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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Board on Geographical Names
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1. Previous action by the Projects Review Committee resulted in the establishment of the Chinese Geographical Names Project No. 00-8, for which the sum of [REDACTED] was allocated. This project has been completed and its continuance is no longer required.

2. It is desired to substitute for the above mentioned project a new project to be known as the CIG Geographical Names Project.

3. The purpose of this project is to provide for name research services to be performed for CIG by the Board on Geographical Names in connection with the basic intelligence program and CIG staff intelligence.

4. Allocations of CIG funds are required for the above purposes in view of the following facts:

a. The appropriation of funds to the Board on Geographical Names by the Congress is not sufficient to meet the external requirements of U. S. government agencies for foreign name research.

b. CIG has enjoined the IAN agencies to utilize the Board on Geographical Names, resolving its foreign name problems with a view toward obtaining standardization in this field in order that the exchange of intelligence information can be facilitated and that no confusion will result in U. S. intelligence reports by having improper and inconsistent name references in U. S. intelligence reports.

5. It is therefore requested that the Projects Review Committee approve the following actions:

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a. Authorize the allocation of funds not to exceed the sum of [REDACTED] for the Fiscal Year 1948, to be expended on a project basis for CIG name research projects.

b. Authorize the disbursement of such funds by the CIG Fiscal Officer upon the receipt of official cost estimates,

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and without further reference to the Projects Review Committee, provided that such project costs do not exceed the sum of [REDACTED] for any single project.

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