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NSA review completed

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10 December 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI Committee Chairmen
FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary
SUBJECT : December DCI Committee Reports

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1. Attached for your information are the monthly DCI Committee reports for December. Accompanying them are the thumbnail abstracts we have drafted for [Redacted]. Only those items that require CFI, NFIB, DCI or the [Redacted] attention in the very near term have been selected for highlighting in this way.

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2. In order to put this summary together before the [Redacted] meeting with all of you on the first Tuesday of each month, it is necessary that we receive your reports, or at least the Highlights portion, by the preceeding Friday. This month that will be January 28.

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Attachments:
DCI Committee Reports

NRO review(s) completed.

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10 January 1977

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MEMORANDUM FOR:
 Deputy to the DCI for the
 Intelligence Community

FROM : Walter Elder
 Executive Secretary, NFIB

SUBJECT : Highlights of December DCI
 Committee Reports

Following are selected highlights from the December reports. Again we have focused only on those items which will require CFI, NFIB, DCI or your attention in the near term.

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 DCI Committee Report
 Highlights

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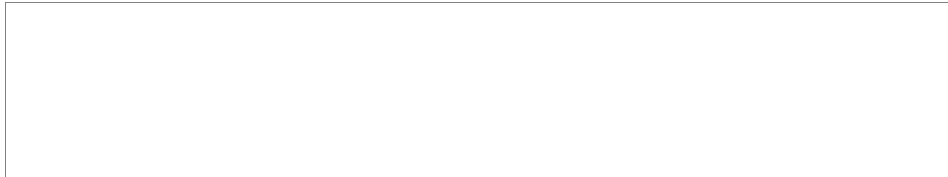
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HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER DCI COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMEX

Draft of letter for DCI's signature to SecDef seeking greater DOD participation in support of COMEX nearing completion. Report submitted to D/DCI/IC on 29 December summarizing COMEX commissioned studies on US-USSR Bilaterals to be renegotiated by May 1977.

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CCPC

Committee expects to complete work on Terrorism Study this month and will report to NFIB. At the request of the IC Staff, the Committee is outlining possible improvements to the intelligence effort on nuclear proliferation. The outline is expected to be completed by 15 January.

EIC

Latin American Economic Alert List published in December, Soviet one being prepared. Nothing requiring CFI or NFIB action anticipated this month.

HRC

Chairman intends to recommend to the D/DCI/IC that the NFIB take note of the Committee's proposal to discontinue the publication of Current Intelligence Reporting Lists (CIRLs) on all non-communist areas and instead to initiate a pilot project to issue some "regional guidance" on certain geographic areas. Chairman ready to report to NFIB on FOCUS.

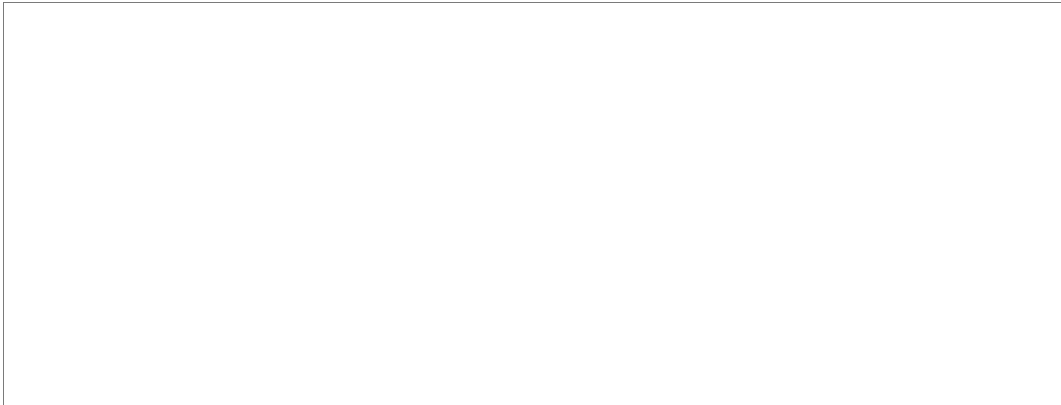
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Micrographics Working Group paper entitled DCI Policy on Standards for Microfiche Copies of Intelligence Documents will be submitted to NFIB and forwarded to the DCI for implementation. Plans are to make it an annex to DCID 1/4. Telecommunications Working Group, established at the direction of D/DCI/IC, will hold its first meeting early this month.

