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Foreword

This document contains the National Intelligence Topics, which were established by the NSC Policy Review Committee, in accordance with Executive Order 12036 (1-202), as requirements and priorities for use by the intelligence agencies of the US Government.

The Topics of Current Interest have recently been reviewed and updated by the Policy Review Committee (Intelligence). The purpose of the Current Interest topics is to inform intelligence collectors and producers of the needs of senior policymakers for information and analysis over the next six to nine months.

The Topics of Basic Long-Term Interest, which are reviewed on an annual basis, will be taken up by the PRC(I) at its next meeting on priorities. The long-term topics are intended to guide the development of capabilities of the Intelligence Community for collection, research, and analysis over the longer term.

It is recognized that these lists do not embrace all requirements for collection and production for which the Intelligence Community is responsible.



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**National Intelligence Topics of
Basic Long-Term Interest**

Priority

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**II. The USSR and
Eastern Europe**

1. Soviet foreign policy goals, objectives, and strategy.
2. Warning of attack.
3. Military doctrine, intentions, and capabilities.
4. Military R&D programs.
5. Strategic arms reduction.
6. Soviet internal political trends and problems.
7. Soviet economic prospects.
8. Trends and stability in Eastern Europe.
9. Communist activities in the Third World.

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III. China

1. Sino-Soviet relations.
2. Economic and political prospects.
3. Prospects for US/Chinese normalization of relations.
4. Military doctrine, capabilities, and intentions.
5. Foreign relations with Japan and other Asian nations.

**IV. Key Developing
Countries**

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1. Industrial and resource development.
 2. Economic policy and prospects.
 3. Foreign policy.
 4. Military capabilities.
 5. Domestic instability.

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V. Less Developed Countries	1. Economic progress and prospects.
	2. Agricultural and infrastructure development.
	3. Domestic political stability.
	4. Foreign policy interests and priorities.
	5. Role in North-South debate.
VI. Global Issues	1. Human rights.
	2. Nuclear proliferation.
	3. Energy.
	4. Arms transfers.
	5. Advanced technology and technology transfer.
	6. Transnational terrorism.
	7. Resource, food, and population prospects.
	8. Narcotics.
VII. Critical Areas of Continuing Concern	

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