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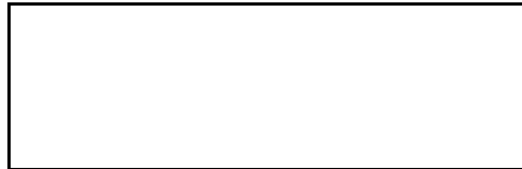
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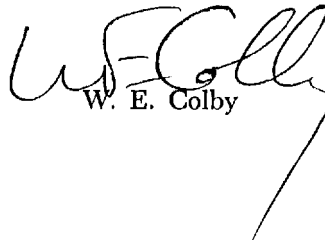


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A Statement from the Director of Central Intelligence

I welcome this first issue of the IC Staff's *Review of National Intelligence* because I see in this new enterprise an opportunity to further the community's efforts to improve the quality of finished national intelligence. I look upon this to a degree as a companion of our *Studies in Intelligence* publication, which also deals, in its own way, with matters affecting and attending the development of intelligence as a profession.

The reviews and critical appreciations which appear here should permit us to identify the strengths and weaknesses of both our coverage of current events and our estimates of longer term developments; the special articles and studies should help us to assess a variety of intelligence matters in a broad community perspective; and the statistical surveys should help us to examine the substantive focus of our efforts, their relationship to the KIQs, trends in production, etc. These at any rate are the hopes of the publisher and, indeed, represent my own expectations as well.


W. E. Colby

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Product Review Division (PRD) of the Intelligence Community Staff regularly reviews a wide variety of intelligence products (the NID, NIB, DIN, Sigint Summary, Interagency Memoranda, DIEs, NIEs, etc.) and evaluates substantive coverage in all of the major categories of intelligence production—current, estimative, and basic.

PRD's findings have hitherto been presented only in special surveys (e.g., post-mortem reports) and in informal reports to individual addressees. This new publication, The Review of National Intelligence, brings the work of product review to bear on a broader set of interests and concerns and presents PRD's findings to a larger, community-wide audience. Our fundamental purposes in this enterprise are wholly constructive: to develop a series of extensive—and unique—files concerning various aspects of intelligence and intelligence processes; and to provide the kind of critical appreciation of published intelligence which will be of value to the DCI, to USIB, and to the actual producers of intelligence. Our emphasis in this first issue is on the review of current publications, but we plan in future issues to provide full coverage of a diverse array of finished intelligence issuances.

Your comments concerning this publication, its contents, or, indeed, on any matter of interest to the production community, will be most welcome. Please address them (with permission to re-print them in this journal, if appropriate) to the Chief, Product Review Division, ICS, Room 6 E 04, Headquarters Building.

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