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CONCLUSIONS

1. Availability of Chinese Communist publications in Japan is greater than previously known. Exploitation of this market to its full potential will depend entirely on availability of personnel to do it.

2. Availability of Chinese Communist publications in Hong Kong is good, but they are expensive as getting them in to Hong Kong is primarily a smuggling operation. [REDACTED] Consulate-General needs one additional officer and at least one clerical to handle the work properly.

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3. Possibilities of obtaining North Korean publications in Tokyo are promising, but a full-time publications procurement officer in Tokyo is required to follow-up on this project and to maintain the program on Chinese and Japanese publications.

4. Coordination of procurement activities of all U.S. Government agencies in Japan and in Hong Kong is essential. Although initial steps have been taken by establishing procurement committees, vigorous and continuous leadership will be necessary for full implementation of the program.

5. The Embassy at Saigon has very limited procurement capabilities.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In view of the relatively low priority assigned to this program in the staffing of the Foreign Service, and in view of the special capabilities

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- a. Publications Procurement Officer slots be filled by personnel [REDACTED] necessary clerical support.

- b. [REDACTED]

- c. [REDACTED]

- d. [REDACTED] the Foreign Service Officer now performing these duties, thus making him available for reassignment as an Interrogations Officer for which he was specially trained.

- e. The responsibility for publications procurement [REDACTED] 25X1A7b

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2. [REDACTED]

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INTRODUCTION

In furtherance of the mission assigned to the DCI by NSCID-16 to coordinate the procurement of foreign language publications, a survey trip to the Far East was made during the period 21 October--21 November, 1954. The trip was made by the following CIA personnel, traveling as representatives of the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Deputy CIA Librarian and Chairman,
Procurement Subcommittee, NSCID-16

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[REDACTED], Chief, Acquisition Section, Foreign
Branch, CIA Library

In implementation of an agreement between the DCI and the Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State, the Foreign Branch, CIA Library (IAD/FP) serves as the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in matters of centralized procurement and distribution of foreign language publications through Foreign Service channels; therefore the mission of the survey team included a study of procedures, capabilities and problems of the posts visited as far as they concerned procurement and processing of publications. In addition, under the general responsibilities for IAC coordination, appropriate Army, Air, [REDACTED] were visited.

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Of the 31 days covered by the trip, 10 days were spent in Tokyo, 1 day in Seoul, 10 days in Hong Kong, 2 days in Saigon, and the remaining 8 days in travel.

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JAPAN

Publishing and Bookselling in Japan

25X6A Major publishers in Japan are concentrated in the Tokyo area and include the national government and its various ministries, private or institutional research institutes, commercial organizations, and various groups of foreign nationals; however, many publications of use to U.S. government agencies are published [REDACTED] Bookselling and the publications distribution system are scattered among hundreds of small shops, none of which carry comprehensive collections of all new publications.

25X6A Procurement problems are complicated by this decentralized distribution system and successful procurement requires the development of many contacts and travel to the places where publications desired can be obtained. Some examples will serve to illustrate this point: (a) [REDACTED] 25X6A

[REDACTED] these are not [REDACTED]

25X6A (b) Research institutes in general do not place their studies on open sale, but distribute them to members of the institute on an annual membership fee basis; (c) Korean nationals living in Japan publish newspapers in their own language, but these are usually for sale only at newsstands or railway stations in areas of Korean residential concentration; and (d) Communist literature is sold on the streets sub rosa by mobile peddlers.

Organization for Publications Procurement in Japan

25X1A9a American government agencies engaged in publications procurement in Japan include the Army, the Air Force, the Embassy [REDACTED] The concentration is on publications from Communist China or concerning Communist China, but important Japanese publications are also obtained.

American Embassy, Tokyo

25X1A6a In September, 1954, Mr. Charles Ferguson was assigned to the Embassy as full-time Map and Publications Procurement Officer. Prior to his arrival procurement was handled on a specific order basis only by the Embassy Librarian, Mrs. Yamamoto and by General Services. In the short time he has been there, Mr. Ferguson has determined that Tokyo is a fertile field for procurement of Chinese publications and has developed a number of valuable contacts. His working relationships with the Army and the Air Force are excellent, [REDACTED] With the exception of his lack of knowledge of either Japanese or Chinese language, he is admirably equipped by education, experience, temperament, and initiative to perform this function in a superior manner. His language deficiency can be compensated for with local assistance.

