

Memorandum

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TO : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Area Training

Our reorganization proposal includes reference to area seminars, provided this is a policy decision not within the ken of the task force or myself personally..

Conceptually, I have already expressed myself to you that I believe a "seminar" expert (i.e., on technique of conducting a seminar) with some background in international affairs could run such seminars if they are to be conducted by OTR. I do not believe they should be in a "think tank", as suggested by [REDACTED] but should within an operating unit of OTR.

I also believe that OTR is beginning to delve into the "Large Scale Systems Analysis" which, in effect, would pour into the info science array of data on a given country and produce some strategic findings about it. I do see OTR taking a lead in this effort because we have the Info Science (over)

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of a partnership in new approaches to analytical problems.

25X1A I cannot quarrel with [redacted] basic approach, as far as it goes, except that it omits the one ingredient most bugging our "policy-makers", apparently, i.e., failure of the policymaker and ~~policy~~ analyst to be in touch with each other. Any of these seminars should include appearances by NSC people who can articulate what is wanted. I think that Joe risks not being in contact with current operating relationships between the DDI and NSC, on the one hand, and with the world of systems analysis on the other. His proposal retains the classical, ~~the~~ academic treatment of a subject -- rightly or wrongly, our current situation demands that we "get with it" in a new mode.