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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Science & Technology  
Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Proposed Topics for Memoranda

NOTE

This listing cannot be all-inclusive. Undoubtedly we will be producing additional memoranda on short deadlines to meet requests by the Director and/or policy-making officials. We will also be preparing and circulating staff notes and other highly informal papers within ONE -- and, in some cases to interested analysts elsewhere -- for the purpose of testing hypotheses, stimulating debate and exploring new lines of thought.

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1. THE HUNTINGTON THESIS AND THE REVOLU-  
TIONARY PROCESS IN LATIN AMERICA

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(This will be an effort to review  
and refine the approach taken in the  
NIEs on the Potential for Revolution in  
Latin America [1968 and 1969])

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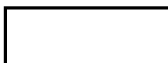
2. BLACK AFRICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UK  
AND THE COMMONWEALTH

December

(This piece will explore the  
changing attitudes of Black African  
states, particularly the ex-British  
colonies, toward the UK. An assess-  
ment will be made of their likely  
policies toward the UK and the Common-  
wealth as the British move toward  
accommodation with White minority  
regimes in southern Africa.)

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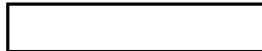
3. REPERCUSSIONS OF THE ATTACK ON GUINEA

December

(The aftermath of the "invasion", as it is likely to affect Sekou Toure's position, black African attitudes towards the West, Houphouet-Boigny's proposal for dialogue with southern Africa, and the psychological impact on Africans of 19th century gunboat diplomacy.)

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4. THE WORLD WATCHES CHILE

December

(The probable course of events in Chile, and particularly their repercussions on neighboring states, on other Latin American Communist parties, Communist parties elsewhere, the US and the USSR.)

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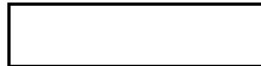
5. THE TOLL OF TIME ON CHINA'S LEADERSHIP

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(We still want to have a try at this subject. Our focus will be on the implications for China of its continuing dependence upon an aged and dwindling band of top leaders.)

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6. INTELLECTUAL PROTEST IN THE USSR

January

(An attempt to look at this particular phenomenon in a new way -- to explore angles and aspects not frequently discussed. How is dissent

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evolving, whom does it involve, and where may it be leading? Is the regime's reaction to it symptomatic of its attitude toward other problems domestic and foreign? Is the regime likely to magnify the problem and does it run the risk of alienating key elements of the Soviet intellectual class [including some within the establishment]? We have read OCI's recent paper of Intellectual Dissent in the USSR, and we feel there is ample room for the different sort of paper we have in mind.)

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7. PROSPECTS FOR YUGOSLAVIA

January

(This will focus of internal and external prospects after Tito. Our view is, we suspect, somewhat less gloomy than that held by many.)

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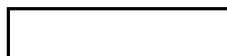
8. INTER-ARAB RELATIONS AFTER NASSER

January

(A first cut at the future shape of the Arab world without its dominating figure of the past 15 years. It will examine the degree of Arab solidarity to be anticipated in the near future; the extent of Egyptian influence in affecting the internal politics and the international relations of other Arab states; the prospects for the so-called union among Egypt, Sudan, Libya, and Syria.)

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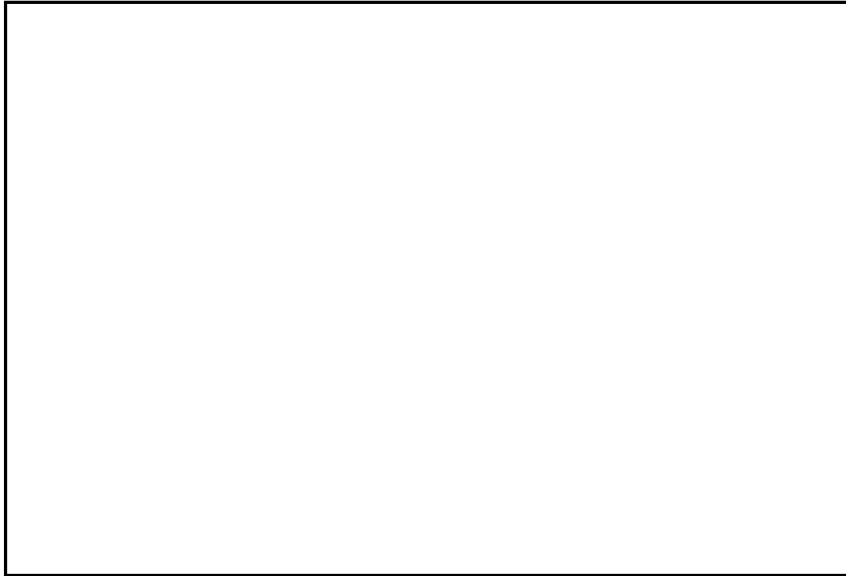
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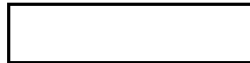
10. PROSPECTS FOR THE MEDICI REGIME IN BRAZIL

