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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Editorial Target List

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1. [REDACTED] weekly Editorial Target List (samples attached) summarizes current informational requirements which have been submitted by IAC offices and USIA for guidance of [REDACTED] Office of Operations, Central Intelligence Agency. The purpose of the Target List is to provide specific guidance to monitors and editors responsible for the selection of material to be published [REDACTED]

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2. The Target List is not a complete and definitive compilation of current intelligence objectives, but is rather a priority listing of immediate and short-term requirements. Targets of immediate interest are wired to [REDACTED] the Target List is airmailed. Where the list contains no targets for a specific country, targets are either not submitted or are of such obvious significance that it is unnecessary to include them on the List.

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3. The effectiveness of the Target List depends in great measure upon whether targets received from intelligence offices are realistic and adequate. Broad, general targets of manifest interest to intelligence offices are of little value to experienced editors and monitors who follow current events closely and possess a specialized knowledge of their particular area or country of coverage. Of particular value as target information are:

a. Those items of special significance which might be generally overlooked or discarded in the process of selection, and;

b. Those items which could be effectively utilized to focus our attention on subjects of impending interest to IAC agencies.

4. For inclusion in the weekly Target List, recommendations should be given by phone or in writing to [REDACTED] Liaison Officer, (Code 143, X3577) before Thursday noon of each week. Additions, deletions and changes to the previous List are invited from all

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users [REDACTED] Targets should first be collated within the contributing office to eliminate repetitious items and to insure that stress is properly placed on the area or subject which the Department or Agency, rather than individual area desk, desires to have emphasized. [REDACTED] is also prepared to accept classified targets at any time. 25X1A8a

5. It is requested that this memorandum be given appropriate dissemination within the component to familiarize analysts and area specialists with the purpose and function of [REDACTED] Target List. All offices with a need for current foreign radio material are invited to submit weekly requirements to [REDACTED] Liaison Office in the manner prescribed above. 25X1A8a

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Attachment: Samples of Targets

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