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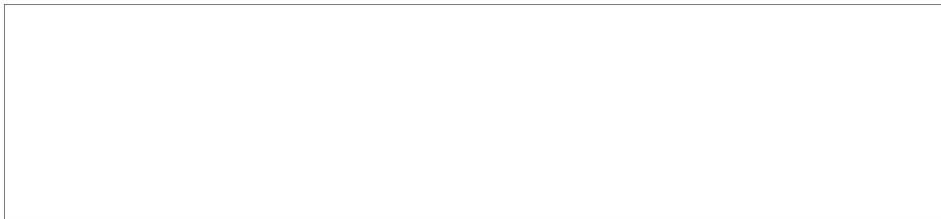


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No activities which will require NFIB or CFI action anticipated for next month.

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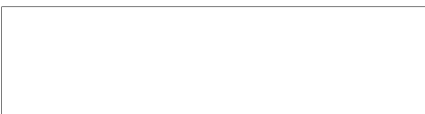
Action on DCID 1/19 concerning nondisclosure agreements has reached an impasse which the CIA General Counsel is still seeking to resolve. Three other DCIDs are in various stages of drafting and review, at some point but not during the next month, they will be forwarded to NFIB for action. 25X1



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It is not anticipated that any of the studies in progress will require CFI or NFIB action during the month of January.

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Committee on Exchanges

29 December 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
National Foreign Intelligence Board

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FROM : [redacted]
Chairman, Committee on Exchanges

SUBJECT : COMEX Monthly Report-December 1976
Highlights/Work in Progress

I. Highlights

A. A report has been submitted to the D/DCI/IC summarizing the nine COMEX commissioned Intelligence Gain-Technological Loss analyses and recommendations on the US-USSR Bilaterals to be renegotiated prior to May 1977.

B. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman briefed [redacted] Executive Secretary of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS) on the history, functions, and activities of COMEX.

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C. The Chairman, as requested by the D/DCI/IC, prepared a draft letter to the Secretary of Defense for the DCI's signature to seek greater DoD participation in support of COMEX. The draft is being finalized.

25X1 D. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman discussed with the Director, OCR, the practicality of combining the OCR and COMEX collation of information [redacted] for the data bases of OCR and COMEX. It was decided that because OCR and the COMEX Secretariat were geographically separated, successful combination of these two efforts was impractical. [redacted]

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E. Fifteen Intelligence Opinions were completed during December and submitted to the Department of State (See December 1976 Completed/Pending COMEX Actions).

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II. Work in Progress

A. The Deputy Chairman will audit meetings of the ICIS Standing Committee as was cited in last month's report. There were no meetings during the month.

B. The Secretariat is finalizing its Index of Analytical Competence and Intelligence Interest and expects to disseminate it in early January 1977.

C. Eleven Pending Opinion Requests are being circulated within the Community for gain/loss responses (See December 1976 Completed/Pending COMEX Actions).



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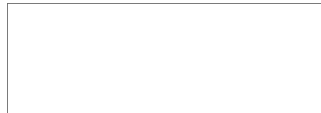
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, NFIB
SUBJECT : Status of Ongoing/Pending Committee Actions

Forwarded herewith is the COMIREX monthly report for December 1976 on the Committee's ongoing/pending actions.

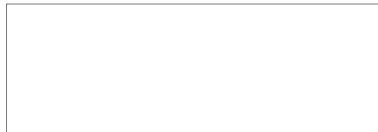
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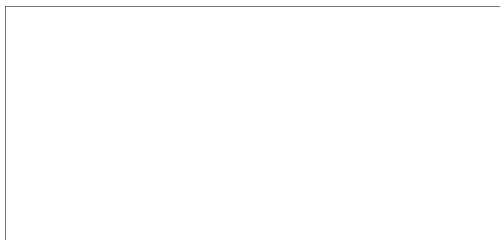
Executive Secretary
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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COMIREX MONTHLY REPORT
(December 1976)

I. HIGHLIGHTS SUMMARY

During December, COMIREX activity continued to focus on Community 25X1
preparations and readiness for [redacted] with particular emphasis
on the COMIREX Automated Management System (CAMS) functions. Special
operational exercises emphasizing near-real-time requirements and the use
of CAMS were conducted with DIA and NSA. A major effort was carried
out by ICRS and EXSUBCOM to bring current the CAMS operational tasking/
requirements data base and bring it into full synchronization [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] Target surveillance problem
sets description documentation was completed and forwarded for dissemination
to the Community. In conjunction with the NRO Program Office, considerable
attention was given to assuring Community understanding of activities planned
[redacted] during the post-launch system initialization, calibration, and
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lection.

