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TO : Chief, Estimates Staff  
FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
SUBJECT: Liason with O/SO

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I think it may be of some interest to Dr. Langer that O/SO, according to my own experience, is dissatisfied with the fact that it is from time to time requested to assist O/NE in the preparation of its estimates.

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On 1 May during the preparation of a memorandum on the Iranian situation for the NSC, and on the instructions of Dr. Langer that I obtain the views of other CIA office#s, I went to Dr. [REDACTED] in O/SO. Although Dr. [REDACTED] allowed me to confer with O/SO's Iranian specialists, he did so with very poor grace. During my conversation with him he indicated that:

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- (a) O/SO was being overburdened with requests from O/NE.
- (b) O/SO personnel were not paid to "estimate", but to produce facts.
- (c) O/SO personnel had more than they could do to keep up with their own jobs, and didn't have time to help O/NE to do its job.

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Mr. [REDACTED], who was also present in Dr. [REDACTED] office, added comments to the same effect. Dr. [REDACTED] also objected to the fact that earlier in the day I had attempted (although unsuccessfully) to get into direct touch with Mr. [REDACTED], head of the Near Eastern division, when I was unable to get hold of him [REDACTED]. When I explained that, so far as I was aware, I was simply going through a procedure which had been in effect for several years between O/RE and O/SO, Dr. [REDACTED] claimed that that was quite a different situation. He stated that he was going to get in touch with Dr. Langer and [REDACTED] to discuss the matter.

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I should like to add that the Iranian specialists whom I eventually saw were most helpful and cordial and offered to assist us whenever we thought they could do so.

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