

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/3

PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

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FOREWORD

1. Pursuant to NSCID No. 1, paragraph 3, the following list of Priority National Intelligence Objectives (PNIOs) is established as a guide for the coordination of intelligence production, and of supporting research and collection activities. This list replaces that contained in DCID No. 1/3, 24 June 1965, which is hereby rescinded.

2. This listing of priority objectives presupposes that the bulk of the intelligence required for the formulation and execution of national security policy will be the product of normal intelligence collection and research in response to the list of Comprehensive National Intelligence Objectives set forth in DCID No. 1/2. Identified for priority treatment are the most critical substantive problems which confront the intelligence community as a whole.

3. By presenting those intelligence problems likely to persist or develop over the next several years, the present Directive serves as a stable basis for long-term planning on both the development of intelligence resources and the allocation of existing resources. It will be reviewed and revised annually. It will also be supplemented by a quarterly listing of currently critical or potentially critical situations. This supplement, looking forward for six months or so, will seek to anticipate such emergent changes in the situation as might warrant some shift of emphasis in the employment of research and collection resources.

OBJECTIVES

1. Maximum prior warning of impending military attack on the US, on US forces overseas, or on any country which the US is committed to defend.

2. Major changes in the capabilities, posture, deployment, and concepts for employment of Soviet and Chinese Communist strategic military forces, with particular reference to Soviet nuclear delivery capabilities, civil defense activities, Soviet development of new or significantly improved offensive or defensive weapon systems, and Chinese Communist development of nuclear weapons and related delivery systems.

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3. Major changes in the capabilities, posture and concepts for employment of the general purpose forces of Communist countries.
 4. The capabilities, intentions, and efforts of foreign countries to initiate or support subversion leading to internal warfare in other countries.
 5. The Chinese Communist challenge to Soviet hegemony within the International Communist movement and the Soviet response thereto; the impact of this conflict on Sino-Soviet relations, on other interstate relations among the Communist countries, and on Communist parties throughout the world.
 6. Critically important political, economic, and scientific and technical developments in Communist countries;* actual or potential conflicts within the ruling groups; major developments in the external policies of the Communist states.
 7. Soviet nuclear testing activities, especially any indication of intent to conduct tests prohibited under the Test Ban Treaty.
 8. Non-Bloc nuclear energy research and development, production of nuclear materials, and use of such materials for weapons and other purposes; non-Bloc development of guided missiles and other advanced weapons systems.
 9. Important trends in the NATO countries, ~~_____~~
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