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FROM :

SUBJECT : Report of Official Travel to the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies from 27-29 March 1961 at Chicago, Illinois

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1. Purpose of Trip

The meeting of the Association for Asian Studies was attended in order to keep current on developments in the fields of academic research on Asian problems.

2. Activities

The meeting provided an excellent opportunity for observation of and discussions with various educators and government officials as to the state of research on the Far East generally and particularly on Communist China. The papers presented at the various sessions were of high quality and indicated the growing interest in the academic field in research on the Far East, although many of the problems were approached from a historical rather than current viewpoint and apparently cut-off most research at the beginning of the "Great Leap Forward" in China.

In spite of the above, the sessions proved to be both stimulating and rewarding. Of special interest were papers on:

- Sino-Soviet Ideological Developments
- Report on the State of Current Research on China
- Conditions for the Development of Intra-Asian Trade
- Population Increases and Manpower Utilization in Mainland China
- Sino-Indian Frontier Problems
- Peking and Latin America, 1952-1960
- Some Aspects of Chinese Statistics

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3. Commitments Made

None.

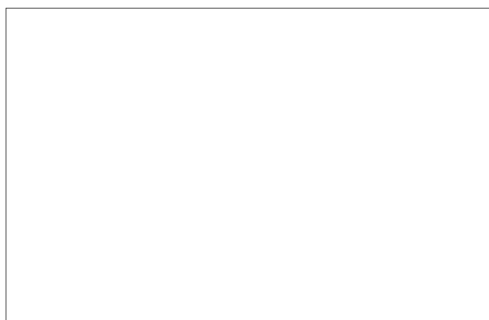
4. Conclusions and Recommendations

The information derived from this meeting will serve as good background material and be of considerable value in the future. The growing importance of Asia makes it necessary for CIE analysts to keep up with new developments. The opportunity to learn what other organizations are doing, to make valuable contacts, to discover possible new sources, and to gain area knowledge make such meetings extremely valuable. It is therefore recommended that this and other meetings be regularly attended by members of this branch.

5. Problems and Difficulties

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