

1. September 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Coordination, Operations and  
Policy Staff, CIA

THROUGH: Assistant Director, ORE

FROM: Chief, NIS Division, ORE

SUBJECT: NIS Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum to AD/ORE from Chief, COAPS, dated  
18 August 1950, subject as above.

1. A copy of the letter sent to the Secretary of Defense, which is referred to in paragraph 1 of reference memorandum, has reached this office. The facts relating to the current situation in the NIS Program and the requirements for placing this program on a more stable basis were clearly and forcibly presented and should produce the desired result.

2. General Cabell's views on possible reallocation of production responsibility for portions of NIS to permit Air Force to carry a larger share of the work were also submitted by the Air Force member to the NIS Committee for consideration. This is the usual and proper procedure in matters of this kind as the allocations of production responsibility are under constant review by the Committee and reallocations are made whenever the facts warrant such actions. Committee action is based upon a determination that the agency to whom production responsibility is to be transferred is best qualified by reason of its intelligence requirements, production capabilities, and dominant interest to assume the responsibilities concerned. The Air Force member is to initiate a survey to ascertain the capabilities of his Agency for producing NIS and submit specific recommendations to the Committee for such reallocations of production responsibility to the Air Force as the results of the survey seem to warrant.

3. No proposals were made by the Air Force member for reallocations of production responsibilities to CIA nor, on being questioned on this point, did he have any suggestions to offer. He was informed by the Chairman that, in addition to contributing to and coordinating the production of Chapter IX

**ARMY and USAF review(s) completed.**

(Map and Chart Appraisal) from the start of the NIS Program, CIA has assumed during the past year the production responsibility for Section 56 (Intelligence and Security) on a reallocation from State, and has also taken over from Army the responsibility for coordinating the production of Chapter VII (Scientific) as well as the production responsibility for several sections thereof.



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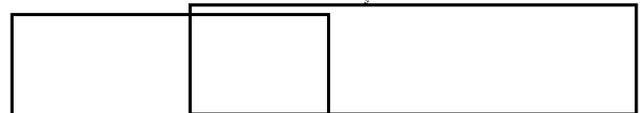
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18 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: NIS Program

1. Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID No. 3, the DCI is charged with the responsibility for the coordination of the efforts of the several Intelligence Agencies, in the conduct of National Intelligence Surveys, calculated to produce a compendium of Basic Intelligence, world-wide in scope. The original plan in implementation of this Directive provided for the production of fifteen NIS per year and for the compilation of surveys upon all areas of high priority, or determined by the JCS, prior to 30 June 1952.

2. It became apparent, however, that this schedule, which provided for the production of fifteen NIS per year, substantially exceeded the capabilities of the contributing agencies to meet their respective commitments thereunder. Accordingly, in March 1950, the JCS concurred in a reduction of the rate of production from fifteen to eight NIS per year, as reflecting a more realistic schedule. Actually, only the equivalent of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  NIS were produced in Fiscal Year 1950.

3. It has further developed, purportedly by reason of the current emergency situation, that active participation by the Army, Navy and Air Force intelligence components, in the NIS program, has practically ceased. The effect of such withdrawals of support, in an undertaking which is wholly dependent upon full collaborative joint

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effort for successful accomplishment, is to inactivate the NIS production program, in its entirety.

4. If the vital basic intelligence requirements of the Government are to be met, continuous fiscal support and stability of personnel organization, are imperative.

5. After discussion with the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, it is accordingly recommended that there be established within each of the Army, Air Force and Navy Intelligence components a separate group having a fixed personnel ceiling and fixed fiscal support, adequate to enable the resumption of productive effort, at least commensurate with the requirements of the currently approved NIS production schedule. Failing adequate support at this time, no other course than suspension of total effort can be countenanced in the interest of economical administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

13 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BOLLING:

1. Reference briefing on 17 August on personnel requirements to insure adequate personnel for NIS elements in the Intelligence Division, G-2 and Technical Services a rough preliminary estimate indicates that \$800,000 annually will be required in addition to funds currently allotted Department of the Army agencies for various intelligence objectives.

2. This amount would provide funds for 133 additional personnel assuming a median salary of \$6000 per person for planning purposes. This figure is used rather than the Office Chief of Staff budget yardstick of \$4255 per person for staff agencies because of higher proportion of analysts required in the higher pay brackets.

3. A tentative breakdown of personnel based on present work load follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>No. Persons</u>
ACofS, G-2	9
ENG	92
TC	18
CML	6
QM	2
MED	2
SIG	2
ORD	2
	<u>133</u>

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