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LOG NOTES - Chief, Editorial Division

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1. Per previous staff meeting discussions, and FBIS suspense sheet, a meeting was held this afternoon in my office to discuss possible revisions of FBIS sourcelines to increase consumer understanding of FBIS sources. Present besides myself were [redacted] of the Editorial Division, [redacted] of RPD, and [redacted]. After an extensive discussion, it was the consensus that present sourcelines are for the most part adequate and that no radical changes are in order, but that an effort should be made to educate FBIS consumers concerning FBIS sources in general and the meaning of the various symbols and other identifying devices in particular. We agreed that changes in present sourcelines would probably create additional problems and confusion. It was decided that the most effective means of enhancing consumer awareness was to prepare an FBIS brochure, or instruction manual, which would include a list of press agencies monitored by FBIS, an explanation of the meaning of specific terms such as domestic service, international service, and clandestine, as well as a statement such as that now printed in the inside covers of the DAILY REPORT cautioning consumers about drawing unwarranted conclusions as to the dissemination of any particular item because of the source used in the report. This brochure, which will be prepared by the Editorial Division and FOS, with the concurrence of RPD, will be sent to all area (colored) book subscribers, and reissued at future dates as circumstances warrant. I will follow up on this matter, and believe that it can now be deleted from the suspense sheet.
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