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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Reference
SUBJECT: Comments on SKAN Index
REFERENCE: Your memorandum dated 6 October, Subject: New
Publications on CHICOM Receipts (SKAN)

The experimental SKAN index dealing with Communist China has been carefully reviewed. We are deeply interested in all systems or techniques that promise to improve the file and retrieval of documents, and the work of the ^{25X1A2g} [REDACTED] Task Force is of particular importance to us. We are not sure, however, that the SKAN index as yet represents a broadly useful tool for dealing with the retrieval task. Our specific comments are attached. In summary, OBI analysts are sympathetically interested in the index but feel that more development is needed before it can be effectively used in the research process.

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Attachment:
As stated above