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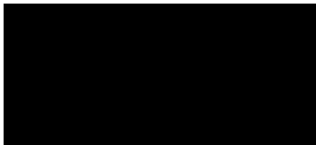
MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Geographic Research, ORR

SUBJECT: Geography Division Progress Report for February 1960

A. Research and Technical Support Activity During February


1. Reports Disseminated

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	CIA/RR GM 60-2	Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia	Self-initiated
	CIA/RR GR L-60-1	Cuba: Parts III, V, VII, X, XII, XIV, XV	WH, DD/P
	CIA/RR GP 60-14:L	NIS 13A ^M , East Germany, Chapter IX	NIS Program 25X1A6a
	CIA/RR GP 60-15:L	Textile Mills in Yur'Yevets (57°20'N-43°06'E)	
25X6A	CIA/RR GP 60-16:L		RME/State 25X1A6a0230019-7
	*CIA/RR GP 60-17:L	Konosha and Kotlas, Arkhangel'skaya Oblast, USSR	
	CIA/RR GP 60-18:L	Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In and Near Sverdlovsk	I/GM/RR
	CIA/RR GP 60-19:L	Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In and Near Gor'kiy	I/GM/RR
	CIA/RR GP 60-20:L	Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In Area 3A (Konosha-Vorkuta)	I/GM/RR
	CIA/RR GP 60-21:L	Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In Area 3B (Vologda-Kirov)	I/GM/RR

*Work initiated during month.

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<u>Reports Disseminated (Contd.)</u>	<u>Requester</u>
CIA/RR GP 60-22:L Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In Area 3C (Noril'sk)	I/GM/RR
CIA/RR GP 60-24:L Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In Area 1 (Aral Sea-Lake Balkhash)	I/GM/RR 25X1A6a
CIA/RR GP 60-25:L West China: Relative Reliability for General Locational Purposes of Terrain Information on Selected Map Sheets 1:1,000,000 Scale	
*CIA/RR GP 60-26:L NIS 10, Norway, Map and Chart Appraisal Component of Chapter I Annual	NIS Program
CIA/RR GP 60-27:L Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In and Near Leningrad	I/GM/RR
CIA/RR GP 60-28:L Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In and Near Novosibirsk	I/GM/RR
CIA/RR GP 60-29:L Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In and Near Kuybychev	I/GM/RR
CIA/RR GP 60-30:L Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives In and Near Moscow	I/GM/RR
*CIA/RR GP 60-31:L Contributions in Support of OCB Outline Plan of Operations for Antarctica Part 1. Contribution to Para. 5 of the Draft Operations Plan of Antarctica Part 2. Precis of Soviet Activities 1959	OCB Working Group on Antarctica
CIA/RR GP 60-32:L Information on Rembertów, Poland	OSI
*CIA/RR GP 60-33:L Review and Comments on Draft NIS 19, Hungary, Section 63	D/M/GM/RR

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*CIA/RR GP 60-34:L Review of Draft Sections 1-13,
TAB/1-05-00, Hungary

CIA/RR GP 60-35:L Research for Plan of Selected
Cities in USSR: Vladivostok

*CIA/RR GP 60-36:L NIS 23, Bulgaria, Map and Chart NIS Program
Appraisal Component of Chapter I
Annual

*CIA/RR GP 60-37:L NIS 43B, Laos, Section 19, NIS Program
Chapter I

2. New Projects Under Way

60.1688 NIS 53M, Egypt, Chapter IX (Coordination)

63.1726 Review of ERA Report "The Soviet Rubber Industry
During the Seven-Year Plan"

60.1737 NIS 26M, USSR, Section 19, Chapter I (Research)

60.1755 NIS 53, Egypt, Map and Chart Appraisal Component of
Chapter I, Annual (Research)

60.1757 NIS 39B, Nationalist China, Map and Chart Appraisal
Component of Chapter I, Annual (Research)

60.1820 NIS 26M, USSR, Chapter IX (Research)

B. Planning and Development

Initial exploration of two proposed external research projects was begun by the Division during the month. In the case of the proposed PI keys for Southeast Asia and Africa, discussions were held with PIC and, subsequently, USAF. It appears that subject keys rather than area keys are of most interest to the community at present. In addition, the work is considerably more expensive than was envisioned in the original proposal. PIC and USAF agree, however, on the legitimacy of the ORR proposal, and further discussion will be held with PIC relative to their participation in the development of the project and the formulation of official inquiry as to USAF and Army interest. In the case of the proposed research project on African subjects, [redacted] is surveying African Roundtable membership as to its views on priority needs, feasible contractors, and related matters.

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25X1A5a1 As an outgrowth of previous negotiations with OO, plans were completed to review and exploit the unpublished materials on West China
25X1A9a [redacted] will conduct the review and, through the OO field office, arrange for the typing and photostating support required.

