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MEMORANDUM TO: Members of the
FOREIGN AREA RESEARCH COORDINATION GROUP (FAR)

FROM : Wm. J. Nagle, Chairman, FAR

SUBJECT : Foreign Area Research Notes

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The External Research Staff, which serves as the FAR Secretariat, receives a great deal of information on developments in foreign area research, both in government and in the academic community. We should like to share some of the more significant information with FAR members through an occasional memorandum such as this.

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THIRD MEETING OF THE FAR GROUP

The third meeting of the full Foreign Area Research Coordination Group is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 1964 in the Old Treaty Room of the Executive Office Building, 17th and Pennsylvania Avenue. The focus of the meeting will be research on Africa, both private and government-sponsored. Invitations, agenda and documents prepared by the External Research Staff will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Forthcoming FAR subcommittee meetings are: Latin America, November 12; Documentation, November 17; China, to be announced.

CLOSING THE DOCUMENTATION GAP

- The Gap Perceived
- New Documentation Center
- Growing Demand
- Collection Small but Choice
- Toward Better Documentation

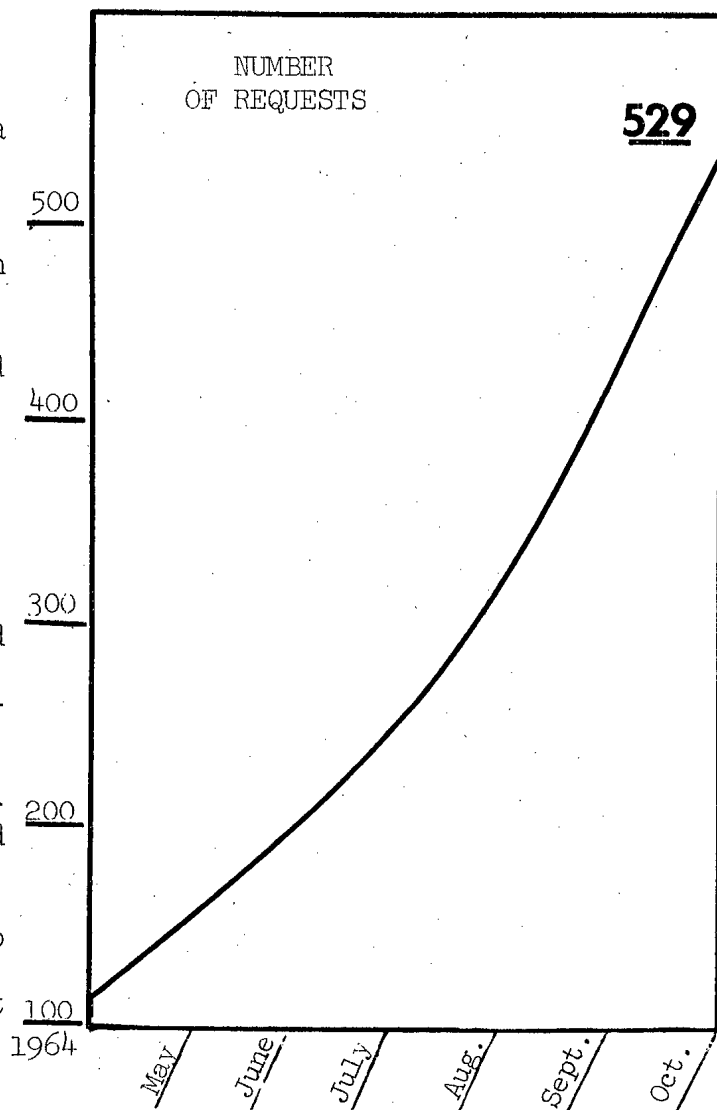
That the documentation gap is growing was confirmed in the FAR Documentation Subcommittee's recent survey of government foreign area research community information needs. Respondents ranging from the working level to ambassadorial and assistant secretary rank called for (by a five-to-one majority) a central documentation center for research reports. As stated by the director of the U.S. Naval War College library, "There is a pressing need for a service center similar in operation to the DDC [Defense Documentation Center] to distribute copies of completed reports of government-sponsored research in foreign areas."

