

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR
Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Chief, Geographic Research
From: Chief, Geography Division

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Project No. 62.1374
Date: 7 October 55

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Northern Afghanistan
2. Statement of Problems: To produce a report on all feasible geographic information on a little known area into which the Soviets have penetrated and which is closed to most other foreigners. Much material already collected will be used. Subjects to be treated include:
 - a. Normal economic activity
 - b. Activity of the Russians, both economic and otherwise
 - c. Distribution of characteristics of the people and presented against a background of the natural elements such as terrain, climate, biotic resources, etc.
3. Requester: Self-initiated
4. Responsible Analyst: [Redacted] Near East/Africa Branch 25X1A
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:
 - a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area: At least one map will be required - D/GC.
 - b. D/GC, domestic procurement: None
 - c. Other parts of CIA: Facilities of the CIA Library, Graphics Register, etc. to be used.
6. Estimated Man Hours: 400 professional hours
7. Probable Completion Date: 30 May 56
8. Probable Form of Final Publications: CIA/RR-0 25X1A
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Approved:

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Chief, Geography Division

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Chief, Geographic Research

11 Oct 55
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Assistant Director, ORR

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