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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Geography Division, ORR  
Project Initiation Memorandum

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SEP 1 1954

TO : Acting Chief, Geographic Research  
FROM: Chief, Geography Division

Project No 61.1268  
Date 23 August 1954

- 1. Subject of Proposed Project: 1954 Floods in China
- 2. Statement of Problem: (Outline to be attached)

See reverse side.

3. Requester: See reverse side.

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4. Responsible Analyst: [Redacted] Far East Branch

5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:  
D/GC: Preparation of map showing flooded areas on 1:1 million scale  
(a) Other division of the Geographic Area (include maps)

(b) Other parts of CIA See reverse side

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(c) Outside CIA None

(d) D/GL domestic procurement [Redacted] D/GL, has been informed about this project.

6. Estimated Man Hours to Complete: 200 hours in D/GG to October 1954.

7. Probably Completion Date: First phase: October 1954.

8. Probable Form of Final Publication: G/I - brief summary report - and Overlays to 1:1 million WAC charts.

9. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: In addition to the requester, possible distribution to interested divisions in ORR.

10. Comments:

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[Redacted Signature]

Chief, Geography Division

[Redacted Signature]  
Acting Chief, Geographic Research

AUG 27 1954

Date

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2. Determination of the extent of the current summer floods in China (especially the Yangtze, Huai and Yellow Rivers). Analysis is to include consideration of flood damage, success or failure of Chinese Communist flood control projects, propaganda implications of flood control work and rehabilitation work, and effect on transportation. The project is to be a continuing one, with reports to be submitted periodically but on an ad hoc basis until flooding subsides (probably October or November). Further flood information may be requested through the flood season of 1955 (to be decided later). At the end of the current flood season, a final report is requested which will summarize the findings and analysis of the periodic reports.

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3. [REDACTED] dated 16 August 1954, [REDACTED]

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- 5(b). Interest in the project has also been shown by the Agricultural Branch, Materials Division, and Population and Manpower Branch, the Communications Branch, and the Transportation Branch of Services Division.

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