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27 September 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

SUBJECT : Request for IC/FAR Research Project Information  
for 4th Quarter FY 79

1. For your information and guidance I am attaching the memorandum from the State Department, requesting compliance with Foreign Affairs Research reporting requirements. In order that we may meet the 31 October deadline, please have your returns to us by 15 October 1979.

2. Attached also are copies of the pertinent forms. The Smithsonian Science Information Exchange (SSIE) form can be used to report unclassified projects. The Foreign Affairs Research Summary form is required for reporting classified projects. If you have any questions, please contact

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Attachments:  
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State Dept. review completed.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 25, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Agency Representatives for Interagency Coordination  
of External Foreign Affairs Research

SUBJECT : Request for IC/FAR Research Project Information for  
4th Quarter FY 1979

To comply with section VI. B. of the Policies and Procedures for  
Department of State Review and Coordination of Government-Sponsored  
Research on Foreign Affairs dated January 16, 1978, please have the  
attached sheet completed and returned to this office by October 31.

Attached is a copy of the "Working Definition" of Foreign Affairs  
Research to assist you in determining which of your agency's projects  
should be reported. Also attached are samples of the forms to be  
used in submitting project information.

If you have any questions, I can be reached on (703) 235-8079.

*Barbara W. Morlet*

(Mrs.) Barbara W. Morlet  
Special Assistant for Research Review  
and Interagency Coordination  
Office of External Research

Attachments:

1. IC/FAR Research Project  
Information Sheet
2. Working Definition of  
Foreign Affairs Research
3. SSIE Notice of Research Project
4. Foreign Affairs Research Summary  
(Form DS-1728)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESEARCH

Working Definition

Subject Matter

Foreign and domestic affairs are increasingly difficult to sort out, both in the United States and in other countries. Actions and attributes of the United States, governmental and private, shape both foreign and domestic affairs. For these reasons, a broad rather than narrow definition of foreign affairs research is required if knowledge and analyses adequate to current and emergent realities are to be developed.

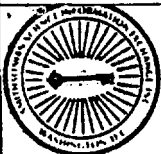
Therefore, a foreign affairs research program, project or activity is one that focuses, in part or entirely, on recent, contemporary, or future:

- Attributes, ideas or behavior of non-U.S. individuals, groups, societies, or nations. This includes not only studies of discrete foreign areas or peoples but also multinational studies and cross-national comparative studies. It also includes more distant historical studies that draw parallels with or lessons applicable to the contemporary scene.
- Relations between and among nations or relations between and among individuals or groups located in different nations.
- Ways in which U.S. individuals, groups, ideas, attributes or activities bear on the position or behavior of the United States in international affairs.

Research Approaches and Methods

As in other categories of human and social affairs, knowledge about foreign affairs neither fits neatly into disciplinary categories nor emerges exclusively from a limited number of specifiable approaches, methods, techniques, et cetera.

- Generally, foreign affairs research uses the approaches and methods of one or more of the basic or applied social, behavioral, or policy sciences. But, alternatively or in addition, it may also use the approaches and methods of one or more of the humanities. It should be specially stressed that these approaches and methods can be applied to the foreign affairs aspects, uses, or implications of the physical and life sciences and of technologies (weapons, energy, industrial, agricultural, medical, etc.); studies of this nature are an increasingly important part of foreign affairs research.
- As in many other fields, foreign affairs research can be categorized as pure, exploratory, basic, applied, developmental, evaluative, policy, etc. All such categories should be included when foreign affairs is the subject matter.



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### NOTICE OF RESEARCH PROJECT

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION / OFFICE: \*

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION NUMBER(S):

Contract No:  
and/or  
Control No:

PROJECT TITLE:

INVESTIGATOR(S):

DEPARTMENT/SPECIALTY, School or Division

PERFORMING ORGANIZATION:

PERIOD FOR THIS NRP:

Name and  
Address:  
Including  
Zip Code.

Start Date:  
End Date:  
Annual Funding: FY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cost:

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Be brief-200 word maximum: (Include Objective, Approach, Current Plans and/or Progress, Countries/Regions involved)

ACTION OFFICER:  
TELEPHONE: Area Code: No.

\*Other Government Support:

Security Classification\*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESEARCH SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED RESEARCH RELATED TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COMPILED FOR THE C/FAR BY THE OFFICE OF EXTERNAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

1. PROJECT'S SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

2. PROJECT TITLE

3. DATE INITIATED

4. COMPLETION DATE

5. FUNDING AGENCY/SUBORDINATE UNIT

6. CONTRACT/GRANT NO.

7. OTHER GOVT. SUPPORT

8. AGENCY ACTION OFFICER/PROJECT MONITOR

9. TOTAL COST

10. OBLIGATIONS (Amount committed for current and next fiscal year.)

11. NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF (check one)

12. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

CONTRACT OR GRANT AWARDED TO:  INDIVIDUAL  INSTITUTION (check one)

13. SCOPE (Statement of research problem, including approach, subject matter, fields or disciplines to which project is importantly related and purpose funding agency expects project to serve. Do not repeat title of project. Specific countries and/or regions included in research should be noted.)

\*If form is classified, it must be signed by authorized person. Indicate here date of declassification or exemption from declassification in accordance with E.O. 12065

INFORMATION ON UNCLASSIFIED PROJECTS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC