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MEMORANDUM TO: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Financial Support of the NIS Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence, subject, "Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee," dated 20 February 1948

1. It is recommended that CIA and the IAC Agencies reach general agreement concerning the financial assistance which each will provide in support of the NIS Program. The IAC Agencies have accepted the major responsibilities for producing the NIS including collection, collation, research, and compilation. In turn, CIA is responsible for coordinating the NIS Program, and for editing, printing, and disseminating the finished NIS.

2. In line with these responsibilities, it is suggested that CIA assume the full cost of the following services required by the NIS Program, in addition to the cost of editing which is performed by the Basic Intelligence Group:

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- a. Geographic name research performed by the [REDACTED] (Estimated annual cost: \$100,000.)
- b. Preparation of all standard base maps and all finished map drawings prepared by Map Branch, ORE.
- c. All printing costs including map reproduction (Estimated annual cost: \$500,000)

3. This proposed support of the NIS Program by CIA should remove the difficulties experienced in the JANIS Program where the prorating of costs among the participating agencies resulted in much friction and misunderstanding. Even with this financial support the various IAC Agencies will be hard pressed to meet their commitments under the NIS Program. In short, it appears probable that CIA will be called upon to furnish financial assistance at least equal to the cost of the services outlined in paragraph 2 above, and, in order to avoid the difficulties inherent in prorating costs, these funds should be applied to those services which are most nearly consonant with CIA's responsibilities under the NIS Program.

(Signed)

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