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MEMORANDUM FOR : The Executive Secretary, National Security Council

SUBJECT : Status Report--Elimination of Unnecessary Duplication in Foreign Intelligence Publications

REFERENCE : Memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence from the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, dated 11 October 1960

1. In compliance with the reference request for a report to the President by 6 January 1961, I submit the following summary of actions taken by the intelligence community, in the course of its survey of intelligence publishing activity or since its completion, to eliminate or modify publications deemed nonessential or unnecessarily duplicative. Member agencies are continuing to examine their publication programs with a view to further economy.

2. Army has suspended its ACW Daily Intelligence Bulletin and has discontinued distribution of the Daily Summary Cable. Army is also limiting the number of field command order of battle publications by developing procedures to increase the use of departmental order of battle material. Extension of the procedure for cross-referencing IIR order of battle material with departmental publications has reduced duplication and resulted in measurable transmission savings in the past several months. A bibliography of Army field command publications and other USIA finished intelligence publications, to be distributed by 1 February 1961, will facilitate Army use of intelligence available from its producers and further reduce duplication. A new, simplified Statement of Intelligence Interest, which requires all recipients of departmental intelligence publications to re-evaluate their requirements, including the number of copies of each publication, will be distributed in January 1961. The new format, incorporating the USIA intelligence subject code, will serve as a check against duplicative distribution.

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3. CIA has eliminated one quarterly publication and has curtailed the distribution of a monthly. The Agency Publications Board has monitoring and approval responsibility for CIA's publications program with special reference to preventing unnecessary duplication. The Agency's Printing Services Division conducts regular seminars to familiarize personnel with printing and reproduction processes and facilities, with emphasis on cutting production costs.

4. The Air Force has discontinued one monthly and two weekly publications and is actively considering consolidation or reduction in frequency of others.

5. The Office of Naval Intelligence maintains a standing Publications Review Committee which conducts an annual review of all existing and proposed naval intelligence publications and decides upon their continuance, revision, cancellation, or merger with other publications. In 1966 this body cancelled two serial publications and four others which had been maintained in a current status, merged two quarterly order of battle publications, and consolidated three other serials.

6. The Joint Staff has reported that appropriate action has been taken on the one publication under its cognizance on which a recommendation was made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Publications. This committee's report contains no findings that publications of the Department of State are undesirable, duplicative or involve the unnecessary use of personnel and funds; consequently, the Department has taken no action and contemplates none in this connection.

7. The Ad Hoc Committee has begun exploring the possibility of having one daily current intelligence publication supplant some of the 13 dailies now published in the Washington area. To insure continuing attention to economy and security in publishing activities, the committee has suggested that all its require member agencies and departments to submit annual reports on the status of publishing programs.

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Chairman

United States Intelligence Board

Attachment
Tabular Summary

**TABULAR SUMMARY OF ACTION
ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE PUBLICATIONS**

| <u>Issuing Agency</u> | <u>Name of Publication</u> | <u>Action Taken</u> |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Army | <u>Daily Intelligence Bulletin (AGSI)</u> | Discontinued, together with cable distribution of daily summary |
| CIA | <u>Chronology of Principal Events of the Sino-Soviet Orbit (monthly)</u> | Distribution continued to issuing agency |
| | <u>Geographic Intelligence Review (quarterly)</u> | Discontinued |
| Air Force | <u>Processing and Analysis Report (weekly) (USAFE)</u> | Discontinued |
| | <u>Eviction and Escape Newsletter (monthly) (SAC)</u> | Discontinued |
| | <u>Weekly Current Events Briefing (SAC)</u> | Discontinued |
| Joint Staff | <u>Indications of Imminence of Hostilities in USSR/CSSR Area (CINCEUR) (monthly)</u> | Modified to reflect Committee's findings |

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|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Navy | 1. <u>An Outline of Russian Naval History</u> | Cancelled. |
| | 2. <u>VT Fuse Development in Continental Europe</u> | Cancelled. |
| | 3. <u>Soviet Naval Electronic Navigational Aids</u> | Cancelled. |
| | 4. <u>Soviet Elec Shipborne Radar</u> | Cancelled. |
| | 5. <u>USSR Fighting Guide</u> | Cancelled. |
| | 6. <u>Submarine Fighting Guide</u> | Cancelled. |
| | 7. <u>Naval Forces of the USSR, Strategic Estimate</u> | Merged with 8 & 9, below. |
| | 8. <u>Estimate of the Threat to NATO Forces and Sea Communications Posed by USSR Submarines</u> | See 7, above. |
| | 9. <u>Threat to NATO Sea Communications Posed by Soviet Mining Capabilities</u> | See 7, above. |
| | 10. <u>Strength and Disposition of Foreign Navies</u> | Merged with 11, below. |
| | 11. <u>Capabilities of Foreign Navies</u> | See 10, above. |

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| <p>1. This status report was approved at the USIB meeting on 28 December with the understanding that certain modifications would be made in the light of the discussion and a tabular summary included. At yesterday's meeting General Cabell advised the Board that these changes had been made and that it would be forwarded to the NSC. No Board member objected or raised a question regarding the changes.</p> <p>2. Please note that the Presidential deadline for submission of this report is tomorrow (6 January).</p> | | | |
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