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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination

SUBJECT: Inclusion of "Translation" in the "Dissemination" Category for the Survey of Intelligence Budgets

REFERENCE: Memorandum of Conversation, dated 2 December 1953, subject: "Survey of Intelligence Budgets: Categories"

1. It is noted that "translation" is included in the category of "dissemination" in paragraph 5 of the attachment to reference memorandum.

2. The ability of an intelligence officer to translate a foreign language into English is a tool which enables him to collect foreign intelligence information from the mass of foreign publications available. It is the tool of the collector and is in no way connected with the function of dissemination.

3. In view of the many ways in which linguistic ability is used for the collection of intelligence throughout the Agency, it would seem to me that a budgetary segregation for "translation" would be impossible.

a. A fair proportion of Contact Division's output results

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b. FBID listens to foreign language broadcasts, translates them into English and forwards the results to Washington for processing.

c. ORR has many researchers who read foreign language publications.

d. FI has innumerable intelligence officers who work in foreign languages, part of which is translation.

e. Foreign Documents Division expends part of its time on translation but the major part on exploitation.

4. It is recommended that "translation" not be included in any category. However, if it must be itemized, it is recommended that it be placed in its proper category -- "Collection".

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION -- Meeting held in CIA, 1 December 1953, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Survey of Intelligence Budgets: Categories

REFERENCES: IAC-M-129, Items 1 & 2 and Resume Circulated by the Bureau of the Budget at IAC Meeting, 17 November 1953; Memorandum of Conversation on same subject dated 20 November 1953

PARTICIPANTS: Colonel George R. Gretser, G-2
Colonel Lawrence E. Shaw, G-2
Mr. James H. Ennis, State Department
Mr. Sidney Buford, State Department
Commander E. E. Cragg, ONI
Colonel Donald H. Ainsworth, AFOIN
Lt. Colonel Thomas C. McGuire, AFOIN
Colonel John G. Ondrick, JIG
Dr. Charles Reichardt, AEC
Mr. Hart Perry, Bureau of the Budget
Mr. Lyman Hamilton, Bureau of the Budget
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. James Q. Reber, CIA, Chairman

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1. This meeting was held on the suggestion of the Bureau of the Budget in order that, in working out the categories to be used in the survey of intelligence budgets, the result might be as useful as possible to the Bureau and as practical as possible for the agencies. The Deputy Director (Administration), CIA, made the arrangement with the Bureau.

2. The Bureau representatives read the outline attached which represents the area of agreement thus far among the agencies.

3. Mr. Perry indicated his initial disappointment that the categories did not go into more detail, though he recognized after discussion that a more detailed breakdown would almost invariably weaken the basis for comparison among the agencies.

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4. Mr. Perry also inquired whether there could not be a more detailed breakdown under collection, especially in overt collection. It was explained that that, like any further sub-classification, was possible and that the particular figures for overt collection would be composed of adding up the figures broken out for such overt services as [redacted] and the intelligence aspects of the Foreign Service, Military Attaches, etc. 25X1

5. Mr. Hamilton inquired whether a program like NIS could be isolated. The sense of the group seemed to be that in part this was possible. With particular regard to the military sections of NIS, however, it would have to be done arbitrarily, inasmuch as materials for NIS find their way into both current intelligence and estimates and that identifying only those in the organizational elements which edit NIS would give an inaccurate picture.

6. Mr. Perry and Mr. Hamilton said that after considering the paper more thoroughly, they would give their comments to the Chairman by Thursday or Friday of this week and that after a few days for study by the agencies they would be glad to discuss the matter further if that seemed desirable. It was explained to Messrs. Perry and Hamilton that the current plan is to submit the categories for IAC review at its meeting on December 15th, after which presumably Mr. Dulles would transmit them to the Bureau in accordance with the schedule requested by Mr. Macy.

7. Mr. Hamilton pointed out that the results of the Bureau's survey would not be made available to the IAC unless the IAC so requested.

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Attachment

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Suggested Categories for the Survey of Intelligence Budgets

1. The major categories should be restricted to the classical classification of intelligence, namely: collection, production and dissemination.

2. Intelligence activities under the category "production" should be further classified as follows:

a. Political, cultural and sociological
b. Ground Forces
c. Naval Forces
d. Air Forces
e. Economic
f. Scientific and Technical
g. Geographic

3. No attempt should be made to classify "production" or the subdivision of "production" as basic, current, and national intelligence. Such a division, if made, would be unrealistic, inasmuch as in some agencies the employment of personnel on these respective categories of intelligence will vary with the intensity of international relations and crises. There is no formula thus far discovered or used among the agencies which could indicate the actual allocation of resources to those categories of intelligence.

4. The category "collection" should be divided as overt and covert.

5. The category "dissemination" should include screening, reproduction, translation, distribution and libraries.

6. In connection with those activities, whether by intelligence or by operations, which serve purposes other than intelligence, the approximate intelligence cost should be broken out and listed. This is particularly applicable to certain problems in collection, but is not necessarily restricted to collection.

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