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Mr. Ferguson has made arrangements with several Tokyo bookstores to provide him with lists of available publications and to bring in on approval all new publications which might be of interest. In addition, he obtains sample copies of all new periodicals for transmission to Washington where they may be brought to the attention of research offices and subscriptions placed if desired.

The PPO's position in the Embassy is somewhat difficult as the function has a very low priority in the total picture of Embassy activity. The attitude seems to be that anything not political or economic is "peripheral" and collection of information and publications on China is not particularly important to the Tokyo Embassy. However, it is believed that this attitude can be changed as the PPO is able to demonstrate that his activity can provide benefits and assistance to Embassy personnel as well as to Washington.

In addition to requirements for Chinese publications, the team briefed PPO on the need for North Korean newspapers and periodicals. He will explore his sources for such items and forward them if obtainable.

Army

G-2, AFPE, and its subordinate organizations, the 500th Military Intelligence Group, and CIC, have the responsibility for procurement and processing of publications for the Army. Their efforts have been seriously affected during the past year by personnel reductions and by a lack of funds for purchase of publications. Some slight improvement in the funds situation has taken place recently with an allocation of Yen 15,000 (\$42.00) per month for Chinese publications, but there seem to be no prospects for betterment of the personnel situation.

Exploitation efforts of 500th MIG are at present limited to four programs:

- (a) A continuing translation of Tairuku Mondai (Asiatic Mainland Affairs)
- (b) Translation of Peoples Daily (Peking)
- (c) Spot translations on request for local use (There is no outside dissemination of these translations.)
- (d) Support of NIS studies

The 500th MIG has a list of 60 Chinese mainland periodicals and newspapers they are trying to get, but only 4 or 5 have been obtained. PPO will be kept informed of progress and may be in a position to assist in procurement.

Psychological Warfare Section, AFPE, wants Chinese publications but has not obtained many. They depend on 500th MIG primarily. Arrangements were made for Psy War to examine copies of the PPO's transmittal lists and in exchange Psy War will keep PPO informed of their receipts.

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The 6002d AISG has recently discontinued reporting results of their exploitation of open literature on ICF, Treasure Island, or China Project forms. All reporting is now done on the regular Air Intelligence IR reproducible form.

Col. Cook reported that their receipts of Chinese newspapers were "pretty good" and of Chinese periodicals "spotty". The Survey Team examined Kardex records of receipts and found that they were receiving very little more recent than those received in Washington. Arrangements were made for PPO, Tokyo, to receive accessions lists and pass them on to Washington. Any issues received by 6002d and not received in Washington will be filmed on request.

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Coordination

Meetings were held by the survey team with appropriate members of the Army installations representing G-2, AFPE, Military Branch, Psychological Warfare, Security Group, and the 500th Military Intelligence Group; with the Commanding Officer, 6002d Air Intelligence Service Group and members of

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his staff; [REDACTED] The PPO was present at all these meetings, except one. In each case, the Washington organization under NSCID-16 was explained and the publications requirements of IAC agencies discussed. In all cases, there was complete willingness to cooperate on the part of all concerned.

In an area such as Tokyo with a number of different agencies engaged in procurement for U.S. intelligence, there is bound to be some overlapping, some duplication, and even some competition for the hard-to-get items. In order to make the most efficient use of personnel, and to use the most effective procurement channels, and to avoid competition, arrangements were made to establish a clearing house for information concerning publications procurement in the office of the PPO. All Army, Air, and [REDACTED] furnish the PPO with lists of publications they acquire and the PPO will furnish them with copies of his transmittal lists to Washington. In addition, the PPO plans to publish a consolidated accessions list for the Tokyo area.

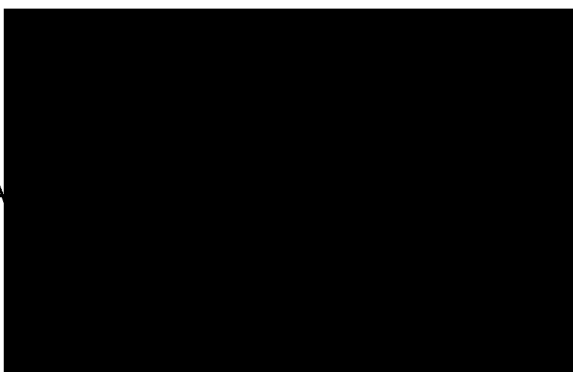
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The following paragraphs indicate problems in Japan and action taken or to be taken to solve them.

Problems

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1. Foreign Branch, CIA Library, will survey Washington interest in such publications and prepare necessary collection and travel instructions.

