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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

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THROUGH: Chief, DDI Planning Staff

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SUBJECT: Publications Procurement

1. This memorandum fulfills my earlier promise to provide you with further information on the progress of FY 1970 outlays for publications procurement and specifically with a better guess at the effect of the on-going inflation.

2. I am now confident that the over-all price of publications in 1970 is at least 7.5% above the 1969 price. The upper end of the range is probably about 10%. The attachment presents the data available to CRS as of 11 March. The attachment is based on hard, precise numbers; shows an average increase in the cost of materials [redacted] of 7.5% with

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[redacted] increases ranging from 6% to 13% for U.S. and British materials [redacted]

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3. Of equal importance, [redacted]

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[redacted] reported that his survey indicates that the average increase in the 1970 price of U.S. specialized periodicals over the 1969 price is 7.6%. His data, however, covers a considerably broader scope of documents than CIA finds interesting (e.g., education, theology, hobbies of various kinds, etc.).

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4. This data and an extension of current expenditure rates suggests that the total FY 1970 outlay will be between [redacted] As of 1 March we have committed about [redacted] Ad hoc orders are running about [redacted] per month. The cost of inflation will add between [redacted] to the already committed sum. CRS is now carrying an FY 1970 "estimated total obligation" for publications procurement of [redacted] Unless the rate of ad hoc orders increase significantly or the public printer hits us much harder than we expect, we should stay within this sum.

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5. We are keeping current on this data. Ad hoc orders are counted daily. (The March average through the 12th is 75 per day, up from 63/day in January and 67/day in February.) We are currently sampling the average cost of an ad hoc order. If development suggests that the estimate in Paragraph 5 needs further revision, you will be notified.



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