25X1A9a As a result of CIA estimates of Soviet threats to U.S. pre-eminence in Antarctica, as well as CIA representations on the need for a U.S. mapping program to strengthen the future U.S. position, plans are now being developed for the first systematic U.S. mapping program in Antarctica. [redacted] has been invited to participate with a special ad hoc subcommittee to draft a statement on this program.

25X1A9a Decision was reached to send [redacted] on an area familiarization trip through South Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, and the Philippines, commencing the middle of April.

25X1A9a At the request of Ch/G, arrangements were made to have all D/GG reports (exclusive of the NIS) typed in final form in St/P. St/P/G will call on Chief, St/P, for typing assistance when the load is such that [redacted] publications typist, cannot handle it. Except when St/P cannot provide the augmentation needed, only draft typing will be performed in D/GG. The D/GG front office will continue to handle final processing, including corrections, running off Ditto copies, and report assembly.

25X1A9a The Far East/Pacific Branch reports a most useful contact with [redacted] FE, DD/P, which included a recapitulation of all operational support work done to date by GG/F for FE. It is believed that the contact will improve coordination with DD/P on future operational support work for them.

C. Significant Outside Contacts and Activities

At the direction of the NIS Committee, a meeting of the Chapter IX Subcommittee was held on 4 February to discuss possible revision of the Chapter IX format. The discussion was limited to basic ideas and principles, and several ideas for a complete reorganization of the Chapter were advanced. The Subcommittee agreed that a survey of Chapter IX readership would be helpful in formulating revision proposals, and it appointed an ad hoc group to develop a supporting questionnaire. Subsequently, however, the Chairman was informed by [redacted] that OBI 25X1A9a would not countenance questionnaires, and the ad hoc group was disbanded. The Subcommittee will reconvene on 11 March to examine revision possibilities in more detail.

25X1A9a Ch/G and [redacted] met with Col. Haberer, Technical Division, ACSI, to request special AMS support on the Cuba project. ACSI accepted the job, but delivery on it by AMS has proved to be of limited quality -- due apparently to a slow start and communications failures in the OCE-AMS planning staffs. Arrangements have now been made with WH whereby D/GG will provide priority beef-up as may be required.

25X1X7 [redacted] as a follow-up to his recent trip, [redacted] briefed [redacted] 25X1X7 on deficiencies in the transmittal of [redacted] information 25X1X7 on Antarctica. Also, he summarized the Soviet Antarctic activities with

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 particular emphasis on the Soviet geodetic and gravimetric traverse, its contribution to the Soviet World geodetic system, and its implications for increased future use of Antarctica for space research and missile impacting on Antarctic ice.

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Intelligence analyses and estimates prepared by [REDACTED] for OCB resulted in the U.S. Navy's effecting an icebreaker penetration of the hitherto impenetrable Bellingshausen Sea and landing a party on Thurston Peninsula before the Soviets could attempt an anticipated sea-air landing.

25X1A9a The Southeast Asia Discussion Group held a regular monthly meeting at which [REDACTED] presented a selection of slides with appropriate commentary on Southeast Asian areas.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] as chairman. [REDACTED] OCI, succeeds 25X1A9a

25X1A9a [REDACTED] of the Senior Research Staff, DD/I presented an analysis of the Communist attitude toward Africa at the February meeting of the Africa Roundtable.

D. Problems

In connection with the Atlas of Soviet Administrative Maps, the disclaimer note regarding U.S. recognition of boundaries on the index map was felt to be insufficient to avoid criticism; also, it was thought a similar, perhaps more specific, statement in the introduction should be included. The matter was pursued in the form of a question to Dr. Hodgson, IRC/GE, Department of State, which has resulted in a memorandum defining the Department's position in this particular case, i.e., that a disclaimer note had to be affixed to each of the 117 sheets in the atlas. In subsequent discussions, it was decided that it would be desirable also to revise the title and introduction to avoid any statement that could be construed as U.S. recognition of the incorporation of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania and the acceptance of certain other boundaries.

The incoming document load for Western Europe is too great to handle. Steps are being taken to redistribute area responsibilities and to revise further the Reading Panel requirements for the area.

E. Miscellaneous

25X1A9a [REDACTED] departed 1 February 1960, as planned, on his area familiarization trip to Africa.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] typist, entered on duty in the Division during February.

25X1A9a Arrangements have been made to cover the D/GG room in M Building following the departure of [REDACTED] last month.

At the recommendation of the Division Chief, the AD/RR sent a memorandum to G-2, USARPAC commending the production of Urban Intelligence Report Series.

