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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** The Deputy Director for Intelligence  
The Joint Staff

**SUBJECT:** Priority List for National Intelligence Surveys

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum from Secretary, The Joint Chiefs  
of Staff, SM-472-55 of 20 June 1955

1. It is requested that Enclosure to reference memorandum be re-examined at the earliest practicable date with the view to revising the Priority List of NIS Areas to reflect current requirements of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This revised Priority List will serve as the basis for planning NIS production and maintenance schedules for the next three years.

2. I have been advised by the Chairman, NIS Committee, that the members from State and Defense Agencies recommend the assignment of Priority Group II to all NIS Areas in Africa in order to step up the collection and production of basic intelligence on an area of increasing importance.

3. For your information there is enclosed the NIS Production Status Report showing percentage completion of NIS by areas as of 30 June 1957.

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**Enclosure:**  
NIS Production Status Report

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## STATUS OF NIS PRODUCTION

Initial coverage as of 30 June 1957

All published NIS elements are under active maintenance

No.	Name	PERCENT COMPLETE	No.	Name	PERCENT COMPLETE
4	Netherlands	100%	43A	Cambodia	88
5	Belgium	100	41A	North Korea	87
6	Luxembourg	100	40	Mongolia	87
7	Denmark	100	43B	Laos	86
8	Portugal	100	17	Italy	85
9	Spain	100	105	Pacific Basin	83
10	Norway	100	3	France	82
11	Sweden	100	2	Ireland	80
14	Poland	100	43C	North Vietnam	80
18	Czechoslovakia	100	43D	South Vietnam	78
21	Yugoslavia	100			75
23	Bulgaria	100	38	Burma	75
26	U.S.S.R.	100	86	Venezuela	75
27	Turkey	100			73
28A	Syria	100	46	Tunisia	71
28B	Lebanon	100	100A	Rep. of Indonesia	69
30	Iraq	100	20	Albania	68
33	Iran	100	32	Arabian Peninsula	65
36	Pakistan	100	85	Colombia	65
39A	Communist China	100	94	Brazil	64
42	Thailand	100	34	Afghanistan	63
53	Egypt	100	16	Austria	62
65	Alaska	100	100B	Netherlands New Guinea	61
67	Greenland	100	61	South Africa	58
68	Iceland	100	37	Ceylon	56
69	Antarctica	100	15	Switzerland	55
106	Indian Basin	100	44B	British Borneo	55
107	Arctic Basin	100	44A	Malaya and Singapore	53
22	Rumania	97	71	Guatemala	51
39B	Nationalist China	97	77	Panama	50
13A	East Germany	96	47	Algeria	48
29	Jordan	96	55	Ethiopia	48
48	Morocco	96	54	Sudan	47
41B	South Korea	95	90	Argentina	46
12	Finland	93			45
24	Greece	93	50A	Ghana	42
104	Atlantic Basin	92	99	Philippines	41
		90	89	Chile	40
19	Hungary	90	76	Costa Rica	37
35	India	89	25A	Gibraltar	26
		89	25B	Malta	26
49	Libya	88	25C	Cyprus	26

No.	Name	PERCENT COMPLETE
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88	Peru	25%
78	Cuba	25
		25
50B	Nigeria	22
60	Belgian Congo	22
		17
		25X6
81	British West Indies	16
93	Bolivia	15
50C	French West Africa	14
74	El Salvadore	14
51	Liberia	13
56A	Kenya and Zanzibar Prot.	11
56B	Uganda	11
56C	Tanganyika	11
58	Mozambique	10
73	Honduras	9
57	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	8
59	Angola	8
62	Madagascar	8
72	British Honduras	8
87	Ecuador	7
102	Southwest Pacific Islands	6
52	Equatorial Africa	5
98	Hawaiian Islands	5
75	Nicaragua	5
91	Uruguay	5
101	West Pacific Islands	3
95A	British Guiana	3
95B	Surinam	3
95C	French Guiana	3
		2
		25X6
79	Haiti	2
50D	Sierra Leone, Gambia, & Portuguese Guinea	0
63	Indian Ocean Islands	0
64	South Atlantic Islands	0
80	Dominican Republic	0
82	Netherlands Antilles	0
83	French West Indies	0
84	US Possessions in Caribbean	0
92	Paraguay	0
103	South Pacific Islands	0