

staff for the production of economic and geographic intelligence on nations in the Communist orbit is, I believe, unsurpassed within the United States Government, among friendly foreign intelligence services and generally within the academic community of this country.

Despite the obstacles to personnel recruitment imposed by security restrictions and a requirement for professional anonymity, Dr. Guthe has drawn together a group of talented and dedicated economists, geographers, industrial specialists, historians and others in response to the current requirements for intelligence preparedness with which the United States Government is confronted. This group is called upon to produce intelligence on virtually every sector of the Communist economy and the reports developed frequently communicate data of urgent significance for guidance to those at the top governmental level who must make the decisions in foreign and military policy.

At the same time that Dr. Guthe has directed his own organization he has been Chairman of the Economic Intelligence Committee. This Committee, functioning under the United States Intelligence Board, coordinates the production of economic intelligence by the various agencies comprising the intelligence community. Patient and invariably gracious, yet always confident and confidence-inspiring, Dr. Guthe has carried on these responsibilities for interdepartmental coordination with great effectiveness. He has been influential in reducing the previous duplication of tasks among departments and agencies and in establishing higher standards in the quality of economic intelligence reporting throughout the government.

In summary, Dr. Guthe's work is a contribution of the first rank in answer to the need for economic and geographic intelligence for current and long-range planning for the national security. The substantive accomplishments for which he is responsible are of inestimable importance in the decision-making process as it relates to our national policy. Because these accomplishments so definitely reflect his leadership, his wisdom and his profound knowledge, I commend to the Selection Committee Dr. Guthe for the honor of a Rockefeller Public Service Award.

Sincerely,

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1924-27 University of Michigan, AB - Geology
1927-28 University of Michigan, MA - Geography
1928-33 University of Michigan, Ph.D - Geography

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1929-1935 Instructor, Department of Geography, University of Michigan
1935-1937 Geographer, Tennessee Valley Authority
1937-1941 Member of Staff and later Assistant Chief, Division of Climatic and Physiographic Research, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture
1941-1947 Assistant Chief, Division of Geography and Cartography
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1947-1953 Chief, Geographic Division, Central Intelligence Agency
1953 to date Assistant Director for Research and Reports, Central Intelligence Agency

V Additional Assignments

1943-1945 Vice Chairman of the Division of Geology and Geography,
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- 1945 Advisor to the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco
- 1946 Advisor on U. S. Delegation to the Council of Foreign Ministers in London and Paris
- 1951-1953 Vice Chairman of the U. S. Board on Geographic Names
- 1944-1952 U. S. Delegate or Observer to the following international conferences:
- U. S. Delegate, 2nd Pan-American Consultation on Cartography, Rio de Janeiro (August 1944)
 - U. S. Observer, British Commonwealth Survey Officers' Conference, London (August 1947)
 - U. S. Observer, 4th Pan-American Consultation on Cartography, Buenos Aires (October 1948)
 - Delegate to 16th International Geographical Congress, Lisbon (April 1949)
 - U. S. Observer, 1st Pan-American Consultation on Geography, Rio de Janeiro (September 1949)
 - Observer, Portrex Exercise, Caribbean (March 1950)
 - Delegate, Vth General Assembly, Pan American Institute of Geography and History, Santiago, Chile (October 1950)
 - U. S. Observer, British Commonwealth Survey Officers' Conference, London (July 1951)
 - Delegate, Third Pan American Consultation on Geography, Washington, D. C. (July 1952)
 - Delegate, 17th International Geographical Congress, Washington, D. C. (August 1952)
 - Delegate, Vth Pan American Consultation on Cartography, Ciudad Trujillo (October 1952)
- 1956 U. S. member of the Commission of Experts to Investigate the Italo-Yugoslav Boundary

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