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## Office of Global Issues

The Office of Global Issues' planned research for 1983 comprises seven cross-cutting and seven Office themes. The program was developed around what we perceive to be the major international issues to which this Office can make a unique intelligence contribution.

The US faces growing foreign competitive challenges to its historical leadership in industry and technology. OGI research on Foreign Industrial Competitiveness will explore the strategies used by foreign governments to strengthen the competitiveness of their industries and will examine industry-targeting practices, which may be a key subject at upcoming General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) meetings. Other research will examine the underlying factors that affect the international competitive environment and will attempt to assess the likely future environment for industries and technologies judged crucial to the US.

A second cross-cutting issue to which this Office will commit significant resources in 1983 is International Borrowing and Lending. The repayment difficulties of several large LDC and European debtors have heightened policymakers' concern about the stability of the international financial system. OGI research will address the ability of strategically important LDCs to attract the loans necessary to maintain politically tolerable

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growth rates and the ability of the international financial system to cope with LDC and East European financial problems. As part of this research, we will also be examining the relationship between international financial problems and industrial country/LDC economic recovery. This will also be touched on in an office theme, Third World Economic Issues.

Political Instability and Insurgency, an office issue, and International Terrorism, a cross-cutting issue, together commit OGI's Instability and Insurgency Center to roughly 20 scheduled projects in 1983, with 10 additional papers in the exploratory category. Because US policymakers need to know which countries are ripe for revolution or insurgency, a quarterly publication will be devoted to indications of political instability in key Third World countries; work will stress the development of cross-country as well as country-specific indicators. The Geography Division will examine the geographic dimension of the political instability equation through studies of boundary and territorial disputes as well as demographic and settlement issues. Terrorism research will continue to stress government countermeasures, terrorist group linkages and patron-state support,

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Other Directorate-wide cross-cutting issues to which OGI will contribute include World Trade Policies and Mechanisms, Nuclear Proliferation, International Narcotics, and The USSR in the Third World; the focus of the USSR in the Third World effort

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Soviet presence and influence. We will also be devoting considerable attention to the issue of international energy security, as well as to conventional weapons proliferation. The following is a list of the issues, in order of presentation, that make up OGI's research program:

Foreign Industrial Competitiveness

International Borrowing and Lending: Country and Systemic Risks

Political Instability and Insurgency

International Terrorism

Third World Economic Issues

World Trade Policies and Mechanisms

The USSR in the Third World

International Energy

Geographic and Transportation Issues

World Resources and Commodity Markets

Nuclear Proliferation

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International Narcotics

Conventional Weapons Proliferation

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