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In response to the request from the Acting Director, NRO, a major
effort was inaugurated during the month to provide summary documentation
on imagery requirements and utility in support of the FY 1978 NRP budget
justification submission for Congress. As a major facet of the ongoing
post-IOC studies in support of CFI 1977 deliberations, emphasis was
placed during the month on the coordination of schedules to meet CFI
milestones and the development of advanced area search strategies and
format of requirements formulation. A senior COMIREX Staff officer was
designated to serve as the focal point and coordinator for integration of
ongoing Community-sponsored activities associated with development of
refined standing requirements for broad area collection and their appli-
cation in post-IOC studies.

Also during the month, guidance was forwarded to the NRO for
future launch schedule planning and for current imagery satellite missions. 25X1
On orbit guidance was completed [redacted] 25X1

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Community guidance on composition of the mission's film load was approved
by COMIREX 22 December and forwarded to the NRO.

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In the security/control field, Community comments on the revised draft T-KH Security Control Manual were consolidated and circulated for further review in preparation for a concentrated COMIREX review and forwarding for DCI/NFIB approval.

II. WORK IN PROGRESS

A. Requirements Data for FY 1978 NRP Budget Justification.

An intensive staff effort was underway during the month in developing data and documentation responsive to the 2 December request of the Acting Director, NRO, for COMIREX support in preparation of that portion of the NRO's FY 78 Congressional Justification Book pertaining to collection requirements, requirements satisfaction, and performance highlights (see COMIREX-D-13.16/23). The COMIREX submission for the FY 77 NRP Budget Justification (COMIREX-D-13.16/22, 22 January 1976) provides the reference base and point of departure for the current effort. Inputs were requested (OPCEN 6990) and received from COMIREX member organizations.

B. CFI Support. Staff effort continued during the month in the follow-on to CFI decisions on the NRP budget. The Post-IOC Study coordinator is preparing a study plan and status report for the CFI and the Community.

C. Guidance for NRO Planning. In response to the NRO's request, Community guidance

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was approved by COMIREX and forwarded to the NRO on 2 December (COMIREX-D-14.6/17).

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D. Satellite Mission Guidance and Assessment Cycle.

1. [redacted] Community on-orbit guidance for [redacted] was revised on a near daily basis by ICRS through the 9 December recovery date of the last increment of this mission. Collection guidance was adjusted based on actual performance and new requirements received from Community elements.

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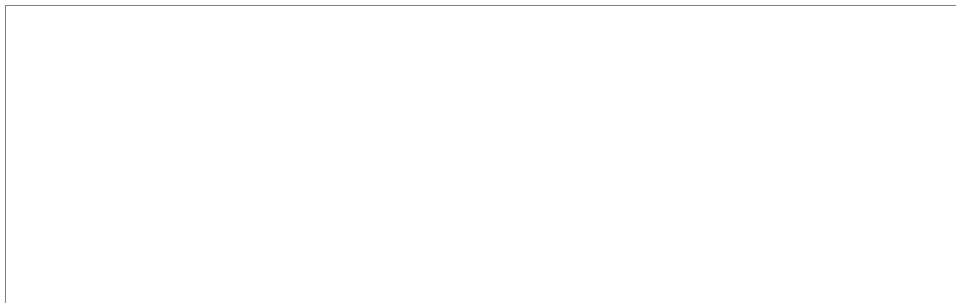
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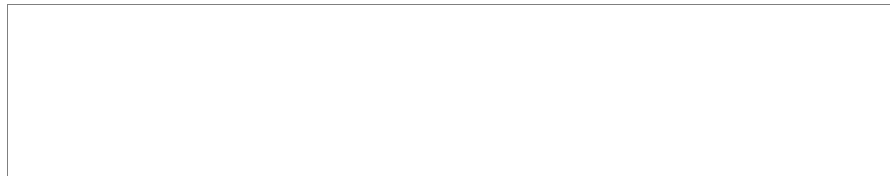
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E. Imagery Exploitation Requirements Review. Pursuant to the DDCI's 19 October request and the Chairman, COMIREX, 1 November interim response, the COMIREX EXSUBCOM carried out a thorough review of the present guidance to NPIC and Departmental photo-interpreter organizations for exploitation and reporting of overhead reconnaissance imagery. The EXSUBCOM report on the results of the review and generally affirming extant guidance was forwarded to the DDCI on 16 December.

