

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 20 JUNE 1955

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PRESENT:

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1. [redacted] reported on the activities of the June 15-17 exercise. The geographers were kept very busy working out research answers to problems developed by [redacted], in addition they had to answer numerous requests from other research people for maps, place names, locations and general information. An interesting development was the fact that research problems that were levied upon other parts of ORR were answered in some cases primarily upon the basis of information contained in D/GG reports. Personnel from the Geographic Area who participated in the exercise will meet tomorrow to discuss the deficiencies in the handling of the exercise and the deficiencies of the facilities at the Relocation Center. [redacted] will be chairman of his group, which will prepare a critique upon the exercise.

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2. [redacted] asked about progress on the preparation of the list of private institutions to receive unclassified materials on the USSR. [redacted] reported that [redacted] has prepared the list and that it will be transmitted to [redacted] this afternoon, so that a final distribution list for the 1:2,500,000 USSR sheets can be completed.

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3. [redacted] reported that a definite effort is being made to get the Area statements on Career Development consolidated into an ORR paper during the next few weeks. Any changes in the Divisional career development statements should be in as soon as possible.

4. [redacted] commented that space problems are getting critical in D/GG and that during the next few months a reshuffling of space will be required.

5. Plans for NATO photo intelligence units and centers are being firmed up, according to [redacted], and D/GP will attempt to keep abreast of new developments.

6. [redacted] reported on his active duty at the amphibious training center at Little Creek, Virginia, near Norfolk. The time was devoted to operational intelligence problems, and the course was excellent.

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7. [REDACTED] reported having received a request for information on external research contracts involving Government sponsorship of aerial surveys. 25X1A9a

8. [REDACTED] commented on a letter from the American Society of Photogrammetry entitled "Participation in International Photogrammetric Tests", and also passed around a Preliminary Program for the VIIIth International Congress and Exposition of Photogrammetry to be held at Stockholm in July 1956.

25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] commented that he has been told by Reproduction personnel that the urgent D/GP reproduction requirements are cutting in on the fulfillment of requirements for other parts of the Geographic Area. [REDACTED] said that he has discussed with the people in Reproduction the problem of added requirements and that either [REDACTED] will get in touch with [REDACTED] to request official confirmation of the fact that the added requirements of D/GP will probably continue. 25X1A9a

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25X1A9a 11. [REDACTED] reported that the AD/RR has indicated that additions to staff in the CIA budget for FY 1957 must be on the basis of new services, rather than improvement or augmentation of present services.

25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] commented that the Photo Intelligence staff study has been approved by Wage and Classification and goes to the DD/S today for signature.

25X1A9a 13. [REDACTED] commented that he wants to work out a satisfactory solution to the problem of establishing an adequate map collection at the Vital Storage area. It appears on the basis of the recent exercise, that the most important countries should be covered at scales of possibly 1:100,000 and smaller and that a systematic selection should be made for these countries of the best special-subject maps available--including transportation, communications, sociological, political and economic maps. Probably one person should be assigned full time to this problem until it is solved, including the problem of reference facilities for the collection. The collection would then have to be revised periodically in order to keep it current.

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25X1A9a *15. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] started his Area Familiarization trip last Wednesday as planned, [REDACTED]

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25X1X4 [REDACTED] still has not received final OCI approval for this part of his trip.

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