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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S.J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans *050/0*

SUBJECT: ~~"The Great Ten Years"~~, Reclassification and Distribution of.

1. The book, "The Great Ten Years (Statistics of Economic and Cultural Achievement)", written in the Chinese language, that you recently sent to the Director of Central Intelligence is potentially a very valuable document. We would like to include much information from this document in Chapter VI of the National Intelligence Survey on Communist China; contributions to important economic sections of the survey are due in April and August of this year. Information from the document is also needed for other significant studies on the development of the Chinese Communist economy. The top secret classification you have assigned this document unfortunately limits severely the uses to which we may put information from it; we cannot, for instance, use the information in the National Intelligence Survey on Communist China, which is classified secret. We request, therefore, that you give your approval to downgrade the document to a classification no greater than secret. We will insure through the use of controls that information taken from the document and incorporated in finished intelligence estimates does not reach foreign powers.

2. We further request that you approve the publication by our Foreign Documents Division of an English translation of this document; the source of the document will of course not be disclosed, and the document will be classified "SECRET/NOFORN" to prevent its being inadvertently given to officials of another country. We will limit the number and distribution of the copies in whatever way you require, but we ask that you approve distribution of the translation of the document to State, Army, Navy, AEC, and NSA.

3. In connection with this request we want to point out that we believe your source will be fully protected. Any one of several foreign diplomats in Communist China or the economists of Soviet satellite states who frequently visit China could have gotten the document. We think this is plausible because the document may be purchased in Communist China for three Chinese dollars, and because the document apparently has already reached the western world through other channels,

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although we have not yet been able to secure a copy. A five and one-half page article appearing in the December 1959 issue of a newsletter published by a British society known as the Association for International Trade and entitled, "China's Foreign Trade, 1949-1959," credits this document as the source of the information it contains. Publications printed in Communist China and available in the West, notably Reading (Tushu) and New China Fortnightly Review (Hsinhua Panyueh K'an), have also referred to and described in some detail the material in the document you sent us.

4. We would very much appreciate your affirmative reply to our request for the downgrading of this document from top secret and your approval to our publishing an English translation:



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