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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

SUBJECT : Study of Chinese Communist Grain Control Program

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REFERENCE : [REDACTED]

1. It is requested that a study be prepared by O/RR on the Chinese Communist Grain Control Program, to include information on the following topics:

a. General

(1) Chinese Communist Government Administration Council, Committee of Financial and Economic Affairs policy statements concerning, and the delegation of authority for, the collection, storage, and distribution of rice in the provinces of Hunan, Hupei, Chekiang, Fukien, Kwangtung, and Kiangsu.

See IM-386.

(2) Government structure(s) established for the implementation of these policy statements and directives; i.e. Co-operatives, Mutual-Aid-Teams, State Farms, Farmer's Associations, etc.

(3) Segments of society to whom authority has been designated for specific aspects of this over-all program, as follows:

- (a) Supervision of harvesting.
- (b) Weighing and examination of grain.
- (c) Amount of total crop collected from individual peasant (quota).

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(d) Payment by collecting agency for rice collected.

(e) Collecting agency (ies).

(f) Storage agency (ies).

(g) Distribution agency (ies).

b. Specific

(1) Supervision of harvesting

(a) Must grain harvesting be supervised?

(b) By whom supervised (by cadre, Farmer's Ass'n, or neighbor, etc.)?

(c) Disciplinary action taken (and by whom) in event grain is harvested without supervision.

(2) Weighing and examination of grain

(a) Is all grain weighed or only that portion designated for state collection?

(b) What weight unit is used?

(c) Is a portion of rice weighed designated for seed-rice for subsequent plantings?

(d) Weighing authority.

(e) Where is weighing conducted (at peasant's farm, in village, at co-op, etc.) and if conducted in village, is peasant accompanied when he brings rice to village from farm for weighing?

(f) For what purpose is rice examined, i.e. to detect adulteration, overweighing, underweighing, etc.

(3) Amount of total crop collected from individual peasant

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(a) Must peasant purchase rice from a governmental designee or is a portion of his own crop left with him for this purpose? How much does rice cost him when purchased from this designee and is the cost more or less than that paid him by collecting agency for grain harvested for state use?

(b) Is collection on a quota basis? What action is taken when peasant (or co-op, state farm, etc.) fails to meet quota?

(c) How is quota determined; by size of plot, amount of seed-rice furnished, by estimate of yield conducted prior to harvest, etc.

(d) Who or what designee of the government establishes quotas?

(4) Payment for rice collected

(a) Amount: fixed, variable, and quantity?

(b) By whom paid?

(c) Is payment in kind (i.e. is peasant allowed to retain a portion of rice and is this the extent of payment)?

(d) Is payment in JMP? Must peasant purchase rice for own consumption from amount paid him, and from whom or what agency does he purchase rice for personal needs?

(e) Must peasant purchase seed-rice for subsequent plantings or is a portion of the crop retained by him (or some authority) for this purpose?

(f) From whom does peasant obtain new or have old farm implements repaired?

(5) Collecting agency

(a) Specific location of major collection centers?

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(b) Collecting is whose responsibility?

(c) What subsidiary role, if any, is played in the collection program by the cardes, the state co-operatives, mutual-aid-teams (both permanent and temporary teams) Farmers' Associations, etc?

(d) Can individual soldiers or does military headquarters place separate levy on peasants for support in the supply of foodstuffs? If yes, is an adjustment of the amount collected by state made in terms of the harvest quota collected?

(e) Are peasants liable for support of individual soldiers (i.e. does local political or military or party authority billet soldiers in peasant homes, and further, is peasant liable for food and housing expenses entitled in this billeting)?

(f) When, (in terms of harvest-time) is rice collected?

(6) Storage agency

(a) Whose responsibility?

(b) Facilities provided: Are they guarded, fireproof, water-proof?

(c) Are local rice-needs stored in village within same facilities for storage of state grain stores, or are they stored separately?

(d) Are storage facilities located at hsiang, ch'u, hsien, cheng, and/or sheng level?

(7) Distribution

(a) Method of distribution: in city, county, village?

(b) Authority: Who exercises jurisdiction over distribution mechanism on these geographic levels?

(c) Is quota for consumption rigid (i.e. ration cards) and what is quota rate?

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(d) Is peasant's consumption of rice on a quota or ration basis; if so, how much for how long per person? Is this quota identical to ration established for the urban populace?

2. It is felt that much of this information already has been collected by your office in preparation for Project 21.151. Consequently, in order for requested study to be of greatest use to Clandestine Service, we should appreciate having the study completed by 15 September 1954.

3. Any questions pertaining to this request may be referred to [REDACTED] on extension 8641.

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