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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, External Research Staff,  
 Department of State  
 Assistant Director for  
 Collection and Dissemination  
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**SUBJECT:** Proposed Operational Survey of the  
 East Asian Press

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1. The attached proposed operational survey of the contemporary press of Eastern Asia was produced by the [redacted] as a result of an informal conference between representatives of the [redacted] and CIA. The conference in turn resulted from a need expressed by persons in the intelligence community for some kind of current digest of the East Asian press comparable to the Current Digest of the Soviet Press.

2. Your comments on the attached proposal will be appreciated, if possible by 21 May 1954. It would be helpful if you would indicate (a) the need by the intelligence community, in your judgment, for the type of survey proposed, and (b) who should finance the project (assuming the need exists), that is, the federal government or a private foundation.

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 Coordinator  
 External Research/OIC

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