

SUBJECT: Committee for a Free Asia, Inc.

I was frankly amazed at how much progress CFA has made.

They are set up in offices at 245 California Street directly across the street from the office of their Chairman, Brayton Wilbur, a highly successful export-import broker who carries great prestige in San Francisco. The other members of the Committee are all top people.

George Greene already has a nucleus staff of about fifteen people, many of them individuals who have spent most of their working lives in the Far East. It is remarkable the amount of intelligence this little group is already getting from inside China. They plan to set up "counterpart" offices of the San Francisco office in Bangkok, Singapore, Manila, and seven or eight other key points in Southeast Asia.

They are definitely going ahead with a radio operation either from Saipan, Manila, or Formosa. They plan to get this Radio Free Asia station on the air by fall. |?

Unlike NCFE, they are tremendously concerned with building a counteroffensive against the spread of Communism in Asiatic countries which are still free. In other words, their target is not confined to the Far Eastern area behind the Iron Curtain.

The "exile" side of their operation includes close contacts with students from Asiatic countries who are in the United States, with the some 60,000 Chinese of second and third generation born in this country and with their organized groups, and with residents and visitors from the other countries of Southeast Asia.

Their Foreign Operations Branch will deal with these elements overseas through the counterpart offices mentioned above.

They are also planning a lecture bureau in this country, similar to the NCFE Kirsch operation.

They are going in heavily also for publications, to offset the tremendous Soviet effort in this field. They already have one pamphlet, in comic book treatment, in preparation.

An Historical Research Branch, similar to our R. & I., will supply facts and figures. Nucleus personnel for this branch is already on the ground.

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