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Suggestions on kinds of projects we would like to see the Ford Foundation Support.

1. Privately financed projects can do certain kinds of studies of interest to the Government better than Government agencies. Some of the things they can probably do better are:

a. Studies which are long-range either in the sense that they will take several years to complete or in the sense that they deal with fundamental long-range problems rather than those of immediate operating concern.

b. Projects which cut across the interests of two or more agencies such as, e.g., the political and psychological consequences of economic assistance.

c. Projects which involve an independent private evaluation of the effectiveness of Government programs.

d. Projects which provide basic academic training for people subsequently to be employed by the Government.

e. Historical and other basic studies on the nature and structure of foreign countries which can be done best from unclassified materials and which can provide a starting point from which more operational Government studies can take off.

f. Projects requiring highly specialized talents available only in two or three places and probably not easily mobilized into Government service.

2. Examples of some projects which might satisfy one or more of these criteria are as follows:

a. The establishment of area institutes for both training and research in the political, social, economic and legal structure of regions of great importance to present United States policy but not as yet extensively studied in Universities. The prime example is the whole Far Eastern region of which our knowledge is extremely limited. It is impossible to design

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intelligent programs of economic assistance, political re-orientation, or psychological warfare without knowing a great deal more than we now know about the basic characteristics of such crucial districts as Indonesia, Indochina, India, Pakistan, Iraq, etc. The combination of programs of intensive research by groups representing various social science disciplines and programs of training could be enormously useful to the intelligence agencies of the Government.

b. A general evaluation, area by area, of the extent to which economic assistance has had or could have an important effect in promoting adherence to the ideals of political democracy.

c. Historical studies indicating how foreign areas have reached their present stage of development, with any lessons that could be derived as to the limits their historical experience places on what we can hope to do with them economically and politically in the future.

d. A detailed analysis by the two or three persons in the U. S. competent in the area of the nature, validity, and scope of Soviet statistics and statistical methods in various fields.

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