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MEMORANDUM FOR: RECORD

SUBJECT : Informal NSC Staff comments on Estimates
Program for Second Half, 1959

1. As has happened frequently in the past, NSC staff did not have many major comments. The following comments were provided via Mr. George Weber who usually handles this account.

2. With respect to timing of our estimates, they urged that the Antarctica NIE be published in time for Planning Board and NSC consideration in connection with their discussion of the US government organization in this field. Since Far East review is now underway we are urged to keep on schedule with the China paper and if possible push it up a week. Since policy on Africa South of the Sahara will be reviewed in the fall, it was suggested that we schedule our Central, East, and South Africa NIE for September rather than October.

3. As for additional estimates, OCB will probably recommend review of the 1954 policy on Finland. NSC staff again queries whether an estimate could be undertaken but recognizes that this is marginal. OCB is now considering the implications arising from the oil strikes in Libya and suggests that these will have some major international and domestic repercussions which might merit NIE treatment. State has already produced a good paper on this. Weber further queried whether an NIE on Brazil wouldn't be worthwhile (our last was in January 1957) instead of Peru, in view of the alarming reports.

4. In addition it was suggested that we hold to a September schedule on Cyprus and consider the situations in Spain and South Korea for estimative treatment. These last were tentative individual suggestions.



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