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Intensified Use of Formosa Facilities for Psychological Operations,
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The necessity for intensified use of Formosa facilities for psychological operations is fully apparent. A question is raised, however, in the use of the Nationalist China Government as "cover". As suggested previously by the Embassy at Taipei, assistance in an overt psychological warfare campaign should properly be considered as an integrated part of our assistance, both military and economic, to the Chinese Government. It is assumed that assistance as outlined in the draft would be considered as a means of giving the Chinese on Formosa a greater opportunity to coordinate their efforts with our own.

The following specific points are raised:

1. As is frequently done in such papers, there should be general identification of agency responsibility. There is little indication of the USIA role (as contrasted with other agencies) vis-a-vis certain functions and responsibilities set forth in the paper.
2. (p. 2 of 6; item 5). It is not clear who would be expected to originate radio programs in Tokyo for relay. Presumably the reference is to FEC Psychological Warfare Units. No technical difficulties are foreseen except the possibility that any programs sent from Japan to Formosa by shortwave might be jammed and it is considered that this could be done effectively.
3. (p. 2 of 6; item 6). The extent to which USIS Formosa would participate in preparation of newsheets and leaflets is not clear. Since this agency (USIA) might be presumed to have responsibility for such informational matters, the same presumption could be made in respect to other participating agencies. It is obvious that USIA has not planned funds or personnel either in 1954 or 1955 for a program of the size required to carry out the intent of this paper.
4. (p. 4 of 6; item 12). With the exception of radio tapes recorded for special use on VOA broadcasts; the preparation of stories on Free China for Hong Kong Chinese-language publications that are circulated throughout SEA, and a limited book translation program,

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USIS-Formosa activities are not aimed outside Formosa. In any expansion of activities the joint and separate responsibilities of the agencies concerned must be clearly defined.

5. (p. 5 of 6; item f). The method by which the "national characteristics" of the stations concerned could be preserved in a "blanket" type of program to the Chinese mainland is not clearly understood. Identification of programs from several radio stations but with the same originating source and thematic content seems inevitable.

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