2. Personnel. The PPO, who is also regional Map Procurement Officer for Southeast Asia, is scheduled to leave Tokyo in January for a 4-months tour on a map procurement mission. There is no one to carry on his PPO work in Tokyo during this absence and arrangements made for him to serve as a center of information and a procurement coordinator of Army, Air Force, State, [REDACTED] in Tokyo will probably break down.

2. (See Action recommendation 5c under [REDACTED] It is suggested for consideration that [REDACTED] serve as PPO in Tokyo during absence of [REDACTED], then proceed to [REDACTED] for his permanent assignment.

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3. Exchange program. PPO has arranged to receive any desired Japanese government publication free from the Diet Library in exchange for U.S. publications specifically requested. The one request the Diet Library made was for the New York Times by airmail.
3. [REDACTED] agreed to have the New York Times sent to the PPO by airpouch to use in this exchange program with the Diet Library and instructed IAD/FP to have it done; however on return to Washington, he learned that State Department regulations prevent more than the copy now being sent to the Ambassador from going by airpouch. Alternative methods are being investigated as it is believed the publications received will more than justify the airpouch costs.
4. Coordination of Requirements. Due to shortage of personnel the PPO cannot perform a breakdown of his shipments to more than one addressee in Washington. If the program is to be successful, a combined subscription list for all Washington agencies is required, rather than individual instructions from a number of agencies. Single fund would be highly desirable with all accounting by agencies done in Washington.
4. It is too late in the year to accomplish this for 1955 subscriptions; however, IAD/FP will attempt to set up procedures for next year which will ensure that all periodical and newspaper subscriptions for State, CIA, NSA, and other cooperating agencies will be submitted in consolidated form to the field with delivery instructions to IAD/FP for subsequent Washington distribution.
5. Security Classification of Instructions. As many local employees both in Embassy and in G-2, AFPE, are not cleared to handle classified materials, instructions and collection guides which are classified are very difficult to use, e.g., ORR's publication "Comprehensive Economic Requirements on China" which is Secret. Could such items be published with only cover and Introduction classified? These could then be removed and the originator not identified and could be placed in the hands of people who might be able to assist the program.
5. Refer to ORR for comment.

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6. Procurement of Publications of Research Institutes. In general, organizations such as China Research Institute, distribute their publications only to members. They are not for sale to the general public.
6. Authorized PPO to pay for one of his bookstore contacts to become a member of any of these institutes when that is the only effective way to obtain desirable publications.

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1. A number of publications concerning problems and effects of A-bomb and H-bomb are being published in Japan. PPO was instructed to buy them and forward for OSI use.
- 25X1A5a1 2. The local employee recently authorized to assist the PPO has been hired and clearance is underway. He is expected to be on duty early in December. His name [REDACTED] and he is fluent in Japanese and Chinese, fair in English. He should be of considerable assistance to the PPO in relieving him of some clerical activity, acting as interpreter, and doing some bookstore scouting. He will not be able to handle any classified matters.
3. The Diet Library will furnish the PPO copies of its accession lists on a regular basis. These lists will include about 80% of the books published in Japan. Deposit laws require all publishers to send copies of their books to the Diet Library but there is no strict compliance. The lists are fairly complete for Tokyo publications but not so good for provincial. The lists will be forwarded to Washington.
4. PPO has no problems with accounting for funds. He has an arrangement whereby he has only to stamp invoices with the proper account, take the invoice to the Disbursing Officer, receive the money, and pay the dealer in cash. The Disbursing Officer handles all details of preparing necessary vouchers and financial reports.
- 25X1A6a 5. PPO is having one of his contacts prepare a current list of all Japanese shops which handle Communist Literature. This list will be forwarded to Washington.
6. PPO was instructed to buy [REDACTED] two copies of all the new dictionaries published in Japan regardless of language.
7. Although not related to publications procurement, the survey team was requested to obtain information on several other activities in Tokyo. Following are answers to questions asked during briefing sessions prior to the trip:
 - a. (ORR) Responsibility for physical geography terrain analysis was transferred to the Engineers 1 March 1954, but programming is still under G-2. G-2, AFPE, has final responsibility for theater level studies on all cultural features. The old terrain study program will be concluded with publications on [REDACTED] now in press. The terrain studies series will be succeeded by a new series called Area Intelligence Studies, the first of which is due for production early

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in 1955. The series will contain intensive studies of critical areas for which the Far East Command has responsibility and will be a joint effort with G-2 writing the basic study, Engineers providing terrain analysis annex, and Air and Navy writing annexes appropriate to their responsibilities. The first priority in this new series is North Korea with Dairen-Mukden-Antung area following.

