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Subject: Re: Document  
Date: September 16, 2014 at 2:11 PM  
To: Frankosky, Julia frankosk@mail.lib.msu.edu  
Cc: [REDACTED], Nicholson, Shawn nicho147@mail.lib.msu.edu



Hi Julia,

This looks like it. Thanks so much.

Best, [REDACTED]

On Sep 16, 2014, at 1:19 PM, Frankosky, Julia <[frankosk@mail.lib.msu.edu](mailto:frankosk@mail.lib.msu.edu)> wrote:

Hello [REDACTED]

I've been working on your question and I've found a document that might be of interest. The citation is: Stanley Feder, "Factions and Policon: New Ways to Analyze Politics," Inside CIA's Private World, 1995 and I've attached a scan of it to this email. This is a reprint from a 1987 article by the same author and title, which was originally published by the CIA in their journal Studies in Intelligence. The footnote at the start of this document states the original citation and that it was originally classified as "secret" and "NoForN" (no foreign nationals). The following quote from the New York Times is what led me to this document:

"In 1987, Stanley Feder, a research political scientist for the C.I.A., published a report analyzing forecasts that Bueno de Mesquita's firm did of political events in 27 countries; he found that the success rate of its predictions was the same as that of the C.I.A.'s own analysts, only more precise. (He "got the bull's-eye twice as often," Feder wrote in his report, which was declassified in 1993. No other reports have been declassified since.)"  
([http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/16/magazine/16Bruce-t.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/16/magazine/16Bruce-t.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)).

I hope that this article is helpful and please let me know if this is not the article that you had in mind and I will keep searching.

Best,  
Julia

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On Sep 15, 2014, at 3:01 PM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com>> wrote:

Thanks!

Much appreciated.

Best, Corey

On Sep 15, 2014, at 12:07 PM, Nicholson, Shawn  
<[nicho147@mail.lib.msu.edu](mailto:nicho147@mail.lib.msu.edu)<<mailto:nicho147@mail.lib.msu.edu>>> wrote:

[REDACTED],

Yes, we shall do our best to locate and point up access options for the document you seek. You will hear from me or perhaps Julia Frankosky, Librarian for Government Publications, by the end of this week.

Cheers,  
shawn

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 6:09 PM

To: Nicholson, Shawn

Subject: Document

Hi Shawn,

I was wondering if your staff could give me a hand locating a particular document. The CIA did a study comparing the accuracy of its analysts forecasts to those of Bruno de Mesquita. The report has been declassified, but I can't find it. I googled it and looked at the Nat Sec Archive but no luck.

Any help would be appreciated.

Best, [REDACTED]

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