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G. COMIREX Automated Management System (CAMS). In December, Chairman, COMIREX, and Chairman, CADCOG, met several times with the CAMS Project managers (ODP/CIA) to review the CAMS operational status and the initialization of the CAMS and CPAT data bases. planning as well as problem areas and priorities. The CIA Office of Training has begun development of a new comprehensive CAMS training program for Community personnel in CY 1977 (see COMIREX-D-13.7/73, 7 December 1976). During the month two additional CAMS terminals were delivered to DIA at the Pentagon. The second meeting of the CAMS User Group was held on 3 December. DIA and NPIC CAMS interface tests took place between 6 and 10 December. The CPAT/COMIREX Working Group met to discuss the COMIREX/DDP interface.

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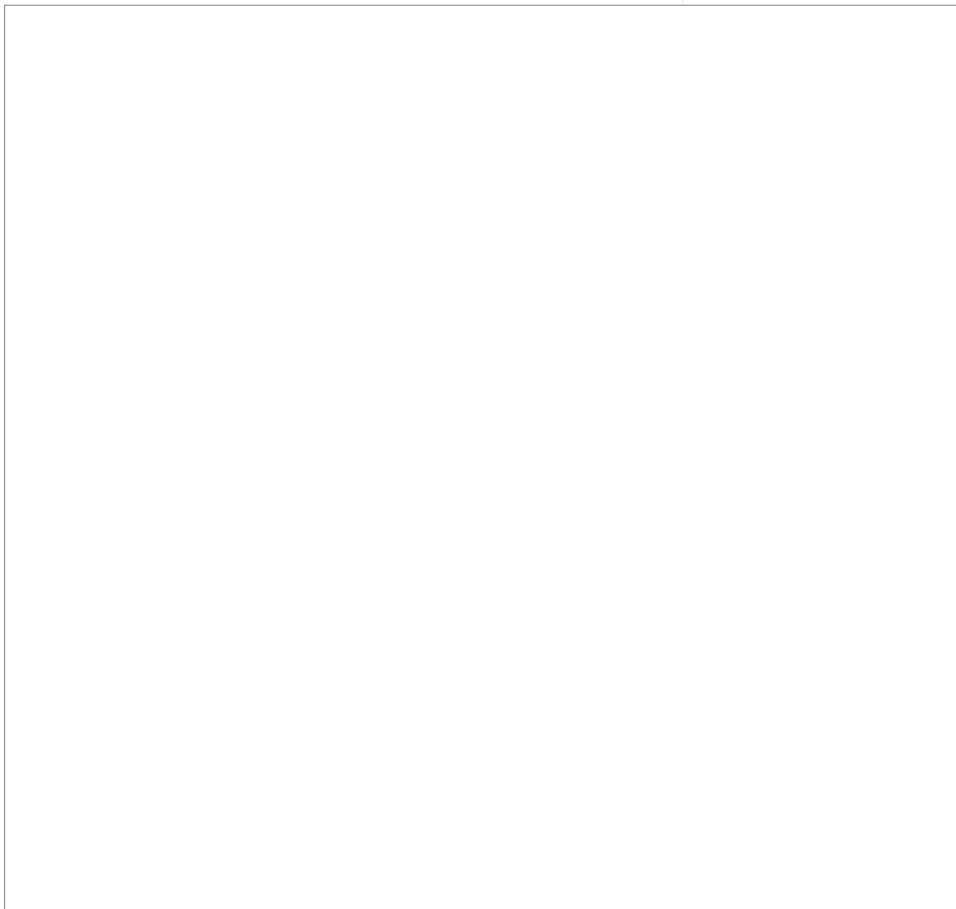


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H. Standing Imagery Collection Requirements (Target Surveillance Problem-Oriented Sets). Staff editing on the final version is pending, preparatory to forwarding for DCI/NFIB approval. The supplementing documentation prepared by ICRS -- Problem-Oriented Set Descriptions, which amplifies the standing imagery surveillance collection requirements -- was forwarded in December for reproduction and distribution to the Intelligence Community (COMIREX-D-14.4/7).

