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SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

a. PRESENT FDD PROGRAM FOR NEAR EAST, SOUTH ASIA AND AFRICA

The following is a description of the current FDD program for the exploitation of foreign language documents on Near East, South Asia, and Africa. This program is devised to meet the needs of the IAC agencies as previously expressed by their representatives on the Subcommittee for the Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications and as modified through subsequent operational liaison with IAC analysts.

The sources covered by the program include central and provincial newspapers of the respective countries of the Near East, South Asia, and Africa; selected periodicals dealing with the subjects indicated; and selected monographs.

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Results of the exploitation program are published in the following scheduled reports: Monthly Information Report on Arab States; Monthly Information Report on Greece, Turkey, and Iran; Monthly Information Report on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan; and Monthly Information Report on Africa. Items on Communist and Communist-front activities, East-West travel and contacts and East-West trade are reported in the weekly Selected Briefs from the International Press.

The four monthly reports are "UNCLASSIFIED" and marked "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY".

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1. Monthly Information Report on the Arab States

This report provides current information on the following subject categories in the form of extracts, abstracts, and summaries on the Arab States  by countries:

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- (a) Military information (army, navy, air force)
- (b) Popular reaction toward internal and external affairs (e.g. ME Defense; Arab Mutual Security Pact; Arab League treatment of minorities; RCC activities; oil agreements, attitudes toward the Soviet bloc, member nations of the Western bloc, and neutralism)
- (c) Major legislative changes
- (d) Organized labor activities in the Arab States
- (e) Activities of political, religious, and minority groups in the Arab States (e.g., orthodox churches, Moslem Brotherhood, Pan-Islamic Conference, Committees of Arab League)
- (f) Population structure and problems  (to support NIS Section No 41)
- (g) Constitutional system  (to support NIS Section No 51)
- (h) Transportation and telecommunications
- (i) Industry and agriculture (including foreign participation in industrial construction, petroleum industry, and support of NIS Section No 64 )
- (j) Geographic information (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- (k) Biographic (based on specific requests)

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2. Monthly Information Report on Greece, Turkey, and Iran

This report provides current information on the following subject categories in the form of extracts, abstract, and summaries on Greece, Turkey, and Iran by countries:

- (a) National and provincial political developments (including activities of secret and army officers groups)
- (b) Activities of minority and religious groups
- (c) Labor developments
- (d) Popular reaction toward internal and external affairs (including complaints about cost of living, smuggling activities, and foreign economic activities, except US government groups; oil agreements)
- (e) Public welfare information on Greece (to support NIS Section No 43)
- (f) Transportation and telecommunications
- (g) Industry and Agriculture (including foreign participation in industrial construction)
- (h) Geographic information (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas, especially in Turkey)
- (i) Air force and naval information
- (j) Biographic (based on specific requests)

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3. Monthly Report on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan

This report provides current information on the following subject categories in the form of extracts, abstracts, and summaries on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, by countries:

- (a) Data on Soviet economic penetration in Afghanistan
- (b) Comment on external affairs (from the provincial press only)
- (c) Developments in and India's relation with Kashmir, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Assam, and Tibet (from the local-language press only)
- (d) Political activities and developments in Pakistan (i.e. Azad Kashmir; the North West Frontier province, tribal areas, and states; Baluchistan province and states; and East Bengal)
- (e) Characteristic of the people in major regions of Pakistan (i.e. Bengali, Baluchi, Sindhi, Punjabi, Pushtu, Pahari region of Azad Kashmir and Pakistan-occupied Gilgit and Western Ladakh as support for NIS Section No 42)
- (f) Religion, Education, and Public Information in Afghanistan (to support NIS Section No 43)
- (g) Comments on Hindu-Moslem relations
- (h) Organized labor activities
- (i) Military information on Afghanistan
- (j) Transportation and telecommunications (including graphic information on airfields)
- (k) Industry and Agriculture
- (l) Geographic information (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- (m) Information on governmental structure, both central and local, for Afghanistan)

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4. Monthly Information Report on Africa

This report provides current information on the following subject categories in the form of extracts, abstracts, and summaries on Africa by countries:

- (a) Activities of political parties and organizations (especially native, settler pressure, and European groups in Tangier, French and Spanish North Africa, Belgian Congo, Union of South Africa, and Portuguese Africa; local organizations of French political parties in French North Africa)
- (b) Political agitation and tribal unrest (including detailed data on units, personalities, and buildings involved in North Africa)
- (c) Information and comments on internal and external affairs (including political and social reforms; spread of Islam and Christianity in Belgian Congo, French West and Equatorial Africa; federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia; Somalia's preparation for independence by 1960)
- (d) Sociological developments affecting growth of nationalism
- (e) Organized labor activities (including affiliation, strength, personalities, and elections)
- (f) Military for Africa south of Sahara (local military and security forces including personalities; bibliographic references to military and economic publications)
- (g) Transportation and telecommunications (including logistic problems)
- (h) Industry and Agriculture (including mining)
- (i) Geographic (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- (j) Biographic (information on leading economic personalities and third-strata officials)

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5. The following reports have been produced under the FDD Exploitation Program for Near East, South Asia, and Africa as of 29 April 1955.

