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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 36

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

REFERENCES: (a) Planning Directive No. 14, Subj: Resources Potential Program
(b) Planning Directive No. 32, Subj: Allocation and Coordination of Intelligence Research Responsibilities

1. The Problem:

a. The Secretary, NIA, furnished the Central Planning Staff a copy of memorandum of 7 November 1945, from Brigadier General Edward P. Sorensen, same subject as reference (a) above. An enclosure to the memorandum was a copy of a study which had been laid before the Executive Committee of the Army-Navy Munitions Board. The study indicated that national security requires that the United States have complete information on the location of various materials abroad, the grades and reserves, transportation required for exploitation, labor conditions and general production costs. The study also pointed out that past serious deficiencies of intelligence in this field had adversely affected the war program. For disposition of General Sorensen's memorandum, see Planning Directive No. 14.

b. Pursuant to Planning Directive No. 14, the Intelligence Branch and Information Branch have completed preliminary studies as follows:

(1) Intelligence Branch submitted its report on 11 April.

(2) Information Branch submitted reports on 25 April and 30 April.

c. The collecting problem raised by the above references is the subject of this directive. It is one part of the overall problem of coordinating and developing the collection of intelligence information.

d. The associated problem of coordinating the production of intelligence on foreign potential resources of raw materials is covered separately by Planning Directive No. 35.

e. Planning Directive No. 14 is herewith closed and superseded by Planning Directives No. 35 and 36, being issued concurrently this date.

2. Planning Requirement:

a. The Information Branch will study the problem of coordinating and improving the collection of intelligence information on foreign potential resources of raw materials. A draft of necessary CIG action will be submitted in duplicate, and an additional copy will be furnished directly to the Policy and Review Branch.

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b. The Information Branch will coordinate this study with the associated study being prepared by the Intelligence Branch under Planning Directive No. 35 and will regulate progress so that the two studies may be reviewed concurrently by this office.

3. Deadline:

An informal progress report will be submitted on 20 May.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:

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