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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

ACTION MEMORANDUM

USIB-AM-64/9
24 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMEN: Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee
Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee
Scientific Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Processing of all Drafts of National Intelligence Estimates (NIEs) Through the Normal Estimative Process

REFERENCE : USIB-M-337, item 3, 16 July 1964

1. At its meeting on 22 July the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) approved the draft minutes of its 16 July meeting which included the following action on this subject:

> "The Chairman, after commenting that he considered NIE 11-2-64 to be a very fine estimate, noted that this is the only NIE which is not being handled through the normal estimative process involving the Board of National Estimates (BNE) and the USIB representatives. He proposed that in the future all such NIEs go through this normal process so that they may have the benefits of the overall judgments (especially on political matters) of the BNE as well as the coordination procedure through the USIB representatives.
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> "The Chairman of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) explained that the original reason the NIE 11-2 series had been submitted to USIB directly from JAEIC was its highly technical character. However, Dr. Chamberlain noted that other NIEs, such as 11-8, which are now handled through the normal estimative process, also involve many technical problems.

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"The Executive Secretary pointed out that the authority in the charter of JAEIC to produce drafts of NIEs directly for USIB consideration was also contained in the charters of the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) and the Scientific Intelligence Committee (SIC). He therefore questioned whether the proposal for handling any future drafts of NIEs produced by JAEIC through the normal estimative process would also apply to any future drafts of NIEs produced by GMAIC and SIC.

"After discussion, the USIB agreed that any future drafts of NIEs produced by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (under DCID No. 3/3, paragraph 4. d.), the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (under DCID No. 3/4, paragraph 4. c.) or the Scientific Intelligence Committee (under DCID No. 3/5, paragraph 4. c.) should be handled through the normal estimative process of BNE and the USIB representatives prior to submittal to USIB."

2. Accordingly, the USIB directive in the final paragraph of the above quoted minute is referred herewith to the GMAIC, JAEIC, and SIC for guidance on this subject.

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Executive Secretary

cc: Chairman, Board of National Estimates

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