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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Devine,  
Department of State

SUBJECT: The Committee for a Free Asia

1. Following recent meetings concerning the Committee for a Free Asia and with special reference to Radio Free Asia, we are attaching a revised operating plan for the Committee for the balance of fiscal year 1952. This, I believe, reflects changes agreed upon.

2. In the carrying out of this program the need for close coordination between your people and ours is recognized.

3. We should appreciate receiving a "no policy objection" from State on the attached.

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OPERATING PROGRAM OF THE COMMITTEE FOR A FREE ASIA, FISCAL YEAR 1952

The Committee for a Free Asia is an overt American organization operating as an instrument of psychological and political warfare against communist aggression and organized Soviet Communist Party activity in Asia. Its objectives are (1) to support the national independence and the aspiration toward national independence of all Asian countries (2) to develop in the Asian people a sense of individualism and of partnership with individuals in the free world and thus to develop in Asia a community of interest in defeating communism (3) to establish contact with and to develop native leadership in the fight against communism (4) to serve as cover for covert government activities directed towards the defeat of Soviet organized activity. However, covert aspects are somewhat incidental to overt operations.

The targets are: China, including Mongolia, Manchuria, Sinkiang and Tibet, and North Korea; Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, Malaya and Indonesia; Japan, the Philippines and India, listed in the order of their importance. Included as an integral part of the Chinese problem are the Overseas Chinese communities everywhere.

Organization

The Committee has established the following branches under its President; Editorial Branch; Overseas Chinese Contacts Branch; Students Contacts Branch; Lecture Bureau; Historical Research Bureau; Asians Operations Branch; Radio Free Asia; Public Relations Branch.

Administrative responsibilities are vested in the office of the Vice-President for Administration with the necessary departments of Budget, Fiscal, Personnel, Procurement and Security. For liaison purposes with the Committee for a Free Europe and the Crusade for Freedom, a New York office of the Committee has been established with the Director there, also charged with the duties falling within the scope of the Overseas Chinese Contacts Branch.

Operating Program

During the balance of the fiscal year the Committee will complete its staffing in terms of present objectives. It will also complete a survey of all Asian countries calculated to discover and contact those organizations and instrumentalities with which the Committee can work towards its aims. In those areas where such means are found, it may be appropriate for the Committee to open offices for representatives who will serve as local agents of the Committee. The Committee will work through, and create where necessary, responsible and competent local groups to carry out the psychological warfare of the Committee in each country.

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The major activities to be undertaken by each branch are set forth below:

Editorial Branch

The Editorial Branch will: (1) write, edit and produce for Asian distribution one pamphlet of text without pictures weekly on general anti-communist themes. \*

(2) Two pictorial pamphlets monthly using comic-book techniques; \*

(3) Arrange for translation into Chinese and publication of a series similar to "My Weekly Reader" circulated through school channels to primary grade students in the United States, to Overseas Chinese schools, in Hong Kong and Southeast Asian Chinese centers;

(4) Establish in Hong Kong, through the cooperation of the Overseas Chinese Contacts and the Foreign Organizations Branch, a refugee interrogation center. This operation will be done through cover to satisfy British neutrality demands;

(5) Write, edit and publish a monthly magazine in English or its equivalent for distribution to Asian students in the United States/

(6) Continue plans for creation of a publishing center in Bangkok or Calcutta which will translate and publish appropriate text books for Asian schools. This project, with which the Ford Foundation in Pasadena has been acquainted, will require an appropriation separate from the regular Committee budget and the aid of some private foundation will be solicited;

(7) Arrange for Committee subsidy of suitable Asian and English language newspapers and magazines in the area of the Committee's interest, whose anti-Communist aims are consonant with Committee purposes;

(8) Translate and publish in Tagalog, Singhalese and Hindi the Boy Scout Manual.

Overseas Chinese Contacts Branch

This branch will:

(1) Develop plans for coordinated activities with anti-communist groups in the United States and in Asia (in conjunction with the Foreign Organizations Branch) consonant with the needs of Radio Free Asia and the Editorial Branch.

\* These activities will be carefully monitored to insure non-duplication of USIS activities in this field.

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(2) Develop a plan for convening a seminar of Chinese intellectuals to devise a platform of principles and a program to which all patriotic non-Communist Chinese may adhere in order to realize the democratic reconstruction of their homeland.