- b. (ORR) 6002d AISG has limited microfilm facilities, but is willing to film books in the Chinese Research Unit which are not available in Washington, provided attempts to obtain actual copies are unsuccessful.
- c. (ORR) Col. Goerder will follow-up on RD-C-897 and wants information copies of all future requirements placed on military agencies concerning Far East.
- d. (ORR) Information on "Compilation Committee" and the military geology picture in general can be obtained from Donald Dow, USGS.
- e. (ORR) Evaluations of 6002d holdings on USSR and Manchuria not completed. Have over 5,000 books and not enough staff; however, Col. Cook will forward accession lists and will evaluate any of the titles listed on request.
- f. (ORR) Col. Cook reports that the "appraisals" which Paul Icke desired to release to other IAC agencies were published on 20 July 1954 as 6004th AISS IR-738-54 and presumably received IAC distribution.
- g. (IR) PPO, Tokyo, is arranging with a contact in [REDACTED] to obtain Soviet industrial brochures, catalogs, and photographs of the Soviet exposition in Peking next Spring.
- h. (IR) Duplication in ICF reports prepared by 6002d AISG and 500th MIG unavoidable as both used same basic data, Army does field collation and Air Force doesn't. Air Force went over basic data after use by Army to pick up items of specific Air Force interest.

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KOREA

The major purpose of the trip to Seoul was to investigate the possibility of obtaining North Korean newspapers and periodicals which have been generally unavailable to Washington agencies since 1950.

American Embassy

The ad hoc PPO in Seoul has been unable to do much in the way of publication procurement of any kind due to the press of his primary duties as Economic Officer. In fact, no one in the Embassy seems to have time to handle anything except so-called "frantic" projects. The number of personnel is completely inadequate for the job, but cannot be increased as there are no available living accommodations. The lack of linguistic capabilities restricts the effectiveness of the staff in many ways. There are no American personnel in the Embassy who read or speak Korean.

Mr. Gordon Tullock, ad-hoc PPO, will be reassigned to Washington in January. The Embassy should be asked to appoint a replacement.

The administrative staff handles the procurement of South Korean publications on a specific request basis and apparently has no difficulty obtaining them. There is no responsibility and very little interest in the Embassy in procuring either Chinese or North Korean publications.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] CCRAFE, and G-2, 8th Army

These three organizations are considered together as they are all involved in the procurement and exploitation of North Korean publications. Under operational direction of CCRAFE, a limited number of newspapers and periodicals are obtained on a very irregular basis. These are used locally for translation and publication in the North Korean Press Summary and for Psy War and other operational purposes. The final disposition of the original publications is unknown at present as conflicting reports were obtained by the survey team. In Korea it was reported that the publications were forwarded to CCRAFE and ended up with G-2, AFPE, in Tokyo; however [REDACTED] 25X1A6a Tokyo reported that they were held in Korea. These reports will be followed-up with FI/FE and with G-2, DA, in Washington. Both sources overseas believed that the publications could be forwarded to Washington after field use if a proper directive were received.

The team left with [REDACTED] in Seoul the desiderata list of North Korean publications as an indication of Washington requirements. 25X1A6a

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The major difficulty in obtaining North Korean papers stems from the fact that only small editions are published and they are not sold in the open market to any extent. Only government officials and the wealthier classes receive their own copies.

The masses must depend on copies posted on bulletin boards and sides of buildings where they can be read but not carried away.

Note: To add to the confusion concerning the difficulties of obtaining North Korean newspapers, the PPO in Tokyo was able to obtain a nearly complete file of No Dong Sinmun (Labor Daily), a major newspaper, for August and September, 1954, from an open source in Tokyo, with a promise of delivery of future issues. This file was turned over [REDACTED] for 25X1A6a local translation on a one-week loan. It will be forwarded to Washington.

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The North Korean Press Summary mentioned above is a translation project using [REDACTED] It is reproduced on ditto and forwarded to FI/FE, Washington for use and dissemination. It may be that expansion of this project and wider dissemination of the product will obviate the need for Washington exploitation of the North Korean press. This problem will be referred to the NSCID-16 Exploitation Subcommittee.

