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CHARTER FOR REVIEW PANEL

1. There is hereby established a full-time Review Panel in the Office of the Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment (DD/NFA). The Panel will consist of such members as the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) may appoint. It will be provided with a Secretariat and necessary administrative support by the National Foreign Assessment Center (NFAC).

2. The role of the Panel is to provide an independent, collegial, and substantive review of major intelligence products of both the Intelligence Community and the National Foreign Assessment Center, with a view to improving the usefulness of those products to US Government policymakers.

3. For this purpose the Review Panel shall:

- a. Assist the DD/NFA and the DCI in reviewing major upcoming products at appropriate stages in their preparation.
- b. Conduct post-audits of finished intelligence and production processes on its own initiative or at the request of the DCI or DD/NFA.
- c. Assist the DD/NFA in the overall planning of intelligence production and the allocation of analytical resources.
- d. Provide the DCI and the DD/NFA with such recommendations as the Panel deems appropriate, from time to time, for the improvement of the overall intelligence process.
- e. Undertake such special studies or reviews as the DCI or DD/NFA may direct.

4. In performing its functions, the Panel may interact with other evaluation efforts, internal and external to the CIA, designed to appraise the intelligence process, the quality of its production, and the extent to which the intelligence needs of the Government are being met. For this purpose, the Review Panel may informally survey senior policymaker reactions to intelligence products.

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