appropriate will be made by OCS in cases involving other commercial suppliers.)

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[ ] felt wording of footnote which defines "systems support services" was too broad. [ ] agreed to draft a new definition which would better identify the range of services under consideration here which OCS might be called on to provide.

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Action: [ ] to re-draft this paper per the above. [ ] to phone in suggested re-wording of footnote on page 1 of draft. IP Board will reconsider at next meeting.

Note: Two earlier drafts of this paper were reviewed and discussed at length by the IP TECH Group. TECH Group attitudes ranged from full acceptance to near full rejection of the thrust of this policy. With the submission of the present draft to IP Board today, further consideration of this policy is now back under the IP Board... where the policy concept originated.

8. I.G. effort in ADP

Chairman explained I.G. has been asked by DCI to look at the "problem of information handling".

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[＿＿＿＿＿＿＿＿] and Ruth Gillard.

Plan still being shaped, but team will undertake several inquiries. Some possibilities:

     - System through which State pulls together daily data on cable flows.

25X1A   - [＿＿＿＿＿＿] Report -- for possible follow-ups.

     - Intelligence requirements ... and how they relate to inflow of data to CIA.

     - Field reporting procedures... and how to streamline and simplify.

     - Information flow in relation to decision making in CIA (MIS-type of thing).

     - Possible inputs to long-range ADP planning.

25X1A   [＿＿＿＿＿＿] said the "problems" this team is intended to study do not seem to be very clearly defined. He said he feels there is a need for 4 or 5 solid professionals in systems work at the DCI level to perform such studies if we are going to attempt same.

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Action: Chairman is to invite [＿＿＿＿＿＿＿＿] to a subsequent meeting of IP Board to discuss informally his purpose and plan of proceeding... and to elicit suggestions from the IPC's on how to make this I.G. effort as productive as possible.

9. <u>COMCET Message Concentrator</u>

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[   ] said OCS hopes to acquire a COMCET message concentrator in the near future. <u>Basic purpose:</u> bridges the interface between the computer and all the remote devices... including UNIVAC 9300 communications computers.

COMCET system will replace some black boxes (control units) in OCS and will move some of the CPU's work out of the COMCET equipment.

Three roles for COMCET:

a. Perform functions (more flexibly) now performed by hard-wired control units... e.g., changing form and speed of signals as required to move from remotes to CPU and vice versa.

b. Perform some low-level tasks now performed by the CPU... reducing the workload on the CPU by perhaps as much as 5%.

c. Concentrate signals from several separate wires, multiplexing same to move on over single line.

He said COMCET should make it easier for OC to design data circuits for Headquarters Building because COMCET rationalizes the remote-to-computer interface problem. A central switch for data circuits for this building may still be required. COMCET is not visualized as performing that function. ...although perhaps it could to some extent.

Chairman said he wanted to be assured that Commo was fully exposed to this COMCET plan... and that Commo concurred in it or at least did not object). [   ] said Commo had been invited by OCS to all briefings with contractors and had been given the technical documentation by OCS. He said he sees COMCET as an ADP front end rather than a communications facility. He said he didn't know what further coordination with

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Commo was desired but he was willing to do whatever was
needed in this regard. [   ] said Commo feels coordination
has not been adequate.   25X1A

During the discussion, it emerged that there are multiple
areas of concern in matters such as this within Commo's   25X1A
organizational structure and that perhaps this fact has impeded
full coordination. [   ] said he thought [   ]   25X1A
(recently assigned full-time to the data circuitry problem...
in one of two slots provided to Commo for the purpose by OCS)
was the proper liaison point. He asked for clarification on this.

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Action: [   ] to seek agreement from Commo
on a single point of contact for technical matters such as
this... and to inform OCS who that person is. OCS then
to contact that person and work through that person with
Commo to fill whatever gaps in coordination may still
exist. (Commo to specify what the gaps are.) OCS's
formal request for approval of the COMCET acquisition
should evidence full coordination with Commo.

10. IHC's File and Program Catalog

Chairman asked if components were having any problems in
proceeding to update CIA entries in the File and Program Catalog.
Response: "No problem... yet".

Action: Change cards and listings due in O/PPB by 20 April.
(Due from O/PPB to DIA on 1 May.)

11. BLIP File

Chairman asked if DD/I and DD/S&T had completed plans
for exploitation of NPIC's BLIP file. [   ] said this is being   25X1A
worked on; remote query from Headquarters of this file on
NPIC computers will require communications facilities not
now in operation, and would have quite an impact on NPIC
workload.

12. Problem Areas for the IPB

List of 8 problem areas handed out... for subsequent discussion by the Board.

Purpose: to come up with short list of most important areas for IP Board's attention. Please review.

13. Next Meeting of IP Board: Thursday, 9 April 1970 at 10 a.m.

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