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Critical Collection Problems Committee

CCPC-CIA-M-73/77
6 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, NFIB
FROM: Eloise R. Page
Acting Chairman
SUBJECT: Ongoing/Pending CCPC Actions

I. Highlights--Major Milestone

A. On 16 December 1976, NFIB considered the CCPC Study on Intelligence Activities Against Illicit Narcotics Trafficking and endorsed its conclusions and recommendations as amended. The DCI directed the Intelligence Community Staff in consultation with the Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Administration to consider revision of Executive Order 11905 to include the intelligence elements of DEA in the membership of the foreign intelligence community for narcotics intelligence matters to facilitate the coordination of foreign narcotics intelligence programs. The DCI also directed that the study with revisions be forwarded to the National Security Council for action on those recommendations which transcend Intelligence Community purview. The letter is to include the consensus of the Board that DEA not be made a member of the NFIB. One of the recommendations approved by NFIB was that CFI be asked to consider the proposal of establishing a multidisciplinary team of experts, under CIA's leadership, to analyze the worldwide opium poppy crop.

B. The CCPC Narcotics Study is a landmark from the point of view of the international community in taking the initiative to try to arrive at solutions of problems involving both the community as well as Federal departments and agencies which are not members of the community.

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Economic Intelligence Committee

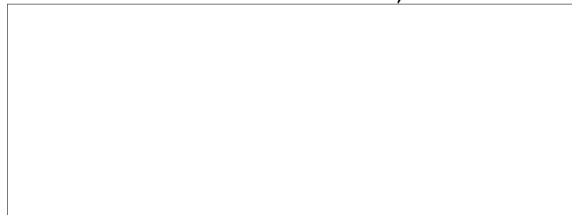
28 December 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, NFIB
SUBJECT : Status of Ongoing/Pending Committee
Actions
REFERENCES : USIB-AM-3/74, 19 February 1974
USIB-AM-13/74, 26 September 1974
USIB-AM-3/75, 15 September 1975

In accordance with the referenced memoranda, I am
forwarding the EIC report of ongoing/pending actions
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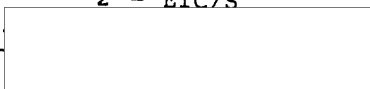


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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Economic Intelligence Committee

New Activities

None.

Highlights of Selected Activities of Ongoing Nature

Economic Alert Lists (EALs). Current, coordinated economic reporting guidance is provided to the Foreign Service in eight triannual geographic volumes. The EAL on Latin America was published in December; EAL on the USSR is being prepared.

Major Milestones

None.

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Human Resources Committee

Office of the Chairman

HRC-C-76-064

5 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
National Foreign Intelligence Board
SUBJECT : Status of On-Going/Pending HRC Actions

The attached report briefly describes activities which have taken place during the past month under various HRC Program Tasks.

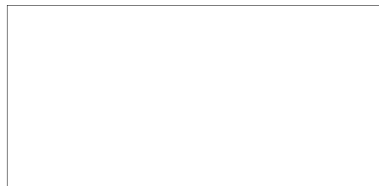


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Status Report

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1. The principal topic at the 13 December HRC meeting was consideration of a proposal to curtail the Current Intelligence Reporting List (CIRL) program. The CIRL program (23 issues per year, 8 regional volumes) has been sponsored by the HRC since early 1973; during recent years the program has been subjected to a number of reviews and user surveys. The Chairman of the Guidance and Requirements Subcommittee, in a recent communication
- 25X1 [redacted] proposed to discontinue immediately the publication of the CIRL on all non-communist areas. Publications on the USSR, the PRC and North Korea, and Eastern Europe would continue to be issued every four months.
- 25X1 The Chairman, [redacted] proposed further "to initiate as a pilot project on a periodic basis under the auspices of the CIRL program and the G&R Subcommittee some 'regional guidance' on other geographic areas." The Committee concurred in this proposal, and [redacted] indicated that he will recommend to [redacted] that this action be reported to NFIB for noting. 25X1 25X1
2. [redacted] Report to the National Foreign Intelligence Board on the HRC's FOCUS Review Program (HRC-C-76-049) was "noted" by NFIB Principals as of 3 December. A letter also was received by [redacted] 25X1 from DDCI Knoche stating that he was impressed by the progress being made in the FOCUS Program. The Chairman will make an oral report to NFIB in early 1977 regarding the totality of HRC activity, including FOCUS.
- 25X1 3. There was considerable activity during the month on the FOCUS Program, including reporting assessments on South Africa and Cuba. Also during the month, the Plans and Programming Subcommittee completed its revision of the National Foreign Intelligence Plan for Human Resources (NPHR). On 23 December, [redacted] agreed to a request from the Chairman, Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee, to assist in improving certain S&T reporting from the field. A STIC representative will brief the HRC in the near future on his findings regarding the reporting situation in Europe.

