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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Requirements

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A discussion was held this date on the NIR problem. Messrs. Lay, [redacted] and the undersigned were present. It was agreed that the present form of NIR, such as NIR-China, did not meet any particular requirements and did not appear to be productive. It was agreed that there was a requirement for a command directive on the NIA level to orient the efforts of CIG and the IAB agencies so as to insure that they were working towards goals that would meet the needs of the NIA. This directive should be in the form of a single paper covering the world and stating, in order of priority if practicable, the key objectives required to guide the intelligence efforts of CIG and the IAB members. The present type of NIR should be discontinued. The production program should be tied in with the new NIR. In implementing the production program, the Branches of ORE should use standard procedure in requesting necessary intelligence or intelligence information required by them in the preparation of specific papers related to the program. No requirement was seen for formal papers to obtain the desired information.

The first step required is a memorandum to the Director proposing this change in NIR's. Implementation of this change in concept shall await its approval by the Director.

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