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Contribution to the OCI Requirements List (PRL) for the Far East,
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A. Communist China

Economic

1. Recent reporting indicates that Communist China has discovered and developed large deposits of borax in the past several years. Evidence also is available indicating that in 1958 substantial quantities were exported to other Bloc countries. (S)

2. Poland is the only Soviet Bloc country now authorized to obtain boron products from the Free World under COCOM policy. In order to assess import requirements of the Soviet Bloc, particularly of Poland, for borax, it would be helpful to ascertain the following information. (S)

a. How much is Communist China exporting and to what countries? Provide detailed data on such shipments for 1958 and 1959, including quantities, grades of products, and prices. (S)

B. Hong Kong and Macao

Economic

1. Agencia Commercial Progresso (ACP) of Hong Kong and Macao (owner: Stanley HO) is one of the most constant suppliers of embargoed items to Communist China. The majority of ACP's imports eventually reach Communist China by devious means: resale to Communist Chinese purchasing agencies or other firms that immediately resell to China; bribery, smuggling, and falsification of documents. The firm has been denied US licensing privileges and recently one of its largest suppliers [REDACTED] 25X6A

[REDACTED] of automotive spare parts and US surplus military equipment also has been placed on the US denial list. ACP will probably continue circumventing US and COCOM export controls by utilizing "cover" firms or devising other means to obtain these strategic commodities. (S)

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a. Provide information on Agencia Commercial Progresso's (ACP) procurement of strategic commodities from the West. Identify contacts or "cover" firms and/or other methods utilized by the firm to obtain such imports. (S)

b. Report evidences of ACP's transshipment of these commodities to Communist China, including origin, quantities and description of the goods, other firms or individuals involved in the transactions, financial and shipping arrangements, routing, and documentation utilized. (S)

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