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MEMO AHEAD FROM: ICAPS Members  
Executive  
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SUBJECT: Estimates Division

1. The DCI is opposed to setting up in CIA a 100% Estimates Division either splitting ONE in two, (1) an Estimates Division and (2) a Reports Division, or setting up within this a new Division, Office, Branch, or Group wholly devoted to "Estimates."

2. He thinks the best estimates can be obtained from Branch Chiefs thoroughly familiar with their districts, who can sit part time as Estimators and the rest of the time as Reporters.

3. The DCI also thinks it would be a good idea to have this group meeting to create "estimates" while sitting in such a capacity, called an Estimates Board, or Group, or anything, to show that part of their duties are directed to Estimates.

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