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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Strategic Research

SUBJECT : Validation of Human Source Requirements

These comments are addressed to the three subparagraphs of Paragraph 4 of the IRAG Meeting Notes #5, 28 February 1968 (attached).

a. Of the 144 requirements considered by IRAG, less than 15 percent were from OSR. Thus, the validity of criteria 3 and 4 is difficult for us to judge. OSR requirements are usually in response to Notification of Intelligence Potential (NIPS), and are validated if they seem to have a potential for adding to the analyst's general knowledge. In short, we agree with the "possible 3 and 4 problem factors" shown in the briefing.

b. Our contact with Herb Jenne's staff indicates that none of the OSR comments were "sub-standard"; however, this may not always be true. The method proposed for examining sub-standard requirements appears unnecessary and very cumbersome. It would require more of your personal attention than is warranted by the benefits to OSR.

c. Whatever final procedures and criteria are established would appear at this time to have little impact on OSR. Division Chiefs will probably continue to "rubber stamp" requirements as they have in the past. SR/PL should continue to monitor them. Recommend you go along with the consensus of the IRAG Group on this question. If they wish to amend or eliminate Criteria 3 and 4, we can see no objection.

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