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EXAMPLES OF INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH PROJECTS

on the FAR EAST

within the PURVIEW OF RECOMMENDED

CHARTER for OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND REPORTS

1. Development of Hainan Island as a Communist Base

SCOPE: A survey of the development of Hainan Island since the Communist takeover in April 1950, covering and bringing together economic, geographic, political and military factors and interpreting their significance to Communist China as an economic and political asset, for use in expansion into Southeast Asia, and in a general war situation.

2. The Status and Influence of Overseas Chinese Communists in Indonesia

SCOPE: An examination of the economic and political position of these communities, and their potential for subversive activities. Particular interest would be focused on the potentialities of these groups to exert influence on the Indonesian Government, affecting its stability and orientation. The project would involve consideration of the inter-relationships of economic, political, and military data (the latter in the sense of internal security factors).

3. Significance of Hong Kong, in its present status, to the Chinese Communists

SCOPE: This project would determine the usefulness of Hong Kong as a source of economic and military supplies, and as a meeting place of the Communist and non-Communist world. The investigation would be concerned with the inter-relationships and composite interpretation of economic, political and military factors. The conclusions of the study would be useful in any attempt to establish Communist intentions regarding Hong Kong.

4. Potentialities of Tibet as a Base for Communist Expansion

SCOPE: An examination of the geographic, psychological and cultural factors which might favor or impede Communist exploitation of Tibet as a base. It would deal with pertinent economic, political and military considerations to the end of establishing the strategic value of Tibet to the Communists, and determining the bases for Indian apprehensions regarding Tibet.

5. Guerrilla Forces and Other Dissident Groups on the Chinese Mainland

SCOPE: A study designed to identify these groups, their leaders, numerical strength, and loyalties. It would attempt further to show where they were based, and the resources of those base localities. The project, therefore, would combine military, geographic, economic and political data. of service in attempting to establish the potential of these groups.

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6. Food Supply As A Determining Factor in Viet Minh Military Operations

SCOPE: Examination of requirements and sources of food; of adequacy in terms of maintaining military effectiveness of armed forces and constancy in political support of the Viet Minh civilian population.

7. Extent, Location and Patterns of Communist Guerrilla Activities in Korea

SCOPE: A study having concern for the strength, location, organization and nature of guerrilla operations; for the nature and sources of political support, and effectiveness in political activities; for extent and sources of military and civilian supply, especially food; and for their military, political, and economic vulnerabilities to pressures and subversion.

8. India's Potential For Leadership Among Far Eastern States

SCOPE: An examination and assessment of the inter-relationships of political, economic, geographic and social - especially ethnic and religious - factors as they bear on India's ability to develop a position of regional leadership.

9. Permanent Factors Determining the Long-term Course of China's Orientation

SCOPE: An examination, analysis and evaluation of inter-related political, economic, psychological, sociological and geographic factors that will affect China's orientation. The project would have particular concern for ways in which these inter-related factors are subject to influence or manipulation by both friendly and unfriendly forces.

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