

23 September 1974

25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Editor, Studies in Intelligence,

SUBJECT: Distribution to Academia of Some Material
in Studies

1. Per your request and that of my other colleagues on the Board, at the 23 September Management Committee meeting I raised Mr. Thuermer's 30 August letter and the subjects it surfaced. In doing so, I stressed the Board's willingness to entertain reasonable proposals for giving unclassified dissemination, particularly to colleges and universities, of material previously published in Studies, but simultaneously flagged the insuperable administrative burden of attempting any systematic review and declassification process, particularly one going back to this worthy journal's first issue. The Management Committee's views were very much in accord with our own, though its decisions were (not atypically) something less than precise. The Committee agreed that:

(a) A distinction should be drawn between declassifying individual articles and advertising the existence of the journal in a way sure to prompt requests for back issues (even all back issues) under "Freedom of Information" legislation. It was therefore felt that individual articles should not be identified as having come from the journal, though they could be issued in an unclassified monograph series.

(b) No attempt to go back to the beginning and review all articles for declassification should be made. The DDA, however, would endeavor to identify a recently retired staff officer of suitable breadth, judgment and seniority who could spend time on the review and declassification problem.

(c) In the future, authors should be encouraged to think about couching some articles (obviously

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not all) in language suitable for public release after a reasonable passage of time -- say, two years.

(d) In this whole exercise, those participating would keep carefully in mind the distinction between declassifying a given article (an essentially one-time judgmental process) and sanitizing a sensitive piece for overt publication (a much more elaborate, time-consuming exercise). Specific suggestions with respect to the former should be looked at sympathetically; suggestions involving the latter should be regarded with greater stringency and skepticism.

2. The sense of the Management Committee meeting, in sum, was that steps should be taken to put into the public domain articles of potential general interest and substantive merit which were published or first appeared in Studies. Indeed, a systematic effort should be made (via, among other things, the work of the retired senior officer retained on contract for this purpose) to identify declassifiable articles, especially ones of recent vintage, which would be of general interest. No general effort should be made, however, to identify potential candidates for sanitization since that would be an elaborate process to which we simply do not have the resources to devote. (The distinction between declassification and sanitization as used here is that the former requires basically a yes/no decision -- allowing, of course, for minor editorial excision -- while the latter involves line-by-line judgment and extensive rewriting.) Also, it was agreed that the form of release to the public domain -- e.g., via the Library of Congress -- should not be one that, of itself, further compromised Studies or generated requests for additional issues or specific articles.

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