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TO : INR - Mr. Hughes

FROM : ARA - Thomas C. Mann Vicy

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Survey Program

This is in reply to your memorandum requesting views on the new National Intelligence Survey Program, as exemplified by the General Survey (NIS 77) on Panama.

We think that the new program is an improvement and will be very useful because of its comprehensive coverage, the opportunity for more frequent revision, and the excellent summary coverage of the many important divisions of the main economic, social, and political headings.

In addition, the new form of the General Survey would seem to be of greater usefulness and convenience to high-ranking officials who otherwise might be unable to devote sufficient time to read through the details of the numerous NIS volumes.

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