

MINUTES FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 11 JULY 1955

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 1. A report on the status of foreign intelligence for the period 1 January to 30 June 1955 is due by 15 July 1955. This is the brief Semi-Annual report to the NSC and emphasizes trends and prospects. [REDACTED] requested that statements be prepared on foreign map procurement, geographic intelligence and photographic intelligence.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] announced that the tour of the Geographic Area by [REDACTED] has expanded to include a number of people from St/A and St/I. 25X1A9a

3. [REDACTED] quoted from ORR Regulation R70-2 concerning the functions of St/PC and commented that the AD/RR is concerned about the fact that some Geographic Area research projects have not been reported to St/PC until after they were completed. The AD/RR depends upon St/PC for knowledge of project activities and all requests for support should come first to St/PC. It was commented that some projects are initiated in answer to informal requests with the understanding that a formal request will follow, and in such cases the formal request may not arrive until after the project is completed. It was decided that in such cases the Division involved should notify Ch/G and St/PC of the informal request either by telephone or by quickly typing the project initiation memorandum and hand carrying it. If St/PC is notified by telephone of informal requests, it should be stated that the information is intended for use in the weekly project status report.

25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] quoted portions of ORR Regulation R5-2.1 on "Signing Authority" concerning the Geographic Area. It was noted that this regulation has not been complied with in all cases although it still is in effect.

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I. No change.

II. 1:100,000 should be largest-scale, except for a few special areas. The space study should cover the world including the United States.

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III. Include the Bombing Encyclopedia and a complete set of the USAF "Ports and Airfields of the World".

IV. D/GG Regional Branches will prepare lists of key cities for their region, and D/GL will make sure that city plans will be available for those cities. [redacted] will investigate

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V. Add Industrial and Vegetation Categories.

VI. No change.

VII. No change.

VIII. A collection of azimuthal-equidistant sheets should be made. D/GC and D/GL will cooperate on this.

IX. Globes and plastic hemispheres for calculating distances should be included.

X. The collection should include a complete set of HO charts, coastal pilots, and light lists.

XI. Include up to 25 copies each of selected outline base maps.

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[redacted] suggested that scale indicators should be available. 25X1A9a [redacted] suggested the possibility of getting lists of maps held by AMS 25X1A9a at their repository, and [redacted] said he would investigate the possibility of getting such a list and placing it with the emergency map collection. 25X1A9a Mr. [redacted] commented that D/GC is preparing a list of cartographic reference materials. D/GG and D/GP are preparing lists of their reference 25X1A9a needs. [redacted] commented that at the AD's staff meeting it was noted 25X1A9a that [redacted] of St/I will coordinate with OCD lists of reference material requirements submitted by all the ORR Divisions. This will not include maps, which will be coordinated by D/GL.

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7. [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] has been named a delegate to the PAIGH meetings, and that Mr. Guthe will try to get [redacted] named as an official observer.

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8. [REDACTED] announced that the Industrial Photo Intelligence Course will start on Tuesday and that it is hoped to later establish a course in Geographic Photo Intelligence and a course for DD/P on Ground Photography Techniques.

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9. [REDACTED] reported that the next meeting of the group on Intelligence Ground Photography will be this Thursday at Fort Holabird. [REDACTED] will be chairman.

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10. [REDACTED] commented that D/GP has been working on a new format for PI reports. A sample of the proposed format was given to [REDACTED].

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11. [REDACTED] of D/GP has prepared a statement on available materials dealing with power and communications in the USSR.

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12. [REDACTED] commented on a "Crash" project for Mr. Stassen, which involves seven maps that have to be completed by Wednesday afternoon.

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*13. Copies were passed around to the group of a proposed revision to the paper on Career Development in the Geographic Area. ~~_____~~ suggested that the last two sentences of the first paragraph be deleted. After some discussion, it was decided that notifications of vacancies in the Geographic Area will be handled at divisional staff meetings as the responsibility of the Division Chief. Whenever a Division has vacancies, it should prepare a statement of vacancies and send copies to each of the Divisions and to Ch/G. This should be a routine affair with each Division obligated to issue a new statement whenever the situation changes. The job descriptions and the statement of minimum qualifications can be very general and leave the details to be covered by a personal interview with interested applicants. It was decided to postpone discussion of the proposed revision to the Career Development paper until a later meeting when it can be discussed along with other proposed revisions. The current vacancies in D/GC and D/GP will be discussed by each of the Division Chiefs at his divisional staff meeting this week.

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