A. New Activities

None

B. Activities Completed

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C. Ongoing Activities

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1. FOCUS. A completed FOCUS [redacted] has been sent to the DCI; next it will be sent to [redacted] under cover of a DCI letter. At the end of December, Part II--Action Reviews [redacted] were sent to Subcommittee members for their review and approval. These FOCUS studies should be completed within the next several weeks. Earlier in the month, a Reporting Assessment seminar was held on South Africa; several drafts of the NIO report have been sent to participants for their comments and suggestions. Also, a Special FOCUS [redacted] was begun, in response to a recent request from the DDCI. There are five phases projected for this pioneer all-source assessment effort. The first phase--establishing tentative future information needs [redacted] as ascertained from key policy-makers--was completed by the NIO in mid-November. An all-day meeting of reporting users on 9 December followed up by a half-day session on 13 December moved into the next phase--evaluation of all-source reporting against information needs and identification of reporting gaps and requirements. The [redacted] is working on the Part I--Reporting Assessment. Next a prioritized summary of significant information needs where special attention is required will be presented to NFIB. Follow-up activity will include action by the three collection committees and the development of a collection strategy, to be sent to NFIB for n'ting. The target date for completion is early February.

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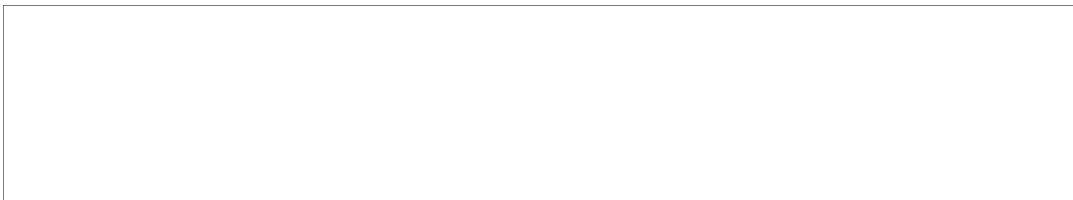
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2. National Foreign Intelligence Plan for Human Resources (NPHR). The suggestions of HRC members and of the chairmen of other HRC Subcommittees have been considered by the Plans and Programming Subcommittee in the development of a revised draft of the NPHR. That draft has now been completed and approved by the P&P Subcommittee. It has been sent to the HRC members for their review and will be considered by the HRC at its first meeting in January 1977.

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4. R&D Review. [redacted] the R&D Subcommittee Chairman, briefed the CFI Intelligence Research and Development Council on 13 October about the Human Resources R&D Program. [redacted] in a letter to the DCI dated

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15 November, commented on that briefing; noted that the Council in six months will review the R&D Program recommendations on personnel selection techniques and interpersonal skills enhancement programs to be developed by the HRC R&D Subcommittee; and urged that managerial attention be called to the need for more stable program funding in human resources research. The R&D Subcommittee now is examining how funding for human resource R&D proposals might best receive appropriate attention from an Intelligence Community point of view. Any viable alternatives will be included in a proposed DCI response to [redacted] letter.

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Also, on 16 December, Chairman [redacted] briefed the DIA Scientific Advisory Committee on Human Resources R&D Subcommittee activities.

5. Improving Community Reporting on Sub-Saharan Africa. Concurrent with approval by the DCI of the new National Intelligence Requirements on Sub-Saharan Africa, [redacted] CIA and FBIS prepared proposals for augmentation of their resources throughout the area aimed at achieving the desired additional information coverage. However, the panel of Community analysts which initially had met with NIO [redacted] to examine Community reporting on Sub-Sahara Africa had found the reporting to be deficient only in some respects. This led NIO [redacted] to recommend against action on the resource proposals until the Community could examine requirements, assess current reporting against those requirements, and identify gaps. Once this was done, the HRC Secretariat, together with other elements of the IC Staff and the [redacted] UNCODED

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sought to measure resources against the requirements as a means for forming judgments on requests to assign resources to Sub-Sahara Africa. The requirements which were elaborated as a result of this overall effort are also being submitted to the HRC Guidance and Requirements Subcommittee for appropriate action in preparing collection guidance for human resource collectors.

