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SUBJECT : Post-mortem on NIE-60, "Civil Defense in the USSR"
REFERENCE : IAC representatives meeting held on subject 9 July 1952
ENCLOSURE : Draft memorandum for the DCI

1. The Air Force, whose representative previously had reserved the position of his agency on the recommendation, now has been heard from. I therefore circulate the Enclosure for your consideration. I believe it reflects accurately the consensus of views expressed at the 9 July meeting.

2. Please call me by close of business Tuesday, 22 July, and give me your formal concurrence or comment.

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Assistant Deputy Director
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DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Post-Mortems

The IAC representatives, on 9 July, held a post-mortem meeting on NIE-60, "Civil Defense in the USSR."

I. SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

1. Apart from the production of NIE's, each of the IAC agencies, in assessing Soviet capabilities and as an indication of Soviet intentions, considers important the systematic acquisition and processing of information relevant to the Soviet civil defense effort.

2. Each agency now does some work in this field in conjunction with the discharge of its responsibilities but no agency attempts to cover the entire field.

3. NIE-60 is considered essentially a research report and, as such, subsequent publications of similar scope ought to be published in a reports series and ought not to carry the NIE label.

II. CONCLUSIONS

4. The subject of civil defense in the USSR is of sufficient importance to the preparation of future estimates on the Soviet Union to warrant action to insure systematic processing of relevant information.

5. The preparation of contributions on civil defense aspects of subsequent NIE's covering Soviet capabilities and intentions would be facilitated if, in addition to the present individual agency efforts, there were established in the intelligence community a focal point for covering this field systematically and comprehensively.

III. RECOMMENDATION

6. That CIA/ORR be designated as the focal point within the intelligence community for the purpose of covering developments in the field of Soviet civil defense.

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