

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

14 December 1948

FROM: Chief, FBIB

SUBJECT: Conference with members of the eastern European Branch, ORS, reference revision of FBIB Weekly Targets.

1. Individuals present at conference were: Colonel White, Chief, and

[redacted]

[redacted] concurred that revision of targets was necessary, that 80 to 90 per cent of targets were of slight directional value to FBIB editors and monitors, and felt that the difficulty was how to approach the selection of the vital 10 to 15 per cent of the targets and to disseminate them under the classification of "Restricted".

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2. A broad picture of FBIB operations was sketched by Colonel White with emphasis on the important role of the targets in pointing up information that would normally be overlooked by FBIB personnel and items which could have possible future significance to the researchers. While the advantages of sending targets to the field under a "Restricted" classification were enumerated, Colonel White pointed out that FBIB could accept and disseminate targets of any classification.

3. Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] said that the meeting had cleared up many points concerning FBIB operations on which hitherto he had been misinformed.

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4. Conclusions:

a. The inter-branch situation report of EE would be forwarded to FBIB for study and possible integration with the Weekly Targets.

b. Weekly Summary of CIA would be studied by FBIB for possible inclusion of items in Target List.

c. Closer coordination between FBIB editors and EE analysts will be achieved by periodic meetings to be arranged later.

d. Results will be carefully noted as the new plan of Target dissemination to FBIB Field Bureaus is placed into operation.

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