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HONG KONG

American Consulate

In Hong Kong, Mr. Alfred Harding, was appointed Publications Procurement Officer in July, 1954, after extensive training as a Cantonese linguist. He feels, with some reason, that his training is not being properly utilized in this position. His Section chief agrees and is planning a reassignment if an additional slot for Political Officer, Interrogations, is approved. Meanwhile, Mr. Harding is performing the PPO duties in a capable manner. His major objection to continuing on this job is the fact that his clerical assistance is limited and he must spend considerable time in preparing and filing card records, unwrapping packages and other various duties which could be handled equally well by a local clerk at much less cost.

The Consulate-General proposed a reorganization with some increase in personnel by despatch 441, 7 September 1954. If this proposal is acted on favorably, the situation will be considerably improved and an effective publications procurement program can be carried on. This will be followed up with the Executive Director, FE Bureau in State.

Coordination

25X1A6a Through several conferences arranged by the Survey Team with personnel of the Consulate [redacted] arrangements were made for complete coordination and exchange of information. In addition the Chief, Political Section, will arrange for the establishment of a Procurement Committee consisting of the military liaison officers and appropriate personnel from [redacted] Political Section to work out further coordination on all problems of publication procurement in Hong Kong. 25X1A6a

Notes

1. Receipt of mainland newspapers in Hong Kong was delayed approximately two months during the summer as a result of disastrous floods.
2. PPO buys newspapers and periodicals on an individual issue basis as it is not generally possible to place subscriptions. Price paid depends on availability and on agent used. He has a number of Chinese who know his requirements and bring in items as they can obtain them. PPO maintains a card file record showing agent used, items purchased, and cost. Only the following newspapers can be obtained by subscription in Hong Kong:

Jen-min Jih-Pao, Peking
Kwang-ming Jih-Pao, Peking
Chin-nien Pao, Peking

Tient'in Ta Kung Pao, Tientsin
Nang-fang Jih-Pao, Canton

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3. PPO has made contact with an individual who has access to the Communist Seamen's Union Library. This Library is believed to receive certain mainland publications not available elsewhere, and it may be possible to get them out for a few days at a time for filming.

4. Local arrangements exist in Hong Kong Consulate for access to certain Chinese newspapers [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] These papers are scanned by the Press Monitoring Unit, important articles translated for the Survey of the Mainland Press and then re-

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[REDACTED] to Washington for exploitation by FDD, filmed and re-turned.) In addition to these papers, the Press Monitoring Unit receives some periodicals for retention from this source.

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5. Mr. Harding has friends [REDACTED] who will keep him informed of mainland publications appearing there and will undertake procurement if such action is indicated.

6. Maps. PPO reports there are not many maps available in Hong Kong, but he procures those that come on the market. He needs a supply of map cylinders for mailing them.

7. In order to reduce the reproduction load in Washington, and to make newspapers and periodicals more promptly available to the intelligence community, the PPO was instructed to procure if possible two copies of all Chinese serial publications. A separate instruction will be forwarded listing those titles required in more than two copies.

The following paragraphs outline problems in Hong Kong and action taken or to be taken to solve them:

Problems

Action

1. Prices of hard-to-get publications have been increased unnecessarily by competition among U.S. agencies. It was pointed out by Consulate that teams of officers from Air Force in Japan have descended on Hong Kong from time to time and paid more than Consulate personnel have been offering for similar items. Neither the Consulate nor the Air Force liaison officer in Hong Kong had prior information concerning arrival of these collection teams.

1. PPO, Tokyo, was informed of this situation and was requested to have it discussed by Procurement Committee in Tokyo. It was recommended that any future AF collection team visits to Hong Kong be coordinated with the Procurement Committee in Hong Kong in advance, and that such teams be briefed on the local situation by the Air Liaison officer and appropriate members of the Consulate.