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MONTHLY INFORMATION REPORTS ON ARAB STATES 

No 1	Summary	No 290
No 2	"	No 324
No 3	"	No 354
No 4	"	No 401
No 5	"	No 437
*No 6	"	No 476

## MONTHLY INFORMATION REPORT ON GREECE, TURKEY, AND IRAN

No 1	Summary	No 286
No 2	"	No 314
No 3	"	No 346
No 4	"	No 389
No 5	"	No 426
*No 6	"	No 464

## MONTHLY INFORMATION REPORT ON INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND AFGHANISTAN

No 1	Summary	No 305
No 2	"	No 340
No 3	"	No 375
No 4	"	No 416
No 5	"	No 454
*No 6	"	No 496

## MONTHLY INFORMATION REPORT ON AFRICA

No 1	Summary	No 300
No 2	"	No 334
No 3	"	No 365
No 4	"	No 410
No 5	"	No 449
*No 6	"	No 484

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b. PROPOSED FDD EXPLOITATION PROGRAM FOR NEAR EAST,  
SOUTH ASIA AND AFRICA

The following modifications of the current program are recommended as a result of comment from the substantive consumers of the information presented in the scheduled reports outlined above. These modifications will not affect the current work load against which full manpower available in FDD is applied for work on Near East, South Asia, and Africa, except for a portional reserve in some areas to support specific requests.

The subject categories are listed according to priority.

1. It is recommended that the information on Libya be published in the Monthly Information Report on the Arab States  instead of in the Monthly Information Report on Africa.

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2. Monthly Information Report on the Arab States

Subjects:

- (a) Military information (army, navy, air force, police, national guard, para-military organization) *to include bio data on all off*
- (b) Arab League and inter-Arab affairs
- (c) Popular reaction toward internal and external affairs (e.g. ME Defense; RCC activities; US economic and military assistance; attitude toward Soviet bloc, Western bloc, and neutralism)
- (d) Activities of political, religious, and minority groups in the Arab States and political activities
- (e) Population structure and problems (to support NIS Section No 41)
- (f) Organized labor activities
- (g) Major legislation and decrees (including budgets of individual ministries, and provincial and municipal administrations)
- (h) Economic information (transportation, telecommunication, industry, and agriculture, including foreign participation in industrial construction; semi-annual and annual statistics on foreign trade)
- (i) Sociological information (health and medical facilities, educational and cultural activities, public housing, and public information media)
- (j) Geographic information (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- (k) Biographic information (based on specific requests)

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NOTE: The category of "Constitutional System in Israel" has been dropped because of the paucity of information available in serial publications.

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3. Monthly Information Report on Greece, Turkey, and Iran

Subjects:

- (a) Iran's relations with Iraq, Turkey, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the Persian Gulf region
- (b) Public welfare information on Greece (to support NIS Section No 43)
- (c) National and provincial developments (including activities of secret and army officers groups)
- (d) Activities of minority and religious groups
- (e) Organized labor activities
- (f) Popular reaction toward internal and external affairs (including complaints about cost of living; smuggling activities; oil agreements; foreign economic activities except US government groups)
- (g) Economic information (transportation, telecommunications, industry, and agriculture, including foreign participation in industrial construction)
- (h) Sociological information on Iran (health, education, public welfare, social reforms)
- (i) Geographic information (survey, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- (j) Air force and naval information
- (k) Biographic (based on specific requests)

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4. Monthly Information Report on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan

Subjects:

- (a) Comment on external affairs (from the provincial press only)
- (b) Developments in and India's relation with Kashmir, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Assam, and Tibet (from the local-language press only)
- (c) Political activities and developments in Pakistan (i.e. Azad Kashmir; the North West Frontier province, tribal areas, and states; Baluchistan province and states; and East Bengal)
- (d) Characteristic of the people in the border regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan
- (e) Religion, Education, and Public Information in Afghanistan (to support NIS Section No 43)
- (f) Comments on Hindu-Moslem relations (including Islamic tendencies and associations in Pakistan)
- (g) Organized labor activities
- (h) Military information on Afghanistan
- (i) Economic information (transportation, including graphic information on airfields; telecommunication; industry; and agriculture)
- (j) Geographic information (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- (k) Information on governmental structure, both central and local, for Afghanistan (to support NIS Section)

NOTE: Information on Soviet economic penetration in Afghanistan is reported in the weekly Selected Briefs from the International Press

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5. Monthly Information Report on Africa

Subjects:

- (a) Activities of political parties and organizations with special emphasis on French North Africa, Madagascar, and Somalia (including native, settler pressure, and European groups in Tangier, French and Spanish Africa, Belgian Congo, Union of South Africa, and Portuguese Africa; local organizations of French political parties in French Africa)
- (b) Political agitation and tribal unrest (including detailed data on units, personalities, and buildings involved in North Africa)
- (c) Information on internal and external affairs (including inter-territorial cooperation; political and social reforms; spread of Islam and Christianity in Belgian Congo, French West and Equatorial Africa; federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia; Somalia's preparation for independence by 1960; editorial opinion on Nationalist Party policies and politics as well as on US moves around the world published in the Die Burger, Cape Town)
- (d) Sociological factors affecting growth of nationalism such as population growth, unemployment, poor housing, education, and public and private welfare activities)
- (e) Organized labor activities (including affiliation, strength, personalities, and elections)
- (f) Social exchanges between European and natives (including social visits between Moslems and French citizens in French North Africa and social contacts between educated natives and European in Black Africa)
- (g) Military (local military and security forces including personalities for Africa south of Sahara; training maneuvers for all Africa; bibliographic references to military and economic publications)

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- (h) Economic (transportation, telecommunication, industry, and agriculture; German  penetration)
- (i) Geographic (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- (j) Biographic (information on leading economic and scientific personalities including US citizens and third-strata officials)

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