

Division Chiefs

1 October 1957

Chief, Geographic Research Area, ORR

Preparation of Contributions to the Semi-Annual Report to the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Economic and Geographic Intelligence Activities

1. We have been instructed to prepare a contribution to the Semi-Annual report referred to in the subject above. Our contribution need not be as lengthy and detailed as the first report. You can refer to this first report in my office. The following outline is provided to insure uniformity in Division contributions which must be coordinated for the ORR report.

a. Economic and Geographic Intelligence Production

- 1) Any significant problems arising during the period and steps taken to meet these problems; progress made on problems previously reported.
- 2) Important intelligence developments and how they were handled.
- 3) Progress on specific projects.
- 4) Significant use of newly developed intelligence sources or significant change in proportion in which previously available sources were used in office production.
- 5) Major efforts undertaken during the reporting period as a result of unique requirements.

b. Major Intelligence *gap*

(In the last report we indicated up-to-date mapping, geodetic and gravimetric data were lacking throughout the Bloc and suggested desperate priority attention to collection; that Soviet activities in the Antarctic are becoming an important intelligence gap; that development of strategic importance of Africa indicated focusing attention on a general lack of detailed and evaluated intelligence on this area.) In addition to the kind of information included in the parentheses above, please indicate any major intelligence

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deficiencies which have been revealed since the 3 June report or any change in the above-cited deficiencies. Intelligence failures which have resulted in major intelligence gaps should be cited.

c. Dissemination and Utilization of OER Products

1) New or noteworthy uses made of Geographic Area products especially by outside agencies; evaluations of Area products by outside agencies; anything in dissemination procedures which might reflect security hazards.

d. Guidance to Collectors

1) Any significant problems arising during the period and steps taken to meet these problems; progress made on problems previously reported.

2) Significant use of any developed intelligence sources or significant change in proportion in which previously available sources were used in office production.

3) Major efforts undertaken during the reporting period as a result of unique requirements.

e. Coordination of Economic and Geographic Intelligence

1) Developments in inter-agency cooperation and coordination in intelligence activities; new problems arising in this field and progress on old problems. (In the 3 June report, we reported progress in coordination of Unconventional Warfare planning and clarification of objectives and methods in treatment of these studies. We also reported the work of the Inter-Agency Map Coordination Committee in securing the assignment of new [REDACTED] and the arrangement made with AMS for the loan of a man to stay for a six-month procurement mission.)

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f. Other Items of Major Importance not Included Under the Above Headings

2. I would like to have these contributions submitted to me no later than COB 4 October 1957.

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