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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: RICHARD H. SOLOMON *RHS*

SUBJECT: Harned Hoose's "Intelligence Report" on Paul Lin

I have talked with CIA people about Harned P. Hoose's "intelligence report" on Paul Lin, and there is nothing in it not already known to the Agency. Thus, I do not think we need to pass it on for further analysis.

Frankly, I am concerned about the insistent Mr. Hoose's amateur sleuthery, and his unending efforts to associate himself with the NSC and other agencies of the USG as a consultant. He has not demonstrated any substantive knowledge not already available, and has on numerous occasions shown himself to be unabashedly self-serving in using his past access to the NSC for his own commercial wheeling and dealing. Thus, my recommendation is that we firmly, but not impolitely, discourage this man from thinking he has some special access.

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June 9, 1973

TO: RICHARD SOLOMON

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

This is what Harned Hoose gave me
last weekend. If you think it is
worthwhile, we could ^{send} probably send
it to the Agency for an analysis.

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Dr. Paul T. K. Lin, aka Lin Ta-kuang
Director, Centre for East Asian Studies, McGill University, P.O. Box 6070
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Residence: 236 Corot Park, Nuns
Island, Montreal 201,
Canada

His wife is Director of "China Resources Corporation," Commune St., Montreal -
Opened in three story building approximately September, 1972 - Importer
of PRC carpets, arts and crafts, jades and ivories

Re Dr. Lin:

Office: Substantial mail and memoranda from PRC and from PRC Embassy,
Ottawa; one telephone, direct dialing (not merely through
University switchboard), occasional student clerical assistance.

Bookshelves include Chinese and English editions of Marx, Engels,
Mao and similar works - also numerous volumes in English re
Far East and PRC, generally. Well thumbed "little red book" on
desk.

Home: Luxurious two-storied (in complex, with adjoining apartments on
both sides, within same structure) apartment, well furnished in
western style. Several Chinese stone rubbings, ceramic figures,
carvings, etc., of excellent quality. Living room, kitchen,
hall, coatroom, front hall, downstairs; and bedroom plus second
bedroom converted to a study, bathroom, upstairs.

Several photo albums reflecting Dr. Lin and wife variously with
Chou En-lai (formally posed and also candid camera, exterior
Peking and reception room, banquet room, Peking); Kuo Mo-jo
(same variation); and Madame Sun Yat-sen (same variation).
Chou shots apparently on at least two different occasions, one
interior and one exterior; Kuo Mo-jo apparently present only in
interior shots; and Madame Sun Yat-sen with Dr. Lin and wife on
a separate third occasion, without others than Dr. Lin and wife.
Apparent dates (per captions added by Dr. Lin, in albums): 1972.

Two telephones in study. No numbers shown on instruments.
One standard phone, with usual "Operator" and number dials; and
one without the usual "operator" and number dials. Dr. Lin
speaks on the second telephone directly with PRC embassy staff,
apparently in Ottawa (but not confirmed as to city), without
assistance of operator and without dialing. Directly addressed
Fang Yin (PRC Commercial Consul) by name on this telephone. Also
others on PRC embassy staff. Dr. Lin's manner and speech with
Fang Yin and others was courteous but mandatory, e.g. "Wo yao
ni chien ta, yeh pang ta-ti mang." (I want you to meet him and
assist him).

endorsed

(To Dr. Lin, as "Lin Ta-kuang") photographs of Chou En-lai, and a set of Chinese classics, similarly endorsed; a personal writing in what appeared to be original brush-strokes, directed from "Mao Tsetung" to "Lin Ta-kuang" (in grass writing, so text not readily understood, but "Mao Tsetung" and "Lin Ta-kuang" clearly discernable; and a large collection in English and Chinese, of communist works, including a very large collection of Mao's works.

Items noted from
Dr. Lin comments

He has lived a number of years in PRC since 1949, and has returned there several times "for research." He is a close friend of Premier Chou En-lai. He "assisted" in arranging for Canada's recognition of PRC. He "assisted" Canadian Pacific in its negotiations for landing rights in China, including a trip to Peking on behalf of the airline. He is "very close" to "the highest authorities" in many of China's "governing circles," including "State Council," "China Council for the Promotion of International Trade," "Bank of China," and others.

On the telephone and in person, he addresses PRC individuals as "Tung-chih" (comrade), occasionally. In English, he uses terms such as "Mr.," "Mrs.," but not "comrade."

Dr. Lin appears to have relatively substantial sums of money on his person. E.g., a wallet unusually well filled with Canadian bills, displayed at restaurants and similar places.

He has intervened on behalf of Canadian firms, as to entry to PRC and as to the Canadian Industrial Fair in Peking.

He obtained a visa and invitation card to Canton Fair for an American businessman, upon one week's notice.

He is capable of sending (or causing the sending of) written materials to Peking via diplomatic pouch, and is capable of communicating (or causing communication) with Peking via means "other than cable or mail" (diplomatic pouch?).

Confirmed
friends and con-
tacts of Dr.
Lin's

Premier Chou En-lai; Madame Sun Yat-sen; numerous officials connected with PRC's Council for the Promotion of International Trade, including Wang Wen-ling, Vice Chairman; Li Hsi-fu, a "responsible person," and many others; Tso H. Chen (Mr. Chen), elderly and important Manager, Kwangtung Provincial Bank, Hong Kong Branch (PRC supported bank); ~~G. K. Chen~~ ("Walter"), Hawaiian-born and U.S. citizen of Chinese descent, Vice Manager, Hua Chiao Commercial Bank (Overseas Chinese Commercial Bank), PRC-linked bank in Hong Kong; and L. K. Hsu, Assistant Manager, and H. Chen, Sub-Manager, Bank of China, Hong Kong (PRC Bank).

Speeches and
Writings of
Dr. Lin

Dr. Lin speaks widely, in perfect and highly-educated English. He has appeared in a number of important programs involving China, variously in Europe (including Switzerland, for example), Canada, and U.S.A. He spoke in 1972 before L.A. World Affairs Council. He has spoken at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, in Santa Barbara. His speeches are the straight Chinese communist line, delivered without subtle indirection. However, he always refers to PRC and the Chinese as "they," and takes the position that he is a Canadian educator, delivering his scholarly analysis.

Current endeavors

In summer, 1973, Dr. Lin will spend several weeks as a resident fellow at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, in Santa Barbara. He is writing a book. Subject: China's Cultural Revolution ("Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.").

Apparently, Dr. Lin assisted (or is assisting) one or more of the scholars at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions to get into PRC for research, and his fellowship at the Center has occurred in that connection.

"Consulting" for U.S.
firms

The word is out among some U.S. firms involved in seeking trade with PRC that Dr. Lin can assist in establishing contacts. He does so, variously for a consulting fee, or for a grant for his studies. Example: Marshall-Fields, Chicago., visa obtained for Canton Fair, 4/73. This work is described by Dr. Lin as "light" and "selective," and it should be noted that PRC officials at the PRC Embassy in Ottawa are aware of both Dr. Lin's "consulting" and his fee charges.

Conclusions

Dr. Lin is far more than a professor, and is substantially involved with and quite possibly a powerful member of the PRC "governing circles." He should be regarded as a total PRC supporter, probably having PRC functions in North America. He can be useful to some U.S. companies in establishing contact with PRC trading officials and for related purposes, but should be regarded by the U.S. as potentially very dangerous.

As to his wife, it should be noted that the PRC defacto commercial consulate in Hong Kong is (or includes) China Resources Corporation in Hong Kong. Mrs. Lin is Director of an entity using the identical name in Montreal.