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FDD PROGRAM FOR THE NEAR EAST AND AFRICA

The following reports will consist in general of summaries of information in newspapers, periodicals, and monographs. This program is outlined in broad terms and subject to specific refinement through operational liaison. The reports will be unclassified and marked "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."

1. Monthly Information Report on Afghanistan

This report will be issued in the FDD OO-W series.

- a. Military activities including logistic problems.
- b. Soviet bloc activities including agreements, construction status, activities and members of technicians assigned to each project.
- c. Statements and activities of important Afghans.
- d. Religion, Education, and Public Information (to support NIS Section No. 43).
- e. Information on governmental structure, both central and local (to support NIS Section 52).

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2. Semimonthly Information Report on Arab States

This report, which will be issued in the FDD Summary Series, will contain information on Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, other Arab Peninsula areas, and

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- a. Military information (Army, Navy, Air Force, police, National Guard, para-military organization; biographic data on all officers, including their political activities; medical facilities).
- b. Arab League and inter-Arab affairs.
- c. Activities of political, religious, and minority groups except Libya (e.g. ex-Grand Mufti, Hussaini, Arab refugee groups).
- d. Organized labor activities except Libya.

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e. Economic information except Libya (transportation, telecommunications, foreign participation in industrial construction, semi-annual and annual statistics on foreign trade).

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f. Population structure and problems [ ] (including information on the numbers of [ ] immigrants and emigrants).

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3. Monthly Information Report on Africa

This report, which will be issued in the FDD Summary series, will contain information on Africa, except British Africa, Egypt, Sudan, and Libya. Special emphasis will be given to Reunion, Madagascar, French Camerouns, French Equatorial Africa, and Somalia.

a. Activities of political parties and organizations (including native, settler pressure, and European groups in Tangier, French and Spanish Africa, Belgian Congo, Union of South Africa, and Portuguese Africa; local organizations of French political parties in French Africa; activities of North African nationalist groups in France; inter-territorial cooperation).

b. Political agitation and tribal unrest (quarterly and semiannual statistics).

c. Organized labor activities (including affiliation, strength, personalities, and elections).

d. Social exchanges between European and natives (including social visits between Moslems and French citizens in French North Africa and social contacts between educated natives and Europeans in Black Africa).

e. Biographic (information of both high and low level political and economic personalities including US citizens in the area).

f. Military (local military and security forces, including personalities for Africa south of Sahara; training maneuvers for all Africa; bibliographic references to military and economic publications).

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g. Economic (industry; [ ] penetration; French investments in French Africa).

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4. The following subject categories will be reported on an ad-hoc basis directly to the requestor without being published:

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- a. Popular reaction toward internal and external affairs in the Arab States, [ ] Greece, Turkey, and Iran (e.g. ME Defense, US economic and military assistance; attitude toward Soviet bloc, Western bloc, and neutralism; oil agreements).
- b. Geographic information on Afghanistan, Arab States, Israel, Greece, Turkey, Iran and Africa (survey, accounts of travels in little known areas).
- c. Provincial, political, and labor developments in Greece, Turkey and Iran.
- d. Activities of minority and religious groups in Greece, Turkey and Iran.

5. The following subject categories will be considered as specific requests and will be issued in the FDD OO-W series.

- a. Public welfare information on Greece (to support NIS Section No. 46).
- b. Sociological information on Iran (health, education, public welfare, social reforms).

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