6. Other Guidance Activity. The Guidance and Requirements Subcommittee continues to experiment with various approaches to providing coordinated, interagency, prioritized guidance to Chiefs of Mission. Guidance packages are to

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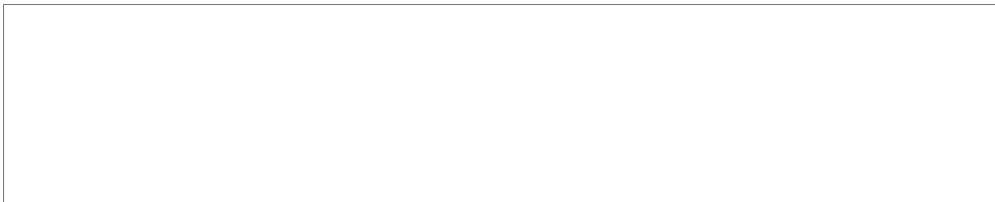
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Intelligence Information Handling Committee

27 December 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, NFIB
SUBJECT : Status of Ongoing and Pending Actions,
December 1976

HIGHLIGHTS

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-- The draft National Watch Center Directory is in the final stages of preparation and should be completed in February 1977.

-- The IHC Data Standards Panel continues its effort to gather support for a full-time Interagency Working Group to develop data standards for the Intelligence Community.

-- A paper prepared by the IHC Micrographics Working Group on DCI Policy on Standards for Microfiche Copies of Intelligence Documents has been unanimously approved by the IHC members. NFIB consideration and DCI implementing action will be sought.

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-- The DDCI has requested IC Staff advice regarding additional CIA participation in [redacted]

-- A program is underway to collect and evaluate the best opinions of experts both in and out of government regarding the development of a Community Information Handling System.

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-- A contract was let in late December [redacted] for the procurement and installation of the basic network [redacted]. Current estimate of the ICC is [redacted] November 1977.

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will provide us with any additional information it believes should be included. Upon completion of this review, FPA will merge the two sections and prepare the draft Directory. This Directory will be discussed at the next Intelligence and Operations Center Conference which is planned for April 1977 and is to be held

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4. IHC Data Standards Panel Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the IHC Data Standards Panel was held on 6 December 1976. The principal subject for discussion was the proposed Interagency Working Group to work full time on developing data standards for the Intelligence Community. It was the consensus of the Panel that this Group should report to the IHC through the IHC Data Standards Panel to reflect total community requirements. An alternative, involving controlling data standardization through the Project Office, was also discussed. Logistic support (office space), the assignment of personnel and funding for the Working Group, present problems which will require high level cooperation to resolve. The Panel was in agreement that the DCI has the authority to promulgate "program" data standards for the Intelligence Community, and will confirm this in discussions with the National Bureau of Standards at the appropriate time.

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5. IHC Micrographics Working Group

The IHC Micrographics Working Group held its regular monthly meeting on 15 December 1976. The principal current concern of the Group is the acceptance and promulgation of a paper which it has prepared setting forth DCI Policy on Standards for Microfiche Copies of Intelligence Documents. This policy, which we plan to make an annex to DCID 1/4, has been unanimously concurred in by the IHC by vote sheet action, and now will be submitted for NFIB consideration and DCI action.

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7. Communications for IC Staff [redacted]

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WASHFAX III had been scheduled to be available about coincident with the move of the IC Staff [redacted] and for this reason it was believed that WASHFAX II would not be required. We have determined that WASHFAX III is running about three months behind schedule and that the current estimate for installation in the Community is June 1977. Accordingly it has been recommended that provision be made for the installation of WASHFAX II [redacted]

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9. Community Information Handling System (CIHS) Planning

Efforts continue to collect and evaluate the best opinions of experts both in and out of government with respect to this complex problem, and to identify the most appropriate method to attack it. This spring, the IHC will be tasked to collect a current data base describing the community's present ADP systems. There appears to be general agreement that the most fruitful approach is to direct our efforts toward planning 10-15 years in the future (1985-1990) because of the complexity of moving the Community from individual ADP systems toward community-wide shared capabilities. We are also generally advised that the problem is of a complexity that requires sizeable efforts of competent outside contractors. Most frequently, it is proposed that a short-term study (some 3 months) be initiated to assess the most immediate program/budget issues that the Community will face this spring, and to outline the structure of the principal planning study. Significant progress depends directly on the availability of funds to pursue these studies.