Student Contacts Branch

This branch will:

(1) In cooperation with the China Institute in America, open a China House in Berkeley to provide a reception center, meeting place and workshop for the Chinese students and educators in exile along the Pacific Coast;

(2) Conduct at least three trips by members of the branch, to leading American educational centers for Asian students;

(3) Work with such established organizations as the China Institute to contact American industry with a view to placing in jobs indigent Chinese students who have completed their schooling but should not return to Communist China;

(4) Arrange in cooperation with Editorial and Foreign Organizations Branches a large number of scholarships for Chinese students from Hong Kong, Macao, and possibly Taipei to the University of Singapore;

(5) Arrange a limited number of scholarships for Asian students at American universities with view toward potential utilization in intelligence and other activities. \*

(6) Sponsor in cooperation with Editorial and Foreign Organizations Branches an essay contest in many Asian schools;

(7) In cooperation with Foreign Organizations Branch, will arrange for professional production in Hong Kong of a motion picture in which student refugees from China will be the principal actors, showing the impact of Communist regimentation and thought control tactics on educational life in China. The movie will be shown in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia as an antidote for the propagandist movies produced by the Communists to deceive the student generation in these areas;

(8) In cooperation with Editorial Branch, will purchase and publish in Hong Kong a new manuscript written by a girl student in Peking University, entitled, "University Life under the Red Banner," for distribution among Chinese schools in southeast Asia and Chinese students in the United States. This book will furnish excellent factual material to refute the communist claims of progress in intellectual pursuits and will prove the degradation of faculty and student bodies in a vicious system of indoctrination and suppression of original thinking.

\* This will be coordinated, as necessary with State, recognizing their active program in this field.

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(9) In cooperation with Radio Free Asia and for its use in broadcasting, will arrange the tape-recording in Hong Kong of stories of student refugees from the China mainland, relating their personal experiences under Communist domination in the universities on the mainland, why they chose to escape, and why Chinese students in the United States should not return to Communist China;

(10) Will purchase and distribute among Asian, especially Chinese students and other Chinese in the United States, 4,000 copies of "Brain Washing in China," by Edward Hunter, a new book to be published on October 20, 1951 by Vanguard Press. This book will undoubtedly have great influence among Chinese students and overseas Chinese as it presents the documentary story of regimentation and oppressive thought control techniques and their effects on the victims.

#### Lecture Bureau

(1) The Lecture Bureau will sponsor, either directly or through contract arrangements with at least one and possibly three commercial lecture bureaus, bookings for up to 15 Asian lecturers in Asia.

(2) Continue plans for developing lecture platform packages which will include speaker, musical or artistic entertainment and/or motion pictures.

#### Historical Research Branch

This branch will:

(1) Complete an over-all plan for extensive research in two fields: Communist plans and activities in several Asian countries; and the historic anti-Communist forces that may exist in Asia that can be mobilized in the struggle against communist imperialism.

(2) Continue to be a servicing agency for Radio Free Asia and the Editorial Branch;

(3) Contact the research centers of various American universities to obtain the benefit of their projects for the Committee;

(4) Complete several bibliographical projects of books and periodicals of use in Committee anti-Communist work;

(5) Will establish a small working unit at the University of California, Berkeley, to take advantage of the offer of the faculty there to provide research facilities, staff and supervision of research similar to the Stanford arrangement.

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## Asian Operations

This branch will:

- (1) Develop plans for Asian operations;
- (2) Place Committee representatives in every important Asian center. Enter into open affiliation or establish fraternal relations with at least one non-government group dedicated to fighting communism in each of the Asian countries.
- (3) Organize in cooperation with the Chicago Daily News a "Seeds for Democracy" program whereby garden vegetable seeds collected in the United States by the Committee will be distributed to Filipino farmers.
- (4) Develop a plan and if approved arrange for the gift to Japan of fifty California redwood trees to line an appropriate avenue or park lane in Tokyo as a symbol of the renewed friendly relationship existing between the American and Japanese peoples;
- (5) Assist health Asian youth associations and activities with the aim of using them as distribution points for Committee publications;
- (6) Develop in cooperation with the Overseas Chinese Contacts Branch and the Student Contacts Branch) a specific proposal to provide asylum somewhere in Asia (possibly Okinawa) for as many as 10,000 Chinese refugees from the Mainland who cannot continue to live with any degree of comfort and decency in Hong Kong, and whose essential creature comforts must be taken care of before they can be expected to cooperate wholeheartedly or effectively with the Committee. One Chinese contact already made (subject to check and clearance) has offered a private fund of US \$100,000 for some such project. As plans develop, the support of private American foundations may be sought for financial aid. This plan will include the possible establishment of a model community in order to develop and preserve anti-Communist Chinese leadership in all levels of society, particularly among the youth. The plan envisages a concrete method of offering hope to Chinese intellectuals at present caught in the communist regime, and developing and preserving for future use a core of pro-American Chinese experts in various fields.

## Public Relations

This branch will continue to function along existing lines. Its work and productivity will increase as the work of the Committee increases. Its plan is simply to keep step with the Committee and exploit legitimately its operations in ways that will be helpful to the Crusade for Freedom in order to create a friendly atmosphere in the United States for the continued existence of the Committee.

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Radio Free Asia

Present operations of RFA will not be expanded until a detailed proposal now in preparation has been approved. In the preparation of proposals for expansion RFA will be guided by the following:

(1) RFA will generally limit its broadcasts and support of broadcasts to programs outside the charter of the Voice of America and for which the U. S. Government would not assume responsibility.

(2) RFA will direct its operations toward broadcasts from <sup>Asian</sup> countries through Asian stations, under sponsorship of Asian groups.

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