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Basic Intelligence Program
Agenda of Requirements to be Considered
by the Ad Hoc Committee

1. This ad hoc committee has been established by direction of the Intelligence Advisory Board to consider the basic intelligence program of IAB No. 1, and the implementation of the National Intelligence Surveys. At this first meeting it is proposed to discuss the general aspects of the basic intelligence program and to determine the specific problems at hand.

2. Under IAB No. 1, the Director of Central Intelligence is charged with the correlation of the basic intelligence program and with the editing, publication and dissemination of the National Intelligence Surveys. He is also responsible for correlating the maintenance program of the National Intelligence Surveys. The Director of Central Intelligence has designated the Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates, to handle this problem for C.I.A. A Basic Intelligence Group has been set up within ORE, the chief of which is designated as ORE's representative on this ad hoc committee. Currently this Group is editing the Defense Project and is preparing to continue the publication of such JANIS as this committee determines shall be completed.

3. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have recently approved the transfer of the personnel and activities of the Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board, which publishes JANIS, to CIA. The Director of Central Intelligence has agreed to accept on 1 October 1947 full responsibility for the JISPB, which will be integrated with the Basic Intelligence Group, ORE.

4. The first problem to be discussed by this committee concerns the JANIS program. Its status as of 22 September 1947 is indicated by separate table, which was distributed to each member at the beginning of this meeting. The Chief of Naval Intelligence has recommended completion of all JANIS on which work has been started. It is necessary that the committee examine

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this problem in light of the new NIS program and determine what JANIS shall be completed under the CIA.

5. The main questions to be determined in respect to the new NIS program are: a) outline, b) allocation of production, and c) establishment of priorities. Each member has been given copies of the JANIS and SID outlines, together with "A Brief Comparison of SID and JANIS Outlines," prepared by the JISPB. Before we get into the details of this subject, I think I should indicate CIA's position vis-a-vis the various IAB agencies in respect to the NIS program. I believe I am correct in stating that CIA's whole approach to the NIS program is one of constructive cooperation. We feel that our job is to effect a meeting of minds on this problem which will produce NIS of the greatest benefit to all concerned. We are not proponents either of SID or of JANIS. We do feel that the NIS should adequately reflect the requirements of all IAB agencies and the Joint Planners. Naturally there must be a practical limit to the amount of intelligence contained in an NIS. Our views might be expressed briefly as follows: that the general NIS should contain a degree of detail sufficient to satisfy all inter-agency requirements. For example, the Naval intelligence contained in an NIS should satisfy generally the requirements of all the IAB agencies except Navy. Additional requirements on Naval intelligence which are needed by Navy could be produced as an annex or supplement to the general NIS and disseminated in accordance with the desires of the Navy Department. In this fashion, both the primary and secondary requirements would be satisfied without including too much detail in the general NIS or omitting necessary material of concern only to the producing agency. Finally, we feel that the outline for the NIS should be sufficiently flexible and comprehensive to deal adequately with the various areas to be covered.


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