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2. Delay in receipt of publications in Washington renders exploitation almost useless for current intelligence purposes. Regular sea-pouch service very slow as pouch leaves Hong Kong only once every six weeks. Funds available to Consulate will not permit many publications to be sent by air pouch. 25X1A1d 25X1A1d
2. In view of importance of open literature to intelligence research on China, the Consulate was instructed to ship all Chinese newspapers and periodicals by air pouch and was authorized to charge the additional transportation costs to the [redacted] This instruction was confirmed by State, WIROM 1891, 24 November 1954. Air pouch leaves Hong Kong each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
3. It is difficult for the PPO to make most efficient use [redacted] under the present system of having two accounts, one for local selection and one for specific orders. Accounting for purchases under these two accounts for the same Agency appears to place an unnecessary burden on local facilities. 25X1A1d 25X1A1d
3. The Consulate was authorized to close out the specific order account and transfer the balance to the selection fund. In future all purchases [redacted] be charged to the one account. This action was confirmed by State, WIROM 1891, 24 November 1954. 25X1A1d
4. Cost of publications has increased considerably since the budget estimates were made last Spring. At that time an average of \$35 per month per title was normal. Now the average is nearer \$60 per month. These high costs are due primarily to the fact that getting publications from the mainland is for the most part a smuggling operation. Total expenditure is estimated at \$900 per month through remainder of FY55.
4. The PPO was given a list of the 43 most critical titles and told to obtain them at the best price he could. In the meantime, development of other procurement channels from Tokyo has been undertaken with the hope that ultimate costs may be reduced and the expensive Hong Kong operation curtailed. Further action required: Book Branch and Foreign Branch, CIA Library review status of publication expenditures and commitments to see whether funds originally allocated for other purposes can be diverted to this program if necessary. If not, appeal to DD/I for supplementary funds from other sources may be necessary.

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5. Personnel

- a. PPOs effectiveness is hampered by lack of clerical assistance and local employees. He has the part-time use of one local clerk for typing his correspondence and memoranda to Washington. This individual is located in a different building and the Press Monitoring Unit has first claim on her time for typing stencils. Further, this individual was riffed a year ago and has been kept on the job only through the payment of her salary from

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[REDACTED] This arrangement may be discontinued at any time.

- b. Mr. Harding pointed out that he will be due for home leave and reassignment next summer. Since he has spent considerable time in becoming fluent in Cantonese and there is a great need for interrogation in Hong Kong, he should be reassigned there for another tour.

- c. Replacement for Mr. Harding. The major source in Hong Kong for current information on China [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] At present there is only one Political officer for interrogations in the Consulate. Consul-General has requested allocation of one additional slot for this purpose. If approved, the Chief, Political Section, desires to give Harding the assignment for which he was

5. Personnel

- a. Consulate-General's despatch 441, 7 September 1954, among other things, reiterated the necessity of reestablishing this position. Without such help, both the PPO program and the prompt publication of the Press Monitoring product would suffer. [REDACTED] will discuss this problem with the Chief, IAD, and the Executive Director, FE Bureau, State. At the same time other personnel needs mentioned in the despatch referenced above will be discussed.

- b. This problem will be referred to Bureau of FE Affairs, State for recommendation to Personnel.

- c. It is the firm belief of the writer that PPO slots should be filled by people who have both linguistic knowledge and experience in the procurement field. The Foreign Branch of the CIA Library is a reservoir of such people and it is recommended that consideration be given to using them on a rotation basis to fill these slots. In this particular case, it is recommended that action be initiated to have [REDACTED] detailed

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trained. By another reassignment within the Consulate, the PPO slot could be covered on a temporary basis, but a permanent replacement would have to come from Washington.

to the Foreign Service to fill this position for three years.

6. Liaison between PPOs in Hong Kong and Tokyo. As both of these PPOs are engaged in collection of Chinese publications, it is essential that they maintain close liaison to exchange information and to avoid unintentional duplication. PPO, Tokyo, will be in Hong Kong for a few days in January, and it is very desirable that the PPO, Hong Kong, familiarize himself with details of operations in Tokyo.

6. It was suggested and approved both in Tokyo and in Hong Kong that the PPO, Hong Kong, spend a few days TDY in December in Tokyo. Authorization from Washington for his travel is required. This will be discussed with Chief, IAD, State.

Press Monitoring Unit

The operations of this unit are discussed in some detail as they are directly related to the problems of procurement and exploitation of Chinese publications.

This unit is concerned primarily with the translation of significant items from Chinese newspapers, but has plans to include selected periodical articles if staff requested is provided. In addition to translations it publishes selected items from the New China News Agency releases in English.

