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MINUTES OF THE NINETIETH MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

3 January 1958

Members: Royal Wald, State  
John Shearer, Navy

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Consultants: Richard Calhoun, State

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1. The 90th meeting of the Exploitation Subcommittee convened at 1400 hours. The minutes of the 89th meeting were approved with the following amendments:

Dr. Pratt - Page 2, paragraph 4, second sentence - Put a period after "helpful." Delete rest of sentence and insert "He asked that as much as possible of the reported information be 'unclassified.'" Delete next sentence and add "Thus it could be generally more available to such efforts as NIH and especially to external contractors." Same paragraph, third line from bottom of page delete "must" and add "should."

Page 3, paragraph 1 should read "Dr. Pratt urged that for intelligence purposes the emphasis NSF and OTS plans for full translation be changed to abstracting, especially if it is to be done at the expense of coverage of Referativnyy Zhurnal. More often than not, an abstract is sufficient for the intelligence analyst and much more accessible."

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- Page 3, paragraph 12, second line, should read "military requirements and with the new list of JPRS projects everything needed by them on a continuing basis is being done, so they are happy with the program as it stands. NSA hopes to use FDD and JPRS for translation of selected material on a spot request basis."

2. Western World Program

A review of the coverage of the Western World Program and the four following international reports was made; in addition, FDD proposed to change the issuance of Information Report on Arab States & Israel from semimonthly to monthly.

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Far East Free World - The material presently provided on Thailand is marginal for State's purposes. Much is already covered in some form or another, and Mr. Wald suggested that work could be shifted to different topics or another area such as Burma. Spot requests on Japan and South Korea have been handled adequately and this has served State, although the present favorable situation, in which a number of State's analysts can themselves use Japanese, could change rapidly as a result of future personnel shifts. Indonesia - publication on this area is very useful and added that State analysts get very good cooperation from [REDACTED] of FDD.

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**World Press Survey of International Communist Developments  
East-West and Intra-Orbit Travel and Contacts  
International Conferences and Fairs  
East-West Trade and Shipping**

State - Mr. Wald said the general reaction/range from satisfaction to ~~and~~ enthusiasm. The working level meetings between State and FDD are very useful and should be continued.

On Latin America - The analysts would like to see, if possible, additional material on Argentina and Bolivia with no change in the present setup. State would like to set up some meetings with FDD on the reporting.

Far East Free World - Thailand is marginal for State's purposes. Much is already covered in some form or another, and Mr. Wald suggested that work could be shifted to Burma or another area of more importance to them. Spot requests on Japan and South Korea have been handled adequately and this has served State's needs. Indonesia - publication on this area is very useful and added that State analysts get very good cooperation from Mr. Otto George of FDD.

Western Europe - Mr. Wald reemphasized the usefulness of the indexes LeMonde and La Stampa.

Near East reporting is of value and they are especially satisfied with the reporting on Africa.

South Asia - They would like the coverage extended, especially Singhalese publications.

State concurred in the change of the Arab States and Israel report to a monthly report if the coverage remained the same.

State had not completed examination of the value of the four international reports and will give their comment at the next meeting.

NSA - [REDACTED] said there was general satisfaction with the Western World program. The government, political and economic reports are all useful. NSA does not have much use for the sociological reports but they are read for background information. They have scant interest in Scandinavian information and no interest in West Germany, as well as Africa South of the Sahara. NSA has no objection to the change of the Arab States and Israel report to monthly.

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NSA makes very little use of the report on World Press Survey of International Communist Developments, but considers the other three international reports very valuable.

Navy - Mr. Shearer said, regarding the four international summaries, the increase of interest in cold war activities has raised the interest and all four are of continuing value. On the rest of the free world material there is a reaction of satisfaction. Some felt the material from FDD was more detailed than required by the political people. The general reaction to the FDD periodical reports for the free world was that the Joint Weeka and State telegrams provide sufficient information. On the proposal for monthly issuance of the Arab States and Israel report, Navy had no objection.

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CIA - [REDACTED] of BR stated that Biographic Register needs increased reporting on scientific personalities. They are relying more and more on open material, and BR has no specific priority.

The Chairman said the emphasis was, up to now, on the reporting of bloc scientific personalities, although Army was interested in Japanese scientific.

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[REDACTED] said they may have to rely on FDD more because of T/O cuts and due to the international situation. There is a need on the part of IAC on the areas which have not been prominent in the past but are becoming more so. He said this information is available to a very large extent in open literature.

The Chairman proposed that FDD make a survey, country by country, to see what scientific journals are available outside the Soviet Bloc and to determine the most productive journals in regard to scientific personalities. Then BR can review what they need from these countries and report these needs to the Subcommittee with a view to devising a concrete program of coverage.

Mr. Wald added that BI in State would like a copy of this survey also.

3. The Chairman passed copies of "Subject Classifications Used by Soviet Scientific Abstract Journals" and "Available Issues in the 'Collections of Recommended Terms' Series Published by the Committee on Technical Terminology, Academy of Sciences USSR" to the Subcommittee for their review and indication of those they need together with their priorities.

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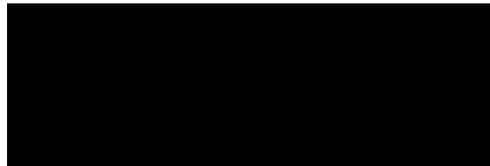
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4. The Chairman added for the Subcommittee's information that there is probability of reducing the number of NSCIDs. The Exploitation Subcommittee, under this change, would probably be incorporated in a paragraph in NSCID-2. This would be supplemented by a DCID to establish a separate committee on procurement and one on exploitation.

5. The annual report for 1957 of the Subcommittee is due 1 February 1958.

6. The next meeting will be 7 February at which time Army, Air Force, and CIA will give their comments on the Western World program. The meeting will be held in 1121 M Building at 1400 hours.



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