

8 December 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BRANCH AND GROUP CHIEFS

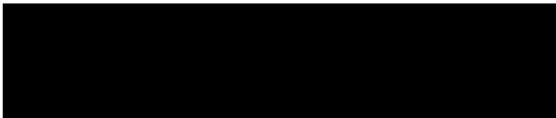
SUBJECT: Monthly Staff Intelligence Meeting

REFERENCES: a. ORE Administrative Memorandum No. 48-47, dated 26 November
b. Memorandum for all Branch and Group Chiefs from Acting Chief, Estimates Group, dated 2 December 1947

ENCLOSURES: A. Agenda for Meeting Scheduled 10 December

1. Herewith is circulated the Agenda for the Monthly Staff Intelligence Meeting scheduled for 1500 Wednesday, 10 December, in the Situation Room, Central Building.

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STAFF INTELLIGENCE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 10 DECEMBER

A G E N D A

1. Opening remarks by the Assistant Director.
2. Review of O.R.E. Staff Intelligence production for the period July 1946 to December 1947.
3. Branch and Group recommendations for projects which if produced currently would appear to meet the requirements of government top policy planners/makers. (TAB "A")
4. Scheduling of staff intelligence production for the ensuing month. (TABS "B" and "C")

SELECTED TOPICS FOR SPECIAL ESTIMATES (ORE's)
CURRENTLY SUGGESTED BY THE ESTIMATES GROUP

1. International:

The Effect on the US Position in the Near East of the Establishment of the US as Trustee for Libya under a United Nations Trusteeship.

Significant Considerations Attending the Implementation of the European Recovery Program.

Economic/Strategic Importance of Colonial Territories to the Respective Controlling Powers.

Evidence that Certain Countries Would Relinquish Sovereign Rights in Return for Security.

Peacetime Possibilities for Great Power Control of Arctic Air Bases (Greenland, Iceland, Jan Mayen, Spitsbergen, Faroes).

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Review of () Overseas Commitments; Which Have Been Liquidated; Which Must soon Be Withdrawn; Which Will Be Kept.

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The Current Situation in the ()

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Anglo-Egyptian Dispute: ()

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4. Eastern Europe/USSR:

Vulnerability of the Soviet Regime to Foreign Pressure on the Occasion of Stalin's Death or Disability.

Underground Activities in the Satellite States.

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4. Eastern Europe/USSR (continued):

Analysis of US Foreign Broadcasts and their Probable Effects in the USSR and Satellite States.

The Current Situation in Yugoslavia.

The Current Situation in Bulgaria.

✓ The Current Situation in Trieste.

Effect of War Damage to the Soviet Economy and Military Potential.

Re-evaluation of ORE 3/A on Soviet Capabilities in Development of Certain Weapons.

5. Near East/Africa:

Extent to which Islam is Vulnerable to Communist Pressure.

Prospects for Stability in India.

Soviet Objectives and Probable Tactics during the Implementation of the UNGA Plan for the Partition of Palestine.

Strategic Importance of Middle East Oil to the Defense of the Western Hemisphere.

6. Far East/Pacific:

Situation in China's Outer Provinces.

Probable Consequences of the Loss of Korea to the Soviet Union.

The Current Situation in China.

✓ The Current Situation in Japan.

✓ The Current Situation in Korea.

7. Latin America:

Estimate of Contributions which Latin American Countries Can/Will Make under the Hemisphere Defense Agreement.

The Current Situation in Argentina.

The Current Situation in Mexico.

The Andean Basin as a Potential Source of Oil for the US.