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1953 program

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
THRU: Assistant Director, Intelligence Coordination
SUBJECT: Status of [] Program

1. During my latest periodic trip [] made 8 July the following topics came up for discussion:

- a. The present status of 1952 projects;
- b. Proposed 1953 Program;
- c. Administrative problems in general.

2. Present status of 1952 projects: Final publication of reports covering 1952 studies originally set for 30 June has not yet been completed. I found the [] staff working under considerable pressure in order to bring the studies to completion. I was told that [] will be published by 25 July and the [] probably 15 August (subject, of course, to the Advisory Board's approval on 19-20 July). The [] is completed and is promised for dissemination by 15 August.

There will be no final report issued on the [] at this time inasmuch as this study is still in its initial stages and will be continued []

The [] has been delayed by a number of circumstances and is only partially finished. At this stage OSO, which is somewhat disappointed, is still uncertain whether it will continue to sponsor this study in 1953.

The [] is being extended, as originally planned, into Fiscal Year 1953 and a report is not expected until its completion.

At my request [] will prepare for our benefit a final progress report on the entire program for 1952 shortly.

3. 1953 Program: We will receive from [] within the next few days his reaction to our proposals for [] research during 1953. In his reply [] will advise us which of the studies he would be willing to undertake at once and will furnish us with a short outline of how [] would proceed on each such topic.

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He will also indicate which of the remaining projects [] may have the capability of being later on.

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4. Administrative Problems: Because [] must now plan its payroll and overhead expenses for the current Fiscal Year, the main problem at the moment is to determine the amount of CIA financing which may be forthcoming under the contract. This is, of course, predicated upon the selection of research topics and their subsequent approval by P.R.C.

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At this time we are committed to financing the [] and a study on [] (arising out of the [] which will be submitted to P.R.C. shortly.

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The [] Fiscal Officer will be in Washington some time this week to discuss the estimated budget and also certain minor changes which [] wishes to make in the []

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5. Conclusions: Since we have reached the end of the first year of the [] working arrangement it is appropriate to offer the following pertinent observations in light of our experience during the past year.

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a. It appears that [] capabilities have been and still are largely limited by shortage of professionally qualified personnel who are also acceptable security-wise. Thus, there is a tendency to tailor our requirements to suit the interests and capabilities of personnel available at [] rather than for [] to recruit personnel and direct their efforts toward studies specifically requested by CIA.

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b. [] has consistently failed to meet deadlines during and at the end of the Fiscal Year. This again could be partly attributed to CIA's own internal red tape in arranging personnel clearances, releases to [] of classified material, etc.

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c. There has been a certain amount of "free wheeling" on the part of the [] personnel largely due to the poor coordination [] in Washington. In many cases there has existed complete lack of positive direction of [] research activities on the part of CIA.

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d. Full usefulness [] can only be determined after the final reports are evaluated. However, it could be reasonably stated at this time that the arrangement is definitely workable and could be of considerable benefit to CIA particularly since most of the conditions enumerated above will not be permitted to exist hereafter.

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e. In general the [] research effort must be geared in with comparable activities of other Government agencies and CIA must not rely exclusively on [] to do all its intelligence research.

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