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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of SO Reporting

1. The following are the results of a quick survey by O/RR, O/SI and O/CI of evaluation of SO reporting in response to your request:

a. About 1/5 of the useful information received by these offices comes from SO reporting.

b. From 1/3 to 2/5 of this information is found to be valuable.

c. SO materials from areas of the world are rated in the order of their importance to the offices noted:

(1) East Germany (O/CI, O/RR, O/SI),

(2) Southeast Asia (O/CI),

(3) Czechoslovakia (O/CI, O/RR, O/SI),

(4) Western Europe (O/CI, O/RR, O/SI), and

(5) Middle East, Africa and Latin America (O/CI, O/RR, O/SI).

d. The three offices would list the following sources of information in the order of their value:

(1) State,

(2) Other,

(3) O/O,

(4) O/SC, and

(5) Army, Navy and Air Force.

2. It should be borne in mind in using the foregoing (particularly Paragraphs 1a and 1b) that such evaluation, even if prepared after extensive investigation, cannot be taken as authoritatively as a statistic would indicate.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ESTIMATES  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COORDINATION AND DISSEMINATION  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CURRENT INTELLIGENCE  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, POLICY COORDINATION  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND REPORTS  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS

SUBJECT: CIA Comment on IAC Documents

1. In general there are two categories of documents which are considered in the IAC:

a. National Intelligence Estimates, and

b. Documents dealing with arrangements relating to intelligence activities.

2. Since General Smith took office there have been general understandings with respect to providing the comments and advice of the CIA offices on these materials. It is thought desirable to call these to your attention again:

a. All documents, except those dealing with restricted data or in rare cases other types of highly sensitive material, automatically go to the offices of the Deputy Directors and to each Assistant Director at the time of dissemination to the other agencies, if not earlier.

b. Comments of the CIA offices arising either directly from their responsibilities or which occur to them even though outside of their responsibilities should be referred (1) in the case of National Estimates, to O/NE, and (2) in the case of other documents, to O/IC.

c. In respect of the second category of documents, dealing with arrangements for intelligence activities, O/IC seeks to identify specifically in each case the offices having an interest and to take the initiative to see that their views are solicited.

3. O/IC is responsible for submitting appropriate briefing material for the Director on Wednesday morning prior to each Thursday IAC meeting and you are requested to keep this deadline in mind in making your comments to O/IC.

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