

25X6

██████ Policies---Comments of Estimates Group

1. Very general impression, offered as such and nothing more: that reader is being told ~~████████████████████~~ ^{ILLEGIB} very little he either doesn't know or could not

infer about ^{25X6} ██████ policy. Perhaps this is inevitable, the ^{25X6} ██████ having

no iron curtain; yet, as usual, the Top Secret label ^{tends to create the} ~~necessity leads on to~~ ^{illusion}

~~paraphrase~~ that exotic mystique and breathless surprises lie beyond.

2. Summary. Seemed to E.G. that model of ORE 1 had been carried too far. In ORE 1

The 1,2,3. order ~~there~~ had been used to fit a special case where main specific ^{being} considerations were enumerated. In ORE 26, the process becomes practically a

numbering of ensuing paragraphs, represented in the summary by one or two sentences

^{seems} from each. Result is the summary ~~becomes~~ too long and too diffuse. Would suggest compressing in style of more recent ORE's.

3. p.4(bottom) to p.5 (top). Took much in one paragraph, loosely held together by

general idea of the ^{25X6} ██████ Needs to be broken up into component parts.

When you mention ^{25X6} ██████ investments in Africa, etc., aren't a lot of

people going to think right off about ^{25X6} ██████ military plans for the area which

have been so well publicized? Wouldn't they expect full discussion about plans

and progress of plans for making this area substitute for ^{25X6} ██████ either here or in part 2?

4. p.6. ^{25X6} [redacted] Believe this might be halved. Far as one can see, all it says is that they're tied to our tail; know it, and will remain tied until they can shake loose.

5/. p.7. "Moreover, the ^{25X6} [redacted].etc." Considering that there are still those who think in terms of ^{25X6} [redacted] suggest the inference might be taken here , little as you intended it, that under tempting enough circumstances the ^{25X6} [redacted] might desert us. If this is true, it should be stated clearly and without qualification. If it is inconceivable (as implied previously in paper) no hints should be left that would arouse easily-aroused ~~SES~~ suspicions.

6. Same page. A similar ^{suspicion} ~~confusion~~ might be engendered by the discussion of the Satellites. Here there might seem to be some most un-characteristic wishful thinking in ^{25X6} [redacted] ^{believe that they can} ^{25X6} [redacted] ^{ILLEGIB} [redacted] How can the ^{25X6} [redacted] simultaneously ^{ILLEGIB} [redacted]

^{25X6} [redacted] adopt a line parallel to ours toward the Soviet complex---which is something little short of overt warfare---while cultivating nice friendly trade relations
*Is this [redacted] confusion or cause for doubt?
Isn't this too much of a with-us-or-against-us fight for that?*

7. pp.10-12. Discussion of the Near East seemed to E.G. definitely inconclusive. Case could be made that this is the most important area discussed; yet there are a lot of unanswered questions. For example, in the struggle to keep the Soviets

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out of Azerbaijan many believe that the ^{25X6} [REDACTED] would fail to back us up if their own oil interests were too deeply imperiled, or that they would exchange concessions with the Russians if they thought it wise. In short, if it became a choice of which to lose---the US or Abadan---which would go? Greece, Turkey, and Iran get only the most cursory mention; yet US interests there are considerable at present and the views of ^{25X6} [REDACTED] toward them correspondingly important. Believe ^{25X1A} the people in [REDACTED] could help a lot to expand this.

8. Military Section. Seemed fine in general. ^{ILLEGIB} [REDACTED]

^{ILLEGIB} [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Have feeling there is one thing

missing: much is made of fact that ^{25X6} [REDACTED] is experimenting for self and ^{25X6} [REDACTED]

Impression gained that ^{25X6} [REDACTED] is among those who expect a push-button war and know that in any case, they can't compete in sheer manpower and materiel field; ~~hax~~

hence great emphasis on ~~skiznkzkz~~ science and secret weapons. If any truth in any of this, shouldn't there be full discussion of what is happening on

^{25X6} [REDACTED] research and the rest of it?

9. Has paper been fully coordinated in ORE. If not, just about every branch ~~skax~~ could probably contribute something valuable.

10. *Could classification be lowered?*