January/February

(This memo would discuss the new regime's achievements over the past year, and focus on the problems of the Church-State relationship, the role of the military, and the torture of political prisoners. It would speculate on the development of the government's image, its popularity, social reform, and political institutions.)

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11. TRENDS AND PROSPECTS IN THAI-US RELATIONS

January/February

(A review of events which are beginning to change the tenor of the Thai-US relationship, and some comments on Thai options and choices. This will be a first cut at the proposed NIE on Thailand. We understand that OCI is planning a paper on Thai Foreign Policy, and we hope that that too will be a useful input for the Estimate.

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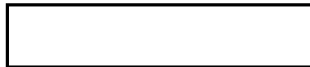
12. PEKING'S STRATEGIC STANCE AND POLICY PRIORITIES

January/February

(This will speculate about the broad strategic concepts probably held by China's top leaders and how recent Chinese advances in technical and military spheres seem to fit or not fit this conceptual pattern. Can we draw any inferences as to future Chinese priorities?)

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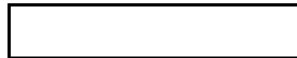
13. THE GDR AND OSTPOLITIK

February

(Brandt's Ostpolitik poses some especially delicate and difficult problems for East Germany; relations with the USSR, the rest of Eastern Europe, and, of course, Bonn itself are involved. This paper would identify the issues and ponder their implications for the future.)

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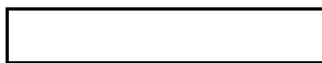
14. NORTHERNERS AND BLACKS IN AFRICA -- WILL ARMED CONFLICT SPREAD?

February

(Arab Sudanese have been fighting a rebellion of non-Muslim blacks for the past seven or eight years; Arabs in Chad trouble Tombalbaye's government; Eritreans, backed by Syria and Iraq, fight for separation from Ethiopia. The memorandum would examine the reasons for the conflicts (including any common factors), the prospects for each, and the likelihood of similar ones elsewhere along the interface between northerners and blacks in Africa.)

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15. PROSPECTS FOR COMMUNIST CHINA IN BLACK AFRICA February/March

(This memo would assess the Chinese prospects for improving their position in black Africa in the light of current initiatives by Peking in diplomacy and economic aid, and the deteriorating relations of some African states with the West.)

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16. LEFT AND RIGHT IN BOLIVIAN POLITICS March

(A look at the "revolutionary" government of General Torres and the significance of "leftist" in the Bolivian context. We will examine the position of the Torres government in relation to the leftist forces /labor and students/ on the one hand and the military on the other hand, and assess the future course of the Torres government and the implications for the US.)

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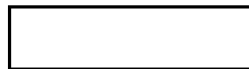


17. MOROCCO AND THE US March

(Publicity about US military installations could trouble US-Moroccan relations. The King is annoyed because the local opposition is using the issue to embarrass him. The timing of this paper would depend on the course of events, including US-Moroccan discussion.)

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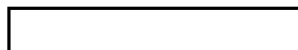


18. TURKEY March

(An update of the domestic political portions of NIE 29.2-70, "Turkey Over the Next Five Years." Demirel retains his position by an uncomfortably narrow parliamentary margin. The paper will assess his and his party's prospects over the next few years.)

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