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Some of the problems our survey must consider are:

1. Is a proper distinction made in OSI between scientific and technical intelligence?

2. Is this distinction made in the other services?

3. Does OSI have proper liaison and obtain proper support from the other services? If not, what can be done about it? (See attached "Collection Activities")

4. What are OSI collection techniques and sources? Are their requirements properly set forth and what can be done to improve them?

5. Is an implementation of foreign collection desirable and how?

6. Within CIA, are collection and evaluation functions relating to scientific intelligence properly coordinated?

7. Within CIA, is the system of determining priorities in collection satisfactory? Should these priorities be reviewed by the Director as set up by the Assistant Directors after receiving them from NSC?

8. Have OSO and OO proper technical guidance?

9. Do we ask private agencies in this country to evaluate scientific data? Should we do so? (Can the burden, for example, be spread by having certain segments of the field processed by interested corporations?)

10. Is the relation with SovMat satisfactory? Does OSI give it sufficient scientific support?

11. Is there sufficient coordination so that ORR picks up at the technical stage where OSI leaves off?

12. Does OSI have document collection independent of FDD?

13. In the field of Russian scientific literature:

    a. Is there adequate cataloging?

    b. Are the linguists and the analysts close enough together?

    c. Is the FDD abstract the best scanning for OSI or should the analysts have the translated tables of contents where available?

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15. Do we now have IAC intelligence production schedules and just what does this mean?

16. Is the JAEIC set-up satisfactory? Is it necessary?

17. Can OSI, as presently constituted, fulfill the functions

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18. Is there too great a time lag in the support received from other Agencies - Army, for example? Do we have direct contact with the Army specialists holding an ID library document or must we wait until the document comes back through channels?

19. Have we high powered enough scientific brains in OSI? In SIC?

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On 5 October 1950 an ad hoc committee in OSI recommended

a monthly publication listing the tables of contents of all

foreign periodicals in lieu of the FDD "Periodical Abstracts,"

in order to confine abstracting and translating to specific

requests made by the intelligence departments. The intention

was to remove a substantial translating load from FDD and

permit great exploitation of Russian scientific and technical

books. A program for this exploitation was outlined on

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