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Proposed Initial Reaction Sheet Form

1. This appears to be improvement over the first draft. However it still appears to be sticky in places.
2. The following appear to me to be potentially troublesome:
 - a. Item 2. For some people the phrase "routine interest" may be misleading. Would it be possible to substitute "direct interest" thus avoiding the overtones of routine?
 - b. Item 3. In the field of geographic intelligence, and I suspect in other fields, there will be cases in which we cannot classify a report as true and at the same time cannot properly categorize it as "informed speculation". I recommend that a new second choice be "likely".
 - c. Item 4. I note that in contrast to the case in the other items it will be possible here for the analyst to make more than one choice.
 - d. Item 5. If 1. d. or 2. e. has been checked there is no choice for an analyst to make under this item. Since this situation shows up elsewhere too, it probably would be advisable to include on the sheet a statement directing analysts to ignore nonapplicable items.
 - e. Item 6. For some reports the analysts choice here will reflect primarily his individual interest rather than the merits of the CS report. This condition would obtain for instance in the case of a light machinery economist reacting to CS-LF covering urban installations. The office designator at the top of the sheet will not give the field collector or the OCR tabulators the information they need to detect such instances in which, of course, the analyst reaction is inappropriate. The difficulty involved might be avoided by the addition as a second choice of the phrase "largely satisfactory".

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f. Item 7. As I understand it the referencing of requirements by the ID/P is at present insufficiently orderly for the reaction to this item to mean much. Perhaps an improved system is under consideration.

Item 8
g. I question the appropriateness of this as a question to be put to every analyst who handles the report. This involves higher management processes which should be carried on separately from though certainly responsive to the Initial Reaction Sheet.

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