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TO: Mr. Egan  
FROM: Mr. W. Wood  
SUBJECT: JUNE 1949 STAFF REPORT

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ATTEN: Mr. A. Sullivan, Mr. J. B. Galloway, Mr. P. A. Sullivan, Mr. J. B. Galloway

On pages 22-23 of the above report, the staff report states that a review of the Intelligence Files of Central Intelligence, from this period, would conclude, perhaps inconclusively, that neither the method, nor the content analysis nor the organization of the staff reports is of a nature, systematic, or scientific. Thus, the report as a whole would not be used, probably disposed of, but more as a general type of reference of the nature of the staff reports of the Intelligence Files of Central Intelligence. It would not be used as a source of information, nor as a source of information, nor as a source of information.

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intelligent guesses because to verify that our  $p$  is close to unity - thus making a high value of  $p$  a poor indicator of the value of the signal to us.

2) RND researchers have performed small-scale controlled laboratory-type experiments with human subjects in situations like the judgement-scale ones discussed under (c) and (d), preceding, and find that the mean value and standard error of  $p$ , and numbers of observations, are as listed for each set of experimental conditions.

3) RND has developed theoretical models for various games played by two opponents who are permitted to give or not to give their opponents certain types of information and finds that certain of these theories explain the results of certain of the experiments referred to in (c) as discussed elsewhere.

I realize that RND research on current analysis methods and their value in the military applications is only beginning, and that it would be unreasonable to expect concluded results like those anticipated by the statements in (c) - (f), preceding. However, I should much prefer to see a reporter or even a recommendation that would lead to statements with such a flavor than to see recommendations now in a staff report that imply that RND's own evaluation is already sufficiently scientific and conclusive to support the application of content analysis.

You will understand, I am sure, that I have made no effort in this memorandum to include either all the arguments, or even the best examples, that I would offer in support of my general thesis: that the staff report neither makes the reader confident concerning the conclusions in light of the evaluation methods implied nor gives the impression that the content analysis work is as all scientific in its approach.

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