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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 36

SUBJECT: Collection of Intelligence Information on the Foreign Potential Resources of Raw Materials

1. The Information Branch's progress report of 24 June under Planning Directive No. 36 has been studied by this office.

2. Reference paragraph 3c of the report, the individuals in JIC with whom this matter was discussed should be advised in substance as follows:

a. Since committees of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should ordinarily depend upon JIC for intelligence assistance, the proposed memorandum should be routed through the JIC.

b. Rather than requesting that the CIG actually provide the intelligence, the memorandum should instead request that the Director arrange a coordinated Federal program by the appropriate agencies to provide the intelligence.

3. The urgent need for committees along the lines suggested in paragraph 5 of the report is appreciated. However, pending the Director's action on recommendations already submitted regarding overall coordination of intelligence research and collection, it is believed that the establishment of such committees must be delayed. First priority at present is being given to the Scientific Committees, which are considered the most urgent of all. Interim planning for additional committees should conform to the thought already presented to the Director in paragraph 5 of the draft CIG directives submitted with a view to establishing an Intelligence Research Coordination Board and a Collection Coordination Board.

4. The Information Branch, through contacts already established, will carry out the provisions of paragraph 2 above, keeping the Intelligence Branch and this office informed.

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5. The next date for informal progress check under Planning Directive No. 36 will be 5 August.

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