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Draft CODIB Report to USIB Re Report of  
Task Team III - Foreign Publications

Attached Draft of a CODIB cover Report to USIB Re the Report of Task Team III is forwarded for your review. You will note that this cover report is written as though the CODIB Subcommittee has been established already. Approval by CODIB of this draft would, in effect, be approval to establish the Subcommittee, and this could be done by the time the report reaches USIB. USIB approval is not required to establish the Subcommittee.

If time permits, we should like to have discussion/approval of this draft at the CODIB meeting on 29 August.



Acting Secretary

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Report of Task Team III (Foreign Publications)

- References: a. USIB-D-39.7/6 (6 May 1964)  
b. CODIB-D-111/1.3 series (29 December 1964 -  
26 April 1966)

A. Background.

This is a report on the study undertaken by CODIB's Task Team III (Foreign Publications) pursuant to USIB direction contained in reference (a). The objective of this Task Team was to examine the overall effectiveness of the community's programs for procuring and processing of foreign publications and to propose actions aimed at further increasing the effectiveness of these programs. The team considered foreign publications to include open literature published in any foreign country, and processing systems to include any within or outside the government whose product is or could be used for the benefit of the community.

B. Summary of Task Team Findings and Conclusions.

The Task Team III report (attached) deals mainly with (1) requirements for foreign publications, (2) related procurement methods and techniques and (3) processing in support of intelligence production.

The team concludes that foreign publications continue to be a vital and primary source for intelligence production--contributing on the average more than half of all source materials.

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At the request of Chairman, CODIB, the Team provided the following additional cost information concerning procurement and exploitation of foreign publications:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Personnel Involved</u>	<u>Funds Committed (Annual)</u>
CIA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
DoD (incl. NSA)	600	6,850,000
State	17	320,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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The team noted that there are six gaps in the non-S&T area that need filling in order to meet pressing needs of the intelligence community. Required are:

- (1) Title lists of books of intelligence interest available from all areas of the world.
- (2) Title lists of magazine articles prepared for the Near East, Latin America, and Africa.
- (3) Selected abstracts of books for Eastern Europe and the non-Communist Far East.
- (4) Title lists of newspaper articles for the Communist Far East.
- (5) Selected extracts from magazines of Western Europe.
- (6) Extraction of photographic, graphic, and related information from foreign publications to assist in photo interpretation.

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The team concludes that CIA/FDD should be tasked to perform these services

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Beyond the need for regular systematic processing, requirements continue to exist for ad hoc translations, special reports, collations, and literature searches in response to particular needs of various organizational components. These requirements are presently met by separate activities in each department or agency. As these demands are usually unpredictable and peculiarly departmental by nature, it seems appropriate that they should continue to be serviced departmentally, even though the resulting products may be of interest outside the producing department. Proper notification of the product of these intra-agency endeavors in coordination announcement vehicles should satisfy Community requirements.

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**D. Recommendations.**

**CODIB recommends that USIB:**

- 1. Note that foreign publications continue to be a vital and primary source for intelligence production.**
- 2. Note the establishment of a permanent Foreign Publications Subcommittee by CODIB to deal with matters relating to the exploitation of foreign publications described in Section C above.**
- 3. Endorse the maintenance of existing staffs and budgets involved in the procurement and exploitation of foreign publications to meet established high priority requirements.**

4. Endorse the principle that for serials and monographs from denied areas, USIB agencies should choose procurement methods-- Publication Procurement Office, commercial, or other arrangement--most suitable to their particular requirements, e.g., adequacy of response, timeliness of response, security aspects, costs to the Government.

5. Endorse the principle that products of foreign publication exploitation should be widely disseminated for current awareness purposes consistent with user needs.

6. Endorse the principle that USIB agencies, in designing and developing their storage and retrieval systems, should accommodate data derived from the exploitation of foreign publications concerning personalities, organizations, installations and place names.

7. Endorse the creation of additional capabilities in the community within assigned areas of responsibility to provide services of common concern in response to requirements of intelligence production offices including those unfulfilled needs specified by Task Team III:

a. Title lists of books of intelligence interest available from all areas of the world.

b. Title lists of magazine articles for the Near East, Latin America and Africa.

c. Selected abstracts of books of Eastern Europe and the non-Communist Far East.

d. Title lists of newspaper articles for the Communist Far East.

e. Selected extracts from magazines fo intelligence interest in Western Europe.

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Chairman

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