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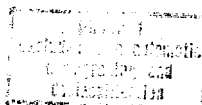
MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member USIB

SUBJECT: NIS Committee Report on FY67 and  
FY68 Production Forecast

REFERENCES: a. USIB-M-369, 4 February 1965  
b. USIB-D-51.1/8, 28 August 1963

1. In the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Program we have a systematic and continuous interdepartmental program which one of the first National Security Council directives established in 1948 to provide the Government with coordinated intelligence on the basic and relatively unchanging characteristics of foreign countries. Production of NIS utilizes the specialized know-how and capabilities of Government components which include not only those in the intelligence community but several non-USIB agencies as well.

2. In 1963 USIB conducted a thorough review of the NIS Program and by reference (b) assumed responsibility for establishing priorities for NIS production and was the basis for the Board's action in reference (a) requesting an annual forecast. The NIS Committee memorandum of 2 March 1966, therefore, gives USIB an agreed forecast of NIS production, broken down by world regions.



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3. The Forecast extends for the two years the pattern of NIS production by topics and countries which USIB previously approved for FY 1966. Africa continues to rank first with some 23% of the forecast coverage; Latin America is second with 22%. The one-volume General Survey at a continued rate of 30 per year will represent nearly 60% of the forecast coverage. The pattern of priorities reflects the USIB view that the Program should emphasize General Survey coverage with selective supplementary coverage determined by the significance with which that topic applies to a particular area.

4. In the column on the extreme right, "Totals by area", the forecast shows NIS coverage; i. e., each country times the topics devoted to it, with each General Survey counted as 8 topics. The actual published units will be less because of the multi-topic General Surveys and combining of countries in certain supplementary units. The approximately 115 countries shown are those on which there will be some production during the two years, and do not include all 140 countries. Dates show what topical NIS units have been published on each of the countries, with the overlay indicating forecast revision.

5. I recommend that USIB approve the recommended priorities in planned NIS production for FY67 and note the projected program for FY68.

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