The unit attempts to cover 19 newspapers as follows:

Ch'ang-Chiang Jih-Pao	Hankow
Chekiang Jih-Pao	Hangchow
Chieh Fang Jih-Pao	Shanghai
* Ch'un Chung Jih-Pao	Sian
Fukien Jih-Pao	Foochow
Hsin Hua Jih-Pao	Chungking
Jen Min Jih-Pao	Peking
Kuang Ming Jih-Pao	Peking
Kung Jen Jih-Pao	Peking
Kwangsi Jih-Pao	Nanning
Nan Fang Jih-Pao	Canton

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Ta Kung Pao	Tientsin
* Liaoning Jih-Pao	Mukden
Wen Wei Jih-Pao	Shanghai
Hsin Wen Jih-Pao	Shanghai
* Nei Mengko Jih-Pao	Wulanhaot'e
* Yunnan Jih-Pao	Kunming
Tientsin Jih-Pao	Tientsin

The titles marked with an asterisk are handled as first priority and are held no more than one week before forwarding. The remaining titles may be held for two weeks for local exploitation. The sources of these papers include local procurement, PPO activity, and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] As the papers are received they are sorted into Priority I and Priority II groups. They then follow chain routing as indicated:

1. To Editor for selection of items to be translated
2. To Translator
3. To Economic Section for perusal and selection of items to have photostated for later analysis.
4. To Biographic analyst for extraction of biographic information
5. To PPO for transmittal to Washington or return to [REDACTED]

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Papers are normally received in Hong Kong two or three weeks after publication, are used locally for one to two weeks, then forwarded. [REDACTED]

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and is supposed to be once a week; however, occasionally there is not room in the pouch and two or three weeks may pass with no receipts.

The results of this exploitation are published in the Survey of the China Mainland Press on a daily basis or in the Current Background series. Approximately 300 copies are reproduced by mimeograph and disseminated in the Far East from Hong Kong. The stencils are then sent to Washington for further reproduction and dissemination.

As there was some confusion in Washington concerning the actual time lag in the dissemination of the Survey, the following facts were ascertained:

The date on the Survey is the date the stencil is cut. Following that, the stencil is sent to the mimeograph unit under General Services Section for reproduction, collation, and assembly. This normally takes five days due to many other demands on a small reproduction facility. After reproduction, one "advance copy" [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] plus the stencils are sent to Washington by the next available air pouch. The end result is illustrated

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by the following example: The stencil dated November 4 cleared reproduction on November 10, was airpouched on November 11, and [redacted] copy arrived on November 16, approximately two weeks after original translation.

Union Research Institute, Hong Kong

The Union Research Institute, a research arm of the Union Press, compiles and publishes numerous English and Chinese language studies on political, economic, and sociological developments in Communist China. The Institute is staffed by Chinese refugee scholars who fled the mainland of China prior to the establishment of the Communist regime. The Institute draws its financial support, according to members of the U. S. Consulate General, Hong Kong, from wealthy overseas Chinese and from the Asia Foundation.

The Survey team obtained an introduction to the Executive Director, Mr. William Hsu, through Mr. D. P. Ting, a present resident of Tokyo, who was previously a member of the Chinese legislative Yuan and more recently an employee of the Psychological Warfare Group, AFPE, Tokyo.

Through this introduction, the Survey team gained access to the facilities of the Institute and Mr. Anderson Sze, President of the Institute, personally conducted a tour of the Institute.

Newspaper Clipping

The Institute, through its extensive mainland publications procurement network, makes every effort to procure two (2) copies of all Chinese mainland newspapers. One copy is clipped, mounted, classified, and filed by subject and the remaining copy is bound and filed. The subject files now total more than 800,000 clippings in 10,000 volumes. The newspaper file contains principal dailies from Peking, Mukden, Tientsin, Shanghai, Canton, Nanking, Sinkiang and Inner Mongolia. The unique items among the collection are current issues of such "hard-to-obtain" dailies as Harbin-Kung-pao and the Heilungkiang Jih-pao, published in Tsitsihar. Neither of the titles have been received in Washington since 1950 and 1951, respectively.

Periodicals

Subject indexes are prepared on all periodicals to facilitate research. No unique titles were seen. However, the periodical collections are nearly complete with respect to back issues.

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Books and Monographs

The Institute Library contains nearly all important books and monographs published by mainland publishing houses. These are filed under the Institute's cataloging system. A booklet describing the subject code system was acquired.

Radio Monitoring

The Radio Monitoring Unit was observed. According to Mr. Sze, radio broadcasts emanating from the mainland of China are monitored and recorded on tape, whenever the Institute lacks newspaper coverage from that particular point of origin. Such information is also filed with newspaper clippings.

Microfilm Equipment

Mr. Sze informed the team that microfilming equipment of British manufacture is on order and scheduled for delivery by mid-December, 1954. The purpose of the microfilm machine, according to Mr. Sze, is to offer for sale microfilm copies of source materials not available to Western scholars. Mr. Sze feels that the small research staff of the Institute cannot fully exploit the available source materials at hand and believes that the money acquired from the sale of microfilm will help defray the expenses needed to maintain the Institute.

