

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING (18 August 1955)

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PRESENT:

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1. [redacted] commented that ORP Regulation 70-3 is being revised to show recent organizational changes. The changes in the Geographic Area write-up of mission and functions concern the Geography Division and result from a recent official approval of the abolition of the Territorial Studies Branch and the creation of the Coordination Staff.

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3. [redacted] will be on leave for three weeks starting Friday afternoon and [redacted] will act as Area Chief during his absence.

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4. [redacted] commented that during his absence [redacted] will prepare drafts of the Work Program Paper and the revision to the Career Development paper, under the guidance of [redacted].

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5. [redacted] commented that two new employees reported to D/GG yesterday. [redacted] will work on the Coordination Staff and [redacted] is with the Far East Branch. [redacted] also is to be a member of the Coordination Staff.

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6. [redacted] brought up the question of procedures to be followed in requesting photostats. D/GG requests are handled by [redacted], but rush requests may be handled by [redacted].

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7. [redacted] reported that an article being written by Mr. [redacted] for the MR is to be multilithed and circulated as a G/I before it appears in the MR. The article concerns the Pathet Lao.

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8. [redacted] reported on the current T/O situation in D/GP. Seventeen people are now on duty, 16 are in process and 11 are being considered for employment.

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9. [redacted] discussed the problem of reproducing TTP materials. [redacted] has been working on the problem of reproducing this material for vital storage for D/GP and other needs.

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[redacted] commented that LD/CD should be contacted concerning the possibility of getting extra copies, and that if extra copies cannot be obtained, then the reproduction problem should be presented to Logistics. At least two copies are needed and in some cases even five copies.

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25X1A9a 10. [redacted] reported that [redacted] had contacted him about the possibility of a P.I. course for Guided Missile specialists. [redacted] would like to include Communication specialists in the group. 25X1A9a [redacted] reported that he had already agreed to one slot in the next Industrial Photo Intelligence Course for a person from the OSI Guided Missile Division.

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25X1A9a 12. [redacted] reported a recent request from DD/P for a set of the 1:25,000 series on Bulgaria, and that now DD/P wants sixty copies. It was decided that the request for 60 copies should be referred to D/GC.

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14. [redacted] commented that ACIC is attempting to join the central fund.

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*15. ██████████ stated that the FY 1956 Budget situation is still not clear, and that we should go ahead and recruit on the already approved slots.

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*16. ██████████ commented that D/GP needs to borrow ██████████ from D/GG for a week to work on publication problems and that later on it may be desirable for her to be transferred to D/GP.

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*17. ██████████ suggested that thought be given to having a geographer go along with Vice President Nixon on his proposed trip to the USSR. The geographer probably could not be a CIA employee.

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*18. ██████████ reported that the Special Support Branch has encountered problems in its relations with OCI. ██████████ of OCI prepares a preliminary work sheet for maps to be done by the Special Support Branch and this means a waste of one day, as the work sheet is not needed. Another problem with OCI involves the use of OCI-preferred place names rather than BGN names. ██████████ stated that the problem of consistent use of BGN names by all of CIA should be considered, since CIA supports BGN in the NIS Gazetteer program. An Agency notice or regulation on this subject will be desirable. The question of NSA names policy is also involved in this problem. ██████████ suggested NSA should be represented on BGN. Action to be taken by ██████████ on problems with OCI.

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