SUBJECT: Filling Gaps in Intelligence Information

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: Lecture and Discussion

OBJECTIVES OF INSTRUCTION:

1. To outline the continuing problem of identifying and filling gaps in intelligence information and of coordinating research and collection efforts to that end.

2. To emphasize the responsibility of the individual intelligence analyst for contributing to this effort.

3. To describe the special collection activities performed by CIA on behalf of the Intelligence Community and to explain established procedures which enable the analyst to exploit these services.

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:

As an introduction to this subject the student is presented with the problem of the Intelligence Community in coordinating information essential for the production of intelligence. As an example, the interdepartmental organization known as the Economic Intelligence Committee is described as well as its function in coordinating governmental and private research into the economies of foreign countries.

The role of the intelligence analyst in identifying gaps in intelligence is reviewed and his responsibility for so doing is emphasized. The various steps he must take to remedy the situation through the initiation of special information collection requirements are explained in detail. The role of the Requirements Staff in expediting collection requirements is also discussed. Intra-agency channels through which requirements must pass are indicated.

CIA Collection services performed by the Contact Division and the SOVMAT Staff of OQ and the Covert Services of DD/P are briefly reviewed. The analyst’s response to a “Notice of Intelligence Potential” or a SOVMAT “Notice of Receipt” is discussed in some detail. Students are shown how the analyst may exploit and how the Foreign Documents Division may assist in his efforts to fill gaps in intelligence information.

SUBJECTS WITH WHICH COORDINATION IS REQUIRED:

Reporting
Collection
Production
Dissemination

REFERENCES:

Contact Division, Field Collector’s Handbook
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