Action Taken

Mr. Alfred Harding, Publications Procurement Officer, Hong Kong, was requested to establish continuing liaison to acquire Institute items not available to him by other means.

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VIETNAM

American Embassy

The publications procurement situation in the Embassy is unsatisfactory. There is no officer with such responsibilities and procurement is left to Mr. Richard Singer, an assistant in the General Services Section. He has been on the job only since June, and his time is occupied with supply and equipment procurement. Almost all memoranda and instructions for publications procurement received in Saigon during the past six months have been filed for possible action sometime in the future when time permits. The survey team examined this file and found orders going back 18 months on which nothing had been done. Neither Mr. Singer nor local assistants available to him seem to have any competence for publications procurement nor any knowledge of publishers and booksellers in Saigon.

The above statements should not be construed as a personal criticism of Mr. Singer, but as an example of a situation which is bound to develop when the mission of publications procurement is misassigned to the General Services activity. Under such circumstances, the maximum that can be expected is procurement of specifically ordered items with full information as to author, title, publisher, and name and address of a source to contact. There can be no intensive development of day to day information on the publishing and bookselling picture in the country nor voluntary selection and purchase of new publications of value to research in Washington. In Saigon there is no one good bookstore handling all important French, Vietnamese, and Chinese publications. It will be necessary to develop many contacts and spend time visiting shops and publishers if any satisfactory program is to be established.

The government frequently suppresses newspapers and periodicals and others arise to replace them. Only by constant study and vigilance can any semblance of continuity of subscriptions be maintained.

The Survey Team contacted Mr. Ralph Ainsworth, Political Officer, who had recently arrived in Saigon as a language specialist and peripheral reporting officer on China; however, he had been unable to do anything on his primary assignment because he had been kept busy on general political reporting, protocol, and other administrative matters. He has a definite interest in publications procurement and will do what he can to straighten out the situation. He reported that there is no officer in the Embassy with a knowledge of Vietnamese and that contacts with the Chinese community were very difficult due to French and Vietnamese intelligence surveillance. The Survey Team left with him a list of our key Chinese publications requirements and

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will send him copies of the Collection Guides. He will also try to arrange for receipt of catalogs from various publishers and booksellers in Vietnam and will forward them to Washington as a basis for ordering desired items.

At the time the team was in Saigon there had been no courier service for two weeks between Hanoi and Saigon. Consequently none of the newspapers normally received from Hanoi are available. Since the North Vietnam government has refused to recognize the right of the U.S. to maintain a Consulate in Hanoi, a solution to this problem cannot be foreseen at the moment.

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[REDACTED] is engaged in a press monitoring activity and is in a good position to procure publications and keep current on changes in title, publisher, and periodicity of serials. Col. Blake will collect and forward to Washington for IAD/FP all Vietnam newspapers and important pamphlets he can obtain. He will also place subscriptions for one month to papers in Laos and Cambodia. These will be continued if interest so indicates. He requested two copies of each of the FDD summaries for use in his office and to show to USIS to demonstrate the use made of foreign publications in Washington.

Due to lack of capabilities in the Embassy, IAD/FP will channel most Saigon procurement instructions to FBIS.

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Supplement to PUBLICATIONS PROCUREMENT IN THE FAR EAST

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25X1A6a In cases where desired publications cannot be obtained openly, [redacted] agreed to use their facilities [redacted] procurement 25X1A6a on request of the PPO.

HONG KONG

25X1A9a In addition to the work of the PPO, extensive procurement activities are carried on by [redacted] in response to collection guides prepared by CIA Library's Foreign Branch, and forwarded by FI/ROM/RQ. Collection by this channel is carried on as an aid to and as a by-product of other operations.

25X1A9a [redacted] found the CIA Library collection guide extremely useful to his operations and to developing channels for other activities. 25X1A6a [redacted] and desires to continue the program. He will work closely with the PPO, assisting him whenever possible and they will exchange copies of transmittal lists of publications sent to Washington.

Due to the difficulty in obtaining Chinese publications, [redacted] 25X1A9a makes available certain of the political and economic journals he acquires to the Political and Economic Sections of the Consulate for short-term local use prior to forwarding them to Washington.

25X1A9a The use of support facilities and funds for publications procurement is not a specifically authorized activity. The program would be on a sounder basis if it were established as a project, and would then be considered intelligence collection rather than a support activity. [redacted] will discuss this program with FI/FE and attempt to have a project established.

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