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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Data for IAC Meeting 18 August 1950 at 10:00 A.M.

NIS Program

1. Originally the JCS and NSC supported this program for the production of 15 NIS per year which was lowered this year to the rate of 8 per annum. That lower figure, however, as I understand it, was based on the capabilities of the Pentagon agencies rather than on the real needs for NIS on the high priority areas. It means that the high priority area NIS will be completed and placed on a maintenance basis only in 1957 instead of 1952 as originally planned. Will that be adequate for the military services?

2. More recently even that lower rate of production has not been met, as shown in the current report for the last fiscal year and in recent statements from the Services. The quantitative and qualitative existing requirements can be met only if the participants will set up and maintain a fully competent and well-staffed organization in each Agency with the prime mission to fulfill their allocated commitments.

3. Unilateral action not to meet these commitments has a serious effect upon the others and upon the integrated production schedule. We should like the participating members to agree to support the NIS program (a joint responsibility) in an orderly and continuous manner. What is needed is a firm agreement among all contributing agencies to actively support the NIS Program on a long range continuing basis. Can you agree to do this? It will avoid the interruptions of frequent ad hoc requests and I understand that even the first draft of some NIS work was found useful in Korea.

GERMAN SCIENTIST REPORTS

It is understood that State has now completed arrangements for the Nordstrom office of HICOG to supply the reports requested in the letter of 11 July from the Military members.

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