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NOTE FOR: OCI

SUBJECT : SRS and State

1. We have fairly active contact with State. All of it is close and cooperative. No significant problems at all. With one exception, these relationships are informal.

2. The formal relationship is the USC/FAR (Undersecretary's Sub-Committee on Foreign Area Research). This is the interagency committee on external research; Ray Cline is the chairman, I am the CIA representative. In addition to the plenary, there are functional and geographic sub-groups; various individuals in ONE, OCI, and OER sit in these and report informally to me. The total load of FAR on CIA and SRS is not great. FAR is a fairly ponderous mechanism, but Ray Cline has been able to improve upon this, and to gain added authority from Kissinger to discipline this external research business. The FAR is performing a good service in examining more carefully how external research may be able to contribute, both through existing and new research methodologies. The Agency is not a "Member," only an "Observer." This in effect gives me the option of deciding how fully CIA wishes to be committed on any particular point; Ray Cline and his external research people recognize this and have been fully cooperative.

3. INR. Virtually all of SRS's officers have had long friendly contact with INR over the years, as do I with Ray Cline. Contact takes a number of forms: visits, lunches, seminars, evening smokers, and the like. We keep in touch not only on matters of substance, but on who's doing what. A recent such gathering was two weeks ago, when INR had [redacted] on the program (the only CIA officer) for a large USG-academic seance on the future of Chinese politics.

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4. Other State Offices. I have been in touch on a regular basis with Deputy Assistant Secretary Arthur Hummel, Al Jenkins, and other China officers. These contacts give me an opportunity to learn what kinds of SRS studies might be most relevant to senior State operating offices.

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