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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BERG

SUBJECT: The Handling of Certain Types of NRP Information
 Relevant Especially to the Photographic
 Interpretation Agencies

May I suggest that when you have familiarized yourself with the attached papers that Mr. Mazza and Colonels Worthman, Carter, and Howard and I sit down with you to discuss them.

In a recent discussion with Colonels Worthman and Carter it appears that their preference would be to stay with the conclusion reached by General Stewart in his memorandum. I find this both unnecessary and impractical. I guess the issue really lies in paragraphs a. and b. of my left-hand memo and in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the draft memo to COMOR. If we were to insist on the selected operational messages not going to the PI centers, I suppose we could rewrite the critical information needed in the messages and make it available to the PI centers. In the case of the manuals, if we have included information not needed in the manuals published up to now, I guess we could republish them excluding the information which is mutually agreed does not need to be there. However, to put that type of manual in the BYEMAN System at this juncture after about five years of practice and in view of one of the recommendations of the JIIRG report bearing on this subject would raise an outcry of major proportion. The definition of planning information in c. of my left-hand memo (para 3 of the memo to COMOR) could be, no doubt, modified. At the moment it is language suggested by Colonel Howard which he might wish to refine a bit.

It is interesting that this exercise started with a proposal by DIA which they made in order to meet the needs of c., namely, planning--an area where they had had difficulty in

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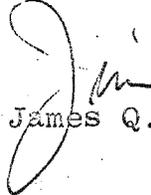
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satisfying their own people with enough BYEMAN clearances. The trend of opinion within the office, beginning with Dr. Flax, has been to rearrange those areas in which DIA was not dissatisfied, namely, operational messages and manuals.

In the course of discussions on this subject, the questions have been raised "Why have a BYEMAN System at all?" or "What's left in the BYEMAN System?". At this point in time, it is quite clear to me that the BYEMAN System or its likes is necessary as long as we require security in the participation of the industrial community. As to the second question, my answer would be "A great deal."

In any event the problem that we must face is the need to develop a security interface with the consumer which enhances his ability to exploit what we select and does not entail unreasonable administrative burdens in achieving that objective.


James Q. Reber

Attachments