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 Chief, Geography Division

<u>Project Control</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Requester</u>	<u>Status</u> ^{1/}	<u>Est. Date of Publication</u>
<u>Geographic Intelligence Review, CIA/RR GIR</u>				
60.1821	Geographic Intelligence Review, GIR 60-1	Routine	**	Mar 60
<u>Geographic Intelligence Reports (for standard distribution), CIA/RR GR</u>				
61.1212	Geog. of Sinkiang	DD/P	In abeyance	Open
69.1655	NonSov. Activ. in Antarctica during IGY	Self-init.	In abeyance	Open
63.1720	Olsztyn Region of Poland	Self-init.	In abeyance	Open
63.1767	Industrialization of Slovakia	Self-init.	**	II 60
60.1790	Terr/Sovereignty Problems in the Arctic	IRC/State	***	II 60
<u>Geographic Intelligence Reports (for limited and special distribution), CIA/RR GR L</u>				
59.1279	Satellite Geod. Activ. since Sofia Conf.	Self-init.	Deferred	Open
61.1357	North Korea Target Study: Ch'ongjin	DD/P	In abeyance	Open
54.1419	USSR RR Map	S/TR/RR	***	II 60
54.1437	USSR Atlas	Self-init.	***	II 60
61.1717	Rice Production in Communist China	M/AG/RR	In abeyance	Open
53.1728	Agr. Region, Rumania	M/AG/RR	In abeyance	Open
60.1742	The Kurds	OIS for NEA	***	I 60
61.1768	Adm. Div. of Indonesia	Self-init./FDD	Deferred	Open
64.1786	Underground Nuclear Explosions	25/SIA8a	* In abeyance	Open
60.1800	Mil. Geog. Survey: Caribbean Countries			Open
64.1739	Ostrov Vozrozhdeniya	OSI/ASD	Deferred	Mar 60
#69.1828	Analyst of Sov. Impact Accuracies, Pacific	Self-init.	**	Mar 60

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 ** Research 2/3 complete.
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<u>Project₁/</u> <u>Control^m</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Requester</u>	<u>Status^{1/}</u>	<u>Est. Date of</u> <u>Publication^{1/}</u>
<u>Geographic Support Projects, CIA/RR GP</u>				
63.1341	City Plan: Sofia, Bulgaria	25X4A8a	Deferred	Open
64.1698	USSR City Plans	[REDACTED]		Open
63.1715	Research for Agr. Maps of E. Germany	M/AG/RR	Deferred	Open
63.1741	Index for plotting mapping Eur. Satellites	Self-init.	***	Open
61.1744	Safe Areas: China	SAC	***	Mar 60
64.1745	Safe Areas: USSR	SAC	In abeyance	Open
61.1774	Vul. Analysis of Supply Routes in Tibet	DD/P	In abeyance	Open
69.1776	Soviet Dev. in Geodesy, etc. (ICEM)	Self-init.	In abeyance	I 60
64.1777	Tourist Objectives: Soviet Cities	25X4A8a	***	I 60
60.1792	Review of [REDACTED] Studies	[REDACTED]		Open
60.1801	Boundary Inventory	IRC/GE/State		Feb 61
60.1804	Article for Intelligence Studies	Self-init.	***	Open
63.1824	Order of Battle/Transportation, E. Germany	I/GM/RR	*	Apr 60
<u>External Research, CIA/RR X [REDACTED]</u>				
69.908	Sov. Geod. and Photogram. Instruments		In abeyance	Open
69.908	A Report on Sov. Cartography		In abeyance	Open
69.908	Selected List of Ref. to Sov. Cartography		In abeyance	Open
69.908	Selected Bibliography of Sov. Geodesy		In abeyance	Open

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<u>Project Control</u>			<u>Estimate Will Go to OBI</u>	
60.1735	NIS 43C,	North Vietnam	Mar 60	} NIS Section 19 Chapter I
60.1736	NIS 43D,	South Vietnam	Apr 60	
60.1737	NIS 26M,	USSR	May 60	
#60.1830	NIS 21M,	Yugoslavia	31 Aug 60	
#60.1831	NIS 34,	Afghanistan	31 Oct 60	
#60.1832	NIS 14M,	Poland	30 Dec 60	
#60.1833	NIS 38	Burma	31 Jan 61	
#60.1834	NIS 46,	Tunisia	28 Feb 61	
#60.1835	NIS 16,	Austria	31 Mar 61	
#60.1836	NIS 53A,	JAR: Part A, NIS 28A, Syria	31 May 61	
		Part B, NIS 53B, Egypt	31 May 61	
#60.1837	NIS 86,	Venezuela	30 Jun 61	
#60.1838	NIS 35 Annex,	Bhutan	30 Jun 61	
60.1755	NIS 53,	Egypt	15 Mar 60	
60.1756	NIS 12,	Finland	15 Apr 60	
60.1757	NIS 39B,	Nationalist China	16 May 60	
60.1758	NIS 28B,	Lebanon	15 Jun 60	
	25X6A			
60.1686			Mar 60	} NIS Chapter IX
60.1687	NIS 50C,	French West Africa	Apr 60	
60.1688	25X4 X 780	Egypt	May 60	
60.1689			Jun 60	
60.1690	NIS 50B,	Nigeria and British Cameroons	Jun 60	
60.1817	NIS 103,	South Pacific Islands	Oct 60	
60.1818	NIS 50A,	Ghana	Jan 61	
60.1819	NIS 57,	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Mar 61	
60.1820	NIS 26M,	USSR (5 studies)	Jun 61	

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