The Analyst Cockpit

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(S//SI) You're an analyst. Every day you open up separate tools: email, the calendar, Anchory, AMHS, and the SIRO Press Review. But what if you had one place you could go for all of it? What if you could have a unified query of traffic, references, and open source information? Soon you will, with the Analyst Cockpit.

(U//FOUO) What does the Analyst Cockpit look like, and how does it work? The Analyst Cockpit screen is cleanly laid out. At the top are a few basic hyperlinks and a "Quick Lookup" search engine. Below are the "portlets," or sections, with your profiled retrievals organized by categories. There's also an event history (similar to that used by amazon.com), in case you need to get back to something you've already looked at.

(S//SI) Tools (dictionaries, Anchory, SIRO Press Review, etc.) get hooked up to the cockpit. Getting to the tools is easy; there's only one sign-on. When you log in, the system will first authenticate you. Then the information YOU need will appear before you. What comes up on your screen will be tailored, using portal technology, so that you won't have to do the extraction. You simply customize your profile, and it does the rest. For example, as it is now, you might call up the SIRO Press Review to see if there's any news on your target country. You then have to scan the whole document to see if your country shows up. With the Analyst Cockpit, you'll only see the section on your target. In addition, news on your target country will appear together in one portlet from a variety of sources: the SIRO Press Review, Video News Service, Global SIGINT Highlights, etc. Having these results all together will provide a more mission-driven cockpit.

(TS//SI) Some other features of the Analyst Cockpit include:

- Click and Send: This will provide "hooks" between two tools. For example, you can look up a phone number, then update a database or task the number.
- A Shopping Cart: You can save items to work on later. Customization/Personalization: Customization is what you'll see based on your work role.
- Personalization is your tailored view of how you want to see everything.
- Freeform Work Area: This is a workspace where analysts can gather, analyze, and share information.

(S//SI) This April, 28 users will begin testing the new Analyst Cockpit prototype. In September, there will be 150 analysts testing it. This is a prototype, but it will form the basis for the real version that you'll be able to use in the fall of 2004. If you'd like to see a demonstration, you may register for any of the "Open Sessions" in April at: [Redacted]

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