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The Director referred ad hoc to the matter of staff functions in support of IFIO, stated that it was a complicated matter to deal with but that State's main thinking at this time tended toward a combination of staffs (particularly POL and IFIS) with two small "nuclei" for (a) day-to-day political guidance and (b) continuing planning under NSC 74 and related fields, the remaining staff to be a pool of manpower available for general planning purposes. In response to the Director's question, it was agreed among those present that this appeared a practical and an effective approach to the problem, Admiral Stevens pointing out that it was necessary to give IFIS some planning work.

The Director expressed his feeling that the Board was not able to do much "strategy" planning under its present workload, the meetings being devoted more to questions of organization and immediate problems, and suggested that an evening meeting be held for more general long-range problems. This was agreed to.