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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 27 MAY 1957

PRESENT: [REDACTED]

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1. Budget

The group briefly discussed the FY 1958-59 budget for the Geographic Research Area. An initial review by St/A indicates that it adheres fairly well to the limitations on expenditure laid down by the DCI.

2. Semi-Annual DD/I Report on Intelligence Activities

The DD/I must make a report to the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities covering the period 1 November 1956 - 1 May 1957. The GRA portion of the GNR contribution will be due sometime this week.

3. Area Picnic

The group discussed the question of an Area Picnic and concluded that it should be held, but on a bring-your-own-food basis and without formally planned activities. Each division will be polled as to its thoughts on this proposal. Suggested dates: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of the third or fourth week in June, or a similar day in the first two weeks of September.

4. PI Course

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[REDACTED] reported that a session on ground intelligence photography will be added to the other new material in the PI course. In addition, an attempt is being made to secure an aircraft for a practice flight over prominent topographical features.

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