
45th Anniversary Special Edition

Foreword

The first issue of the Intelligence Community journal *Studies in Intelligence* was published in 1955. It featured an article by Sherman Kent, a legendary figure in CIA called the “father of intelligence analysis,” who served with great distinction from 1952-1967 as chairman of the Board of National Estimates and as director of the Office of National Estimates. Kent laid out the arguments for studying and treating the analysis of intelligence information as a defined, rigorous discipline with its own criteria and standards. Kent’s 1955 article, reproduced in this Special Edition, eloquently argued “The Need for an Intelligence Literature” by proposing regular production of a journal such as *Studies* to build a body of professional intelligence literature to keep it a “robust and growing discipline.”

Kent’s call was heeded, and *Studies* has endured and prospered for 45 years. Intelligence officers, current and retired, as well as scholars of intelligence—both teachers and students—have been the journal’s lifeblood, writing articles that encompass the entire craft of intelligence—historical, operational, doctrinal, and theoretical.

Studies was a quarterly classified journal until 1992, when an annual unclassified edition—composed largely of unclassified articles from previous classified issues—was added to reach a wider audience beyond the Intelligence Community. Hundreds of scholars in the United States and abroad, as well as CIA Officers in Residence and Faculty Representatives at American colleges and universities, now rely on the journal’s wider publication for thoughtful and thought-provoking articles on topics that are otherwise scarcely covered in regular academic literature.

This Special Edition consists of a noteworthy article from each five-year period in the 45 years that *Studies* has been published. Because of the wealth and quality of material available, we have not labeled these articles as “the best,” although we have tried to represent each major component of intelligence activity—science and technology, analysis, operations, and support. The scope of this collection ranges from broad, policy-relevant topics to more narrowly focused, highly specialized subjects.

Most of these articles were published in the original classified edition, but along with many other articles, are now available in declassified format at the National Archives. Declassified articles from *Studies in Intelligence* are available to researchers at the National Archives as part of the Records of the Central Intelligence Agency (Record Group 263). Contact the Archives II Reference Branch, National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740 or call (301) 713-7250.

The Center for the Study of Intelligence seeks to maintain *Studies* as the premier journal of the Intelligence Community well into the new century. The Editors and Editorial Board welcome comments and opinions as well as scholarship in producing new editions of *Studies*. Contact me, any member of the *Studies* Editorial Board, or the Editorial Staff, for comments, questions, or contributions.

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