A first step toward meeting this need was the establishment last month in the External Research Staff of the Foreign Area Research Documentation Center. A vest pocket operation by comparison with the Defense Documentation Center, the Office of Technical Services, and other established centers, FAR's new service nonetheless performs some unique functions. No other documentation center:

1. seeks out private, as well as government-sponsored, research reports;
2. collects systematically papers given at academic meetings--papers that report research findings months or years in advance of formal publication;
3. obtains by special request manuscripts and galleys of forthcoming books;
4. focuses on the foreign area and foreign policy research needs of State, Defense, AID, USIA, ACDA, and other government agencies.

The new FAR center grows out of the continuing effort since 1948 by the External Research Staff to identify and acquire foreign area research materials that complement the government's own in-house studies and/or meet policy needs. An informal loan collection that functioned in nameless anonymity for many years was the precursor of the new center. In recent months requests for papers and other documents available have doubled and doubled again. The nearly 300 requests in September rose in October--when the documentation center was established--to over 500.

Clients are many. Requesters, while representing a cross-section of the government foreign area research community, come chiefly from those FAR agencies most concerned with foreign affairs. Much use has been made of the new center by State's Policy Planning Council and Bureau of Intelligence and Research, DOD's Office of International Security Affairs and Defense Intelligence Agency, Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, USIA's Research and Reference staff, AID's Office of Technical Cooperation and Research, to mention but a few. Military posts outside Washington, notably Fort Bragg and Fort Gordon, are frequent requesters. This service is not unknown, finally, to State, AID, and USIA missions overseas; the list of such addressees this year begins with Abidjan, Accra, Addis Ababa, Ankara, Asuncion, Bangui, Benghazi, Brasilia, Brazzaville, and continues through Yaounde.



Despite its modest size, the Foreign Area Research Documentation Center offers a variety of materials not easily available elsewhere. Its particular strength lies in the papers from academic meetings, in the collection of which the External Research Staff has been and continues to be a pioneer. In September, for example, the Staff added to the collection some 200 selected foreign area research papers presented at recent meetings of the American Political Science Association, the American Sociological Association, the Georgetown Congress on French Speaking Africa, and the International Political Science Association in Geneva. Other materials obtained in quantity include university research center reports, article reprints, and occasional papers.

The collection is small but choice. Received monthly are 60 copies of the little known but highly useful reports filed by American Universities Field Staff correspondents throughout the less-developed world. Received last week was one of the three complete sets (the only one obtained in the executive branch) of the 40 papers given at the Second International Arms Control and Disarmament Symposium held earlier this year in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Also to be found is a salting of advance copies of articles and books, generally manuscripts obtained on special request, but also including publishers' galleys and the like. Just entering the collection for the first time are tape recordings of foreign area research conference sessions, an External Research Staff innovation in the documentation field.

The Staff has done less well in the collection of government-sponsored research reports. The hundreds of reports per month flowing from foreign area contract studies have all too often been unavailable outside the sponsoring office. It was to give new impetus to the collection and dissemination of such reports in particular that the Foreign Area Research Documentation Center was established. Following guidelines laid down by FAR's Documentation Subcommittee, the new center will relate its activities very closely to the revamped inventories of Government-Sponsored Research on Foreign Areas.

Reports are available to personnel of all FAR member agencies, generally on loan for ten working days. Retention copies may be had in some cases. New reports are listed in a compilation published monthly. Special lists brought out occasionally include cumulative listings on particular

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subjects, such as the problem of succession in the Soviet Union. Requests may be lodged by telephone (Code 182-2948), memorandum, telegram, or preferably, by the Document Request Form reproduced on the preceding page, which will be attached to all future monthly lists.

This new documentation center is a first step--much remains to be done if the government foreign area research community is to do more than merely wet its feet in the rising tide of documentation.

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MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- November 12 - 13: American Philosophical Society, Philosophical Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- November 12 - 14: Southern Political Science Association, Jack Tarr Hotel, Durham, North Carolina.
- November 16 - 18: Peace Research Conference, Center for Continuing Education, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- November 19 - 22: American Anthropological Association, Statler Hilton Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.
- December 2 - 4: "U.S. Relations with the Soviet Bloc," Conference for Corporation Executives, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.
- December 3 - 5: "The Caribbean: Its Health Problems," Conference on the Caribbean, School of Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.
- December 5: D.C. Political Science Association, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.
- December 6 - 9: "Power and Responsibility," Institute of World Affairs, Pasadena, California.
- December 16 - 21: "Psychology for Cultural Progress," Inter-American Congress of Psychology, Deauville Hotel, Miami, Florida.

