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MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIRST MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

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Members: Royal Wald, State
Richard Bauer, Army
John Shearer, Navy
25X9 Maj. George Kudravetz, Air Force

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Consultants: Richard Calhoun, State
Charles Brophy, Jr., Air Force

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1. The 91st meeting of the Exploitation Subcommittee convened at 1400 hours in Room 1006 M Building. The minutes of the 90th meeting were approved with the following amendments:

Mr. Wald - Page 2, paragraph 1, line 1, should read - "Mr. Wald said the general reaction ranged from satisfaction to enthusiasm."

Page 2, paragraph 3 should read - "Far East Free World - The material presently provided on Thailand is marginal for State's purposes. Much is already covered in some form or another, and Mr. Wald suggested that work could be shifted to different topics or another area such as Burma. Spot requests on Japan and South Korea have been handled adequately and this has served State, although the present favorable situation, in which a number of State's analysts can themselves use Japanese, could change rapidly as a result of future personnel shifts."

Page 2, paragraph 6 should read - "coverage extended, especially Sinhalese publications."

2. Continuation of the Western World Program

ARMY - Mr. Bauer said that the Far East people working on Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Burma found that the FDD reports on these areas contain not too much material of value to them.

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One of the chief problems of the desk analyst is that they need more current information than FDD can give them, although the basic information is quite satisfactory. Army's requirements in the Free World are largely met by specific requests. He said there was quite a problem in Indonesia and asked if it would be possible to have FDD concentrate on the publications that are not public and have the regular publications done on contract.

The Chairman said this would be quite feasible.

Mr. Bauer said that beyond arrangements they have worked out with FDD in working liaison, there are few additional comments on the program. He said the Information Report on Arab States & Israel is valuable and they have no objection to changing it to a monthly publication. They are still very interested in Africa; both reports, Information Report on Africa South of the Sahara and Information Report on North Africa are useful, especially the economic items.

As to the international reports, the Foreign Press Reports on International Trade & Shipping is of value; the World Press Summary of International Communist Developments and East-West and Intra-Orbit Travel and Contacts are of value to fewer people but of great interest to those who do use them.

AIR FORCE - Maj. Kudravetz said they are satisfied with the Western World exploitation. The principal emphasis of Air Force is now on science and technology.

The Chairman asked whether the 6002nd Group is now working on Japanese science. Maj. Kudravetz said it is working on Chinese Communist science, but not covering Japanese science at this time.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Bauer if the 500th MIG was doing anything on Japanese science. Mr. Bauer replied that the 500th MIG would be inactivated in fiscal year 1959 and the 500th personnel will probably be spread out. Nothing definite has been decided yet on what assignments will be made.

The Chairman added that FDD is getting material from the 500th MIG for CES purposes, but FDD has not seen any embassy material.

Mr. Wald inquired if the deactivation of the 500th would be favorable, or would it make more work for FDD and the 6002nd? Maj. Kudravetz said the 6002nd probably would assume some additional technological coverage.

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Mr. Bauer said that the attache report from Hong Kong was assuming voluminous proportions and mentioned that prices of translations in Hong Kong were 15 Hong Kong dollars per thousand Chinese characters and 40 for difficult scientific and technical. He added that the British are using this means to exploit Chinese material.

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CIA - [REDACTED] said they were very satisfied with the coverage as most of their requirements are on an ad hoc basis. They want to be sure FDD has the manpower available to handle their spot requests.

The Chairman agreed that there is a greater need for spot requests in the Western World, so FDD has fewer reports on this area and are reserving more manpower for such requests.

STATE - Mr. Calhoun gave State's comments on the international reports. He said the report on Conferences and Fairs is used as a check list or guide. As such, it is useful but not vital. The Travel and Contacts report is extremely valuable to some analysts, but the Trade and Shipping report is not used a great deal. The primary criticism was that it covered too much detailed information instead of wider coverage of basic information. The report on International Communist Developments is very useful to State.

3. Hong Kong Press Monitoring Unit

The Chairman said FDD now has a helpful bilateral agreement in regard to the Hong Kong Press Monitoring Unit whereby they will cover political reporting and notify FDD of those items they cannot cover. They will keep FDD informed on long translations they undertake. This cooperation will enable us to avoid duplication.

4. "Referativnyy Zhurnal"

The Chairman requested that the members turn in their priorities for coverage so FDD will know which sections of the various series are needed by the community.

5. The New NSCID

The Chairman told the Committee that the proposed inclusion of exploitation in NSCID-2 had been approved by the IAC and has gone to the National Security Council. The paragraphs applicable are 2, 9, and 10. Until the new DCIDs are approved, the existing arrangements will continue. After approval, the Subcommittee will cease to exist and a Committee on Exploitation will be established.

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6. Unclassified "Consolidated Translation Survey"

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The Chairman said [REDACTED] of OTS planned to incorporate Crerar material with CIS and issue a translation bulletin on the whole activity. The unclassified CIS will go to [REDACTED] and form a background for his central files. When he can assure complete coverage in his bulletin, FDD will discontinue listing the same items in the CIS and confine its listing to political, military, and those economic fields not covered by OTS.

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7. Unclassified CIA Publications

The Chairman stated that the following reports will be issued unclassified with attribution to CIA:

Scientific Information Report
Soviet Bloc IGY Information Report
Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic
Consolidated Translation Survey
Report on USSR Production of Industrial Equipment
Transportation, Communication and Electric Power in the USSR
Data on USSR Extractive Industries

Mr. Bauer queried in regard to the Scientific Information Report if there would be an intelligence index. The Chairman said there would not be one as it will be put out arranged by scientific discipline. After the consumers have had a chance to review it in the new format, he said he would then like to have a meeting of the Subcommittee to determine opinions as to the need and advisability of an additional classified index.

8. In view of the impending issuance of a DCID implementing the new NSCID, no future meeting was established for the Subcommittee. On approval of the DCID, the first meeting of the Exploitation Committee can be called.

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