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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member USIB

SUBJECT: NIS Committee Report on FY68 and
FY 69 Production Forecast

REFERENCES: (a) USIB-M-369, 4 February 1965
(b) USIB-D-51.1/8, 28 August 1963

1. In 1963 USIB conducted a thorough review of the NIS Program and by reference (b) assumed responsibility for establishing priorities for NIS production and was the basis for the Board's action in reference (a) requesting an annual forecast. The NIS Committee memorandum of 28 February, therefore, gives USIB an agreed forecast of NIS production, broken down by world regions.

2. The Forecast extends for the two years the pattern of NIS production by topics and countries which USIB approved last year. Africa continues to rank first with 24% of the forecast coverage in FY68 and 29% in FY69; Latin America is second with 22% in each year. The one-volume General Survey continues to be the primary unit of coverage. The pattern of priorities reflects the USIB view that the Program should emphasize General Survey coverage with selective supplementary coverage determined by the significance with which that topic applies to a particular area. By combining areas, total area coverage provided in the topical units will be increased 28% by FY69 without a significant increase in units produced.

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3. In the column on the extreme right, "Totals by area", the forecast shows NIS coverage; i. e., each country times the topics devoted to it, with each General Survey counted as 8 topics. The actual published units will be less because of the multi-topic General Surveys and combining of countries in certain supplementary units. The approximately 120 countries shown are those on which there will be some production during the two years, and do not include all 140 countries. Dates show what topical units have been published on each of the countries, with the overlay indicating forecast revision.

4. I recommend that USIB approve the recommended priorities in planned NIS production for FY68 and note the projected program for FY69.

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Chairman, NIS Committee

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Attachment:
Production Forecast

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