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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIS Recipients

FROM   : National Intelligence Survey Committee
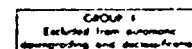
SUBJECT   •   : NIS User Questionnaire

1. National Intelligence Survey Program emphasis since 1963 has been on the pro-
duction of the single-volume *General Survey* on all areas of national security interest.
Revised periodically, the *General Survey* is supported by detailed topical units produced
on a highly selective basis; it is complemented by the semiannual NIS *Basic Intelligence
Factbook*, which provides interim updating of basic data for all NIS Areas.

2. The attached questionnaire is an integral part of an overall effort to assess the va-
lidity of the current NIS structure and emphasis, to ascertain the utility of the Program,
and to determine how it might better serve user needs. Because the data compiled from
the questionnaire will be critical to future NIS planning, please respond fully and pre-
cisely to all questions that apply to you. The completed questionnaire should be returned
as soon as possible but not later than 1 March 1969 using the envelope provided.

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                                   JAMES A. BRAMMELL
                                        Chairman
                                      NIS Committee

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Date _____

1. Agency _____

   Component/location _____

   Purpose or principal activity (military planning, foreign aid, briefing, research,

   etc.) _____

   Your position (job title) _____

   Your fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty) _____

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2. Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use?   ___ Yes   ___ No

   Do you regularly use it?   ___ Yes   ___ No

3. Receipt of NIS units is:

   ___ Regular and   ___ Irregular, with   ___ Sporadic and
       systematic   some gaps   uncertain

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4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

   a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

     A = Regularly   B = Occasionally   C = Rarely   D = Never

   b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

     1 = Planning and operations   4 = General background and orientation
     2 = Research, analysis, and production   5 = Other (specify) _____
     3 = Briefings

Col. I	Col. II		Col. I	Col. II	
—	— — — —	General Survey (check sections used most frequently) __ Chronology __ Introduction __ Geography __ Transp. and Telecom. __ Sociological __ Political __ Economic __ Scientific __ Armed Forces __ Area Brief __ Summary Map	—	— — — —	Telecommunications
			—	— — — —	Population
			—	— — — —	Characteristics of the People
			—	— — — —	Religion, Education, and Public Information
			—	— — — —	Manpower
—	— — — —	Basic Intelligence Factbook	—	— — — —	Health and Sanitation
—	— — — —	Coasts and Landing Beaches	—	— — — —	Intelligence and Security
—	— — — —	Weather and Climate	—	— — — —	Subversion and Insurgency
—	— — — —	Meteorological Organization and Facilities	—	— — — —	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry
—	— — — —	Topography	—	— — — —	Fuels
—	— — — —	Urban Areas	—	— — — —	Electric Power
—	— — — —	Railroads	—	— — — —	Minerals and Metals
—	— — — —	Highways	—	— — — —	Manufacturing and Construction
—	— — — —	Inland Waterways	—	— — — —	Trade and Finance
—	— — — —	Ports and Naval Facilities	—	— — — —	Armed Forces
—	— — — —	Merchant Marine	—	— — — —	Marine Climate
—	— — — —	Civil Air	—	— — — —	Oceanography

5. In general, do you consider yourself:

___ a. Regular user of NIS publications

___ b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

___ Principal source of information

___ Secondary source

___ Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available

___ Supplies corroborative information

___ Other (specify) _____

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for only infrequent use:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

___ Not readily available

___ Not sufficiently current

___ Too summarized and generalized

___ Too detailed

___ Only marginally related to my needs

___ Needs filled by other publications (specify) _____

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___ NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) _____

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___ Other (specify) _____

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

___ Yes   ___ No   Why? _____

   If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

___ Excellent   ___ Good   ___ Adequate   ___ Marginal

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9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major short-comings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.) _____

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(answer may be continued on the reverse) .

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units? _____

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(answer may be continued on the reverse)

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Signature (optional)

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