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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Status of Problems Being Handled by OIC

For your information, as I depart on my vacation, I am submitting the following notes covering the major long-term problems on which OIC is working.

- 1. NSC 114/2 - Status of Intelligence programs: 25X1

OIC will discuss with [redacted] and will coordinate a report with the various offices and agencies prior to the 1 August deadline.

- 2. Psychological Intelligence Support:

State is disturbed about its financial inability to provide psychological intelligence support to the community. We had an informal discussion to explore alternatives and pointed out the hazards of sending a request to the DCI asking for subsidization. We have informally recommended reallocation of funds within the Department and/or the "R" area in order to provide more support for psychological intelligence in accordance with the statement of the House Appropriations Committee that it expects the Department to make provision for its additional intelligence functions within the total funds provided for State for Fiscal Year 1953.

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- 3. [redacted] and Coordination of External Research:

Proposals from IAD's for the program for F.Y. 1953 have been disseminated to the AD's for criticism. DD/P proposals will follow.

We are coming up with a recommendation for putting coordination of all external research of the Agency in OIC. (DD/P offices concur.)

*So does DD/P*

- 4. Authentication of Facts:

This subject is in abeyance awaiting the conclusions of the scientific and technical ad hoc committee. Depending upon the results of that committee's work, consideration might be given to the DD/I convening from time to time the directors of production in the several agencies for discussion of major production problems in support of national intelligence.

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5. Post-Mortems and Gaps:

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Agreed procedure now exists whereby ONE, upon the conclusion of its work with the agencies in determining intelligence deficiencies and gaps, will turn the matter over to OIC for follow-up with collectors as necessary.

6. Requirements

AD/IC has been attending the IPC on covert requirements and has held discussions with offices recently in order to make sure that there was adequate understanding of the existing arrangements and to clarify problems which were raised. ORR is proceeding systematically in cooperation with EIC and the State Department in getting coordinated economic intelligence requirements for overt collection by the Foreign Service.

All IPC requirements are also made available to AD/O for use by his divisions. This is considered helpful to OO in alerting them for similar materials.

Requirements of the Agency on FDD are being studied in connection with the general study of foreign literature as a source. There are favorable developments here in getting clarification of the office needs and there are recent indications of an improved relation between FDD and the State Department. The EIC subcommittee on requirements is embarking on a study of the use of foreign economic literature, which will be submitted to OIC. In general, requirements with respect to FBID have not caused serious difficulty. OCD's recent proposal for establishing overt collection of certain types of materials overseas is under consideration by the offices. This office recommends approval in principle and that it be worked out with the State Department.

7. Biographic:

An analysis of the jurisdictional problem between OCD and State in the processing of information and servicing of requests on political, economic, social and cultural personalities has been completed and recommendations will be made shortly for eliminating the current extensive duplication that exists between the two systems.

Study is being undertaken to determine the necessity and feasibility of establishing a central register of military personalities. At the present time none of the three Services provides a central biographic register, files being maintained by individuals and by separate offices within each of the agencies.

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8. Foreign Language Publications:

OIC has been working with FDD and some of its customers (especially ORR and OCD) on numerous aspects of the use of foreign language publications as a source of intelligence. Indexing of Orbit literature is the priority problem. Other pieces include: translation service, custody arrangements, procurement, requirements for exploitation, special problems with scientific and technical literature, and a possible NSCID.

9. Dissemination to Foreign Governments:

For the time being this matter is in pretty good shape as far as we have gone. Remaining unanswered questions or spots where refinement in procedure is necessary include:

a. Clarification of the U.S. attitude toward dissemination to various governments.

b. Tightening up procedure in dissemination of NIS material and of Agency intelligence to foreign governments in keeping with existing policy.

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10. Review of travel requests:

Results of our discussions, particularly with ORR and OSI, show improved justification of travel requests and modification by them of some of their expectations. Criteria to be examined in submitting travel requests are being made available to the offices to facilitate the preparation of requests. Nothing new has been done regarding OCI's proposed familiarization tours since we are awaiting to observe some of the results of this type of travel. ONE is eager to develop its own area familiarization scheme along the lines of OCI's. Cooperation from State has been satisfactory obviating the necessity for contact with DD/P overseas personnel where this is undesirable.

11. Liaison with other agencies:

In general, this seems to be proceeding satisfactorily. There have been no security questions raised to my knowledge during the last year. Liaison is strongest in ONE and ORR, most difficult in OSI and OCI. In some respects OCD (particularly through the efforts of [redacted]) has assumed a stronger role in working with the other related offices and agencies. OO has improved its liaison with the other agencies in the course of the last year. OO and OSO receive evaluations from the other agencies on their materials and are quite well satisfied with their response and cooperation.

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12. Scientific Intelligence:

This office is taking no action until called on by DD/I.

13. NSCID-10:

In accordance with Park Armstrong's memorandum of 3 June 1952, a review is being undertaken in conjunction with the interested offices to determine if financial support of the overt scientific collection functions of the State Department under NSCID-10 might be appropriate and justified.

14. Current Intelligence:

The problem of OCI vis-a-vis ONE seems to be dormant due in part to the fact that OCI has reduced the number of intelligence memoranda, using instead the vehicle of the Current Intelligence Review.

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Much remains to be done, in my judgment, with respect to OCI's posture toward the rest of the community though this has been improved in some degree because of .

There remains the sensitive question of the relationship of the efforts of this Agency and of the State Department in the current field.

15. Watch Committee:

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Major effort at the moment is confined as far as this office knows, to the informal efforts of  to strengthen the Watch Committee secretariat, improve practices of the meeting, and develop further the preparation of trends on certain important indicators.

16. Publications:

Since the issuance by the DD/I of the study on publications prepared by OIC in collaboration with the other offices, no major problem has arisen. Details of implementing the decision of the DD/I are gradually being worked out. There have been some cases where the publications reflect a lack of critical judgment with respect to what ought to be published and these points have been discussed informally with the offices concerned. This office believes the articles in the CIR would be more useful if issued as separate current intelligence memoranda.

17. NSC-29:

Since the recent NSC discussions on this subject there has been one request for a survey from the State Department, specifically on Portugal. A reply is now being prepared by OIC in cooperation with OSO and I&S.

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18. JIC Proposal for a Counter-Intelligence Committee:

OIC has discussed this question with OSO in order to develop an Agency view. OSO has a very negative initial reaction on the usefulness of such a committee. A paper will be forthcoming.



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