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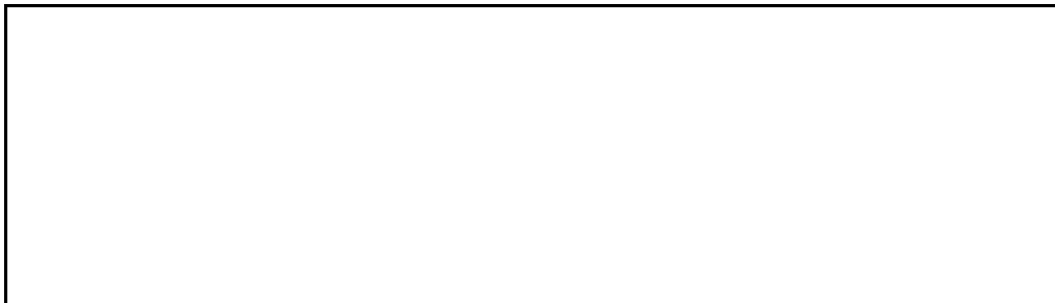
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

28 Nov 67

SUBJECT: Minutes of COINS Committee Meeting of 17 November 1967

1. The COINS Committee met at CIA on 17 Nov 1967. Attending were:



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2. Minutes of the previous meeting of 3 Nov 1967 were discussed and approved.

a. Paragraph 3 - Discussion of the COINS information retrieval language problem was continued.

25X1 (1) [redacted] stated that CIA prefers that the Committee attempt to reach agreement on adoption of a retrieval language currently existing or under development by one of the participating agencies.

25X1 (2) [redacted] suggested the possibility of employing a limited network language in which the desired file would be named, certain search parameters specified, and all records meeting the parameters moved from the file to a temporary file for further processing at the requesting agency. One obvious disadvantage of this approach is the necessity to transmit 25X1 complete records when only a few data fields might be required.

25X1 b. Paragraph 4b: [redacted] announced the assignment of [redacted] NSA Data Systems Analyst, to the task of designing a "COINS File Information" format, a draft of which should be available by 15 December 1967. COINS participating agencies will be responsible for recording in magnetic tape all specified information for their COINS files. NSA will then combine all information into one tape file, copies of which will be made available to all participants for incorporation into local computer systems for COINS file reference.

25X1 c. Paragraph 5: [redacted] expects to complete a draft of the final TMA No. 1 on COINS Communications by the next Committee meeting.

d. Paragraph 5a: DIA has budgeted for payment of COINS circuit charges through FY-69. It will be necessary for COINS participants to pay individual circuit charges for FY-70 and subsequent years. For budgetary review and other purposes, Mr. Stein suggested some means be found for joint funding for COINS rather than a "bits and pieces" approach (e.g., All participants transfer funds to DIA for payment of circuit charges). [redacted] will 25X1 determine what the circuit charges from the DIA switch to each agency are.

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e. Paragraph 6: CIA was requested to plan assumption of the central COINS network switch function in FY-71.

25X1 3. [redacted] had received any comments on the draft paper on COINS management drafted at NSA and being reviewed by the Legal Counsel and others. No comments have been received to date, and [redacted] hopes to present the draft and any comments to the Committee as soon as possible.

25X1 4. [redacted] requested that all participating agencies other than NSA procure Western Electric Company Model 205 MODEM's for use on COINS circuits.

5. DIA plans making their system and files available on-line to certain military commands, and questioned if COINS files of other agencies could also be available. The concensus of opinion was that other files in the system were available to DIA and that it was a decision of that organization to make them further available to DIA system subscribers.

6. Final draft copies of the COINS semi-annual report were distributed to the Committee. Any comments or changes were requested no later than 1 Dec 1967. Approval will be assumed in the absence of any comments.

25X1 7. [redacted] reported meeting with General (Ret) Taylor, [redacted] [redacted] for a discussion of COINS status and progress. This group will meet on an informal basis to discuss COINS and other problems. Among these will be the groups consideration of the COINS Soviet biographic problem which will be assumed from the Biographic Panel. The Panel will continue to function as a working group, however General Taylor's group will determine policy and provide high level direction towards a solution of this community wide problem. In addition, the group will choose for study one specific, hopefully well defined, intelligence area of interest towards which COINS support will be directed. An attempt will be made to select an area of interest to which all COINS participants can contribute and make good use of the resulting data base.

25X1 8. [redacted] continues work on COINS Situation Papers to highlight and discuss specific COINS problems. Currently in preparation is a CSP on the data base problem. This paper will discuss the selection, management, data standards, etc. of COINS files.

25X1 9. [redacted] hopes to prepare and present for Committee consideration at the next meeting draft charters specifying COINS Panel tasks, terms of reference, etc.

10. The next Committee meeting is scheduled at DIA on Friday, 1 Dec at 1000.

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Executive Secretary
COINS Committee

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