- December 26 - 31: American Association for the Advancement of Science, Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, Canada.
- December 27 - 29: Modern Language Association, Statler Hilton and Penn Zone Hotels, New York, New York.
- December 27 - 30: American Statistical Association, Pick-Converse Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.
- December 28 - 30: American Economic Association, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.
- December 28 - 30: American Historical Association, Sheraton and Shoreham Hotels, Washington, D.C.

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FAR in the RECORD . . .

The October 2 Congressional Record (Vol. 110, No. 90, p. 22890) quotes a comment on FAR made by Representative Dante B. Fascell, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements. Mr. Fascell cited one of the Subcommittee recommendations made in its Report No. 2 (April 27, 1964):

Effective methods must be evolved to insure that the results of research conducted by Government agencies are promptly made available to all agencies concerned with foreign policy operations. Other arrangements must be worked out to divide research assignments and make certain that all requirements are covered to the extent that funds are available. A system of priorities must be established and enforced to insure that scarce resources--human and financial--are applied first to the most urgent tasks.

The Congressman concludes by stating that "the establishment of the coordinating group FAR is a step in the direction recommended by this subcommittee."

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ARMY ANNOUNCES CINFAC

The Department of the Army recently announced the establishment of the Counterinsurgency Information Analysis Center (CINFAC) at The American University's Special Operations Research Office (SORO). Under contract with the Army, The American University has organized this facility to serve the specialized information needs of the entire Defense Department community, as well as those of other government agencies concerned with today's international politico-military problems. In accordance with Defense Policy, CINFAC will not only classify, store, and retrieve information but, utilizing the scientific resources of SORO, will also provide analytical and other scientific advisory services to customer agencies on what DOD calls the non-materiel aspects of counterinsurgency problems.

Information in SORO files from the academic community, from special consultants, and from government military and civilian files will be processed and stored in accordance with a specialized classification system. As needed, information will be retrieved, analyzed, supplemented by additional data, and incorporated into the response to the customer. CINFAC is composed of a core of specialists analyzing, evaluating and classifying information on insurgency and counterinsurgency. These specialists represent a variety of academic backgrounds and possess considerable experience with operational problems in insurgency situations.

SORO has for several years conducted a broad research effort for the Department of the Army on cross-cultural problems affecting military operations among foreign peoples and societies. This effort has included studies in support of Army missions involving psychological operations, unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency, military assistance and related problem areas. Other studies have focused on the behavioral and social processes underlying military operations, and the role of the military establishments in foreign areas. The services of CINFAC are designed to supplement continuing SORO programs; the informational base and considerable research and analytical expertise within SORO will in turn be utilized by CINFAC.

Likewise, CINFAC services may augment and be augmented by efforts of other research and analysis centers, such as the Battelle Memorial Institute's Remote Areas Conflict Information Center (RACIC) of Columbus, Ohio--in the physical sciences--and the Department of the Army's Limited War Laboratory at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

FAR members who want further information on the activities and services of this new Center should contact CINFAC Manager Richard H. Moore at SORO (Telephone EM 2-4030).

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REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALS REVIEWED

A three-day conference at Stanford University last month reviewed the tortuous path of Marxist ideology, Communist history, Sino-Soviet relations, and the future of the Communist movement. Scores of American and foreign scholars, some of them among the world's most distinguished authorities on modern revolutionary movements, attended the Hoover Institution conference October 5-7, "One Hundred Years of Revolutionary Internationals."

The meeting was an ambitious affair. More than thirty papers were read during the all-day sessions, and many of them provoked lively controversy among the principal participants and the far-from-passive members of the audience. The subjects ranged widely, touching on a variety of topical problems, including "Khrushchevism," the prospects for pluralistic Communism, and Marxism in the developing countries.

Most presentations were at least lively and often enlightening. Among the more notable figures from abroad who attended and gave papers were Raymond Aron, Isaiah Berlin, Richard Lowenthal, and Leonard Schapiro. The U.S. was well represented by Merle Fainsod, Adam Ulam, Daniel Bell, Carl Landauer, and Sidney Hook. Rounding out this distinguished group of visiting scholars was the strong contingent of Soviet and Communist experts currently residing at the Hoover Institution, including such well-known figures as Bertram Wolfe and Theodore Draper.

