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RE-DRAFT FY 1976 KEY INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS

Substantive Objective

Provide accurate, timely and relevant information and assessments of Chinese internal and external policies and capabilities with respect to the United States, its allies, the USSR, Southeast Asia, and the Third World.

Key Intelligence Questions

China: Internal Politics and Foreign Policy

(*) 31. What major trends and changes are likely in Chinese foreign and military policies relating to the US and the USSR?

(*) 32. While Mao and/or Chou remain alive, ^{alignments} how are the internal stresses and relationships within the central leadership and at the key regional levels likely to affect China's main lines of foreign, economic and military policy? ^{What} Should ^{When} Mao and/or Chou die, how are these policies likely to be affected by the succession process?

33. ^{What are Peking's activities in} Is Peking trying to attain a role as a leader of the Third World, and ^{to what extent} are these activities detrimental to the U.S. ^{South Asia}?

34. ^{What are} How is Peking carrying out its objectives ^{in Asia particularly} towards Thailand, Korea, the former states of Indo-China and Japan? ^{South Asia}

35. Will Peking be able to maintain its economic development and to what extent will it ^{rely} (depend) on the West to support its economy?

³⁶ Chinese Military Capabilities

36. What is the present status of China's nuclear ^{technology} capabilities? ^{R+D technology}

^{Describe} Include the types and locations of delivery vehicles, the numbers and types of weapons in stockpile and weapons technology.

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37. What progress are the Chinese making toward acquiring missile capabilities against the US and against the USSR west of the Urals *and what is its policy towards use of these weapons?*

38. What will be Chinese tactics against and negotiating position on Taiwan? What will Taiwan's policies (particularly military) be towards Peking?

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SUBJECT: Proposed China Key Intelligence Questions
for FY 1976

Attached are Drafts of China Key Intelligence Questions (KIQs) proposed for FY 1976. I have also attached for your use a copy of FY 75 KIQs. I would appreciate any written or verbal comments you may have on these and rather than have a meeting I would rather we deal with this matter on a bilateral basis. We will, of course, have a meeting if it becomes necessary.

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Attachment:
Draft KIQs FY 1976
KIQs FY 1975

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