MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY J2, PRODUCTION

SUBJECT: New Procedures for OB

1. Now that we are getting our revised format for our revised OB squared away I want to move boldly into a new procedure for determining OB on a weekly basis.

2. What we have got to do is to attrite main forces, local forces and particularly guerrillas. We must cease immediately using the assumption that these units replace themselves. We should go on the assumption that they do not replace themselves unless we have firm evidence to the contrary. The figure of combat strength and particularly of guerrillas must take a steady and significant downward trend as I am convinced this reflects true enemy status.

3. Due to the sensitivity of this project, weekly strength figures will hereafter be cleared personally by me.

4. This directive is effective immediately.

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