The conference papers will be published eventually in book form. In the meantime, copies of the papers are available to government officers through the Foreign Area Research Documentation Center of the External Research Staff.

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THE SEARCH FOR NEW RESEARCH

The External Research Staff has found that a rich and varied source for timely information on foreign area research is to be found in the newsletters and bulletins issued more or less regularly by both private and government organi-

zations. Many of these publications are available free for the asking; others have moderate subscription rates. Brief and designed for quick scanning, they frequently provide advance information on projects of special interest to both research administrators and analysts concerned with international affairs.

Although not exhaustive, the list below indicates the scope and variety of newsletters and bulletins currently received by the External Research Staff. Further information about these publications is available from the Staff--the FAR Secretariat (Telephone Code 182-2875).

ACLS Newsletter (American Council of Learned Societies)
 African Studies Bulletin
 ADC Newsletter (Agricultural Development Council)
 AHA Newsletter (American Historical Association)
 ALAS Newsletter (Association for Latin American Studies)
 Alumni Newsletter, Russian Institute, Columbia University
 American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
 Newsletter
 American Psychological Association Newsletter
 American Society of International Law Newsletter
 AMSAC Newsletter (American Society of African Culture)
 Asia Society Letter
 Association for Asian Studies Newsletter
 ASTE Bulletin (Association for the Study of Soviet-Type
 Economies)

The Brookings Bulletin and Press Releases
 BSSR Newsletter (Bureau of Social Science Research)
 Bulletin on International Education (American Council on
 Education)

CAG Newsletter (Comparative Administration Group, American
 Society for Public Administration)
 Carnegie Corporation of New York Quarterly
 The Center Diary (Center for the Study of Democratic
 Institutions)
 CRC Newsletter (Communications Research Center, Boston
 University)

East-West Center News (University of Hawaii)

Fellow Newsletter (American Anthropological Association)
 Ford Foundation News

Graduate Faculties Newsletter (Columbia University)

Harvard Foundation for Advanced Study and Research News-
letter

Information Bulletin (Special Projects Division, Frederick
A. Praeger, Publishers)
Items (Social Science Research Council)

W. K. Kellogg Foundation Press Releases

Land Tenure Center Newsletter (University of Wisconsin)
Latin American Language and Area Centers Newsletter
(Columbia University)
Looking Ahead (National Planning Association)

Mongolia Society Newsletter

National Planning Association Press Releases
Newsletter of the International Commission of Jurists
Newsnotes on Education Around the World (HEW) (Dis-
continued after September 1964 issue)

Peace Research Society Newsletter

Research News (University of Michigan)
Rockefeller Foundation Grants

SPSSI Newsletter (Society for the Psychological Study of
Social Issues)
SSSR Newsletter (Society for the Scientific Study of
Religion)

Twentieth Century Fund Newsletter

University of Southern California Press Releases
Universities Committee on the Problems of War and Peace
Newsletter

VITA (Volunteers for International Technical Assistance)

What HumRRO is Doing (Human Resources Research Office,
George Washington University)

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SCHOLARS LOOK AT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS RESEARCH

Since World War II, scholarship in international affairs has grown so voluminous and complex that researchers, government officials, and others interested in the field face serious problems of communication and evaluation. It has

become almost impossible for them to keep track of the important research being done in international relations and to judge its quality.

Because many leading scholars believe that steps can be taken to help alleviate these problems, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is sponsoring the work of a Committee on Research Evaluation in the field of International Relations. The Committee has held three meetings since December 1963, and plans to publish its report in late 1965.

The Committee's Chairman is Professor Philip E. Mosely, Director of the European Institute and Associate Dean of the Faculty of International Affairs at Columbia University. Dr. E. Raymond Platig of the Carnegie Endowment will prepare the final report, which, as now planned, will deal with the following topics: International Relations as a Field for Research (History and Definition); the Nature and Functions of Research; Forms and Procedures for Evaluating Research; Criteria for Evaluating Research in International Relations; and Recommendations.

Communications relating to matters of concern to the Committee are welcome, and should be addressed to Dr. Platig at the Carnegie Endowment, 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, New York.