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Executive Secretary, IHC

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

SECOM-D-201
29 December 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, NFIB

FROM

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Chairman

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SUBJECT

: Monthly Report - December 1976

Attached is the Security Committee's report for the month
of December.

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DCI Security Committee

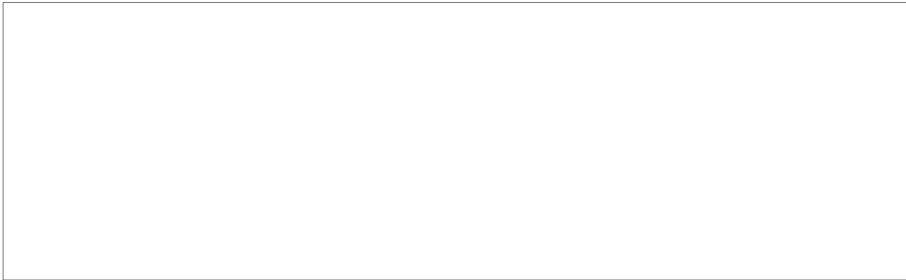
MONTHLY REPORT

December 1976

I. Highlights

a. The working group writing a proposed DCID on Compartmentation has projected the completion of a consensus draft in January 1977 for consideration by the Compartmentation Subcommittee. It is anticipated that this will require NFIB action within the next ninety days.

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II. Work in Progress

a. Action on proposed DCID 1/19 concerning nondisclosure agreements for access to sources and methods information is pending the results of the CIA General Counsel review of the current positions maintained in the Community concerning the scope of the DCID. It appears that the current impasse is caused by all parties standing firm in their positions regarding the "classified sources and methods" issue. The CIA General Counsel is studying ways to resolve this impasse.

b. The proposed DCID on duty and travel restrictions for persons with access to SCI is still delayed pending the Community legal opinion. We have been advised that a response from the Department of State is still outstanding. The action officer in the Office of General Counsel, CIA has advised that the completed action should be received by the Security Committee in early January 1977, after which it will be forwarded to NFIB.

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c. An examination of DCID 1/7 control markings was made due to concern expressed over the use of additional handling and dissemination controls in the Community. The use of internal control markings which agencies considered pertinent to its needs and carried over on general dissemination products presented problems for offices responsible for indexing and coding of these materials as well as the continued security protection required because of these markings. It was concluded that DCID 1/7, as written, provides adequate guidance for the use of community control markings and that the Intelligence Community libraries will only recognize those.

d. DCID 1/14 was reviewed to determine if adequate due process was provided for persons who might be denied access to SCI under the provisions of the DCID. It was concluded that the Intelligence Community agencies have adequate internal review and appeal procedures and that the significant differences among the programs mitigate against uniformity. Also, the establishment of review or appeal procedures is discretionary by the Senior Intelligence Officer.

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Weapon and Space Systems Intelligence Committee

29 December 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, National
Foreign Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Reporting on Projects and Activities

REFERENCES : a. USIB-AM-73/4, 25 October 1973
b. DCI-IC-76-5529, 4 November 1976

The attachment, covering the month of December, is
provided as requested by the references.



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Director of Central Intelligence
WEAPON AND SPACE SYSTEMS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

December 1976

I. HIGHLIGHTS

Neither CFI nor NFIB attention is anticipated for the work in progress listed in paragraph II. below.

The Assessment of Soviet ICBM Accuracy was the only major action completed during December. The study was prepared as a reference, as well as an update, to the ICBM accuracy input for NIE 11-3/8-76. The WSSIC reviewed and approved the report as amended on 7 December 1976. Publication is expected in early February 1977.

II. WORK IN PROGRESS

a. New Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period.

None.

b. Ongoing Activities.

(1) The Soviet BACKFIRE Bomber. An assessment of the Soviet BACKFIRE bomber was requested by NIO/SP memorandum to USIB dated 2 February 1976 (USIB-D-14.1/62). A study outline was provided to the NIO/SP on 7 April 1976. Because analysis of the basic problem and the review process have proven more difficult and time consuming than originally anticipated, the target date is now Spring 1977.

(2) Anti-Tank Guided Missile Study. Self initiated. The WSSIC has approved a Ground Weapon Systems Subcommittee proposal to prepare a current assessment of Soviet anti-tank guided missiles. This study will be completed in January 1977.

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