

EXHIBIT NO. 156

Far Eastern Section, G-2
June 21, 1941

TO: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2.

Subject: Final Recommendations Far Eastern
Intelligence Organization.

I have the following recommendations to submit:

1. That the Military Attache, Thailand and the Military ~~Attache~~ Observer, Singapore be removed from jurisdiction of the Philippine Department and placed directly under the War Department. As things now stand, we have an inconsistent situation in that these two are under the Philippine Department, while our offices in Japan and China are of course under the War Department. To correct the situation a radiogram should be sent to the Commanding General, Philippine Department substantially as follows:

Inform Jackson and Brink that effective this date they are placed under War Department jurisdiction. The War Department desires that they continue to send a copy of all reports direct to Philippine Department.

2. That Burma, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China be transferred to the Far Eastern Section. In support of this it is obvious that Burma should be grouped with China, primarily on account of the Burma Road, and secondarily, because of the communication net. Respecting the transfer of the other three places named, all of Southeastern Asia should in my opinion be considered as one large operational area, very closely related to China, Japan and Philippine Islands. Should this transfer be approved there should of course be transferred to the Far Eastern Section the clerical personnel tentatively set up for their handling in the British and Western European Sections.

3. That instructions be issued that the Commanding General, Philippine Department, the Military Observer, Singapore, the Military Attache, Thailand, the Military Attache, China, and the Military Attache, Japan substantially as follows:

The War Department desires that there be full and complete cooperation with British Intelligence Agencies in the area under your jurisdiction, such cooperation to include exchange of information on the strength and disposition of our own forces, as well as of other countries in which we may be mutually interested.

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In this connection it is further recommended that the Director of Naval Intelligence be asked to consider assuming similar instructions to our corresponding Naval organisations and Intelligence agencies. According to General Lee in London, the British have already instructed the Far Eastern people to this same end and particularly desire that Naval information be included.

L. That we form a Secret Service organization to operate in the Far East. From my conversations with the Far Eastern Combined (Intelligence) Bureau and also the Chief of the British Secret Service (also Singapore), I am convinced that such information, particularly as regards areas under Japanese control and other remote areas, can be secured only through the operations of such a system. Such a system obviously must be kept separate from our normal Intelligence organization, and we should, I think, lean heavily upon British advice and experience in organizing. The Chief of the British Service in Singapore informed me that in case we should desire to organize a similar system, he was prepared to assist us in every way, including the recruitment of native operatives. In as much as it is highly desirable for obvious reasons not to have a regular army officer directing such organization, I recommend that Major Warren Clear, a retired officer now on duty in the Public Relations Section and a Japanese language graduate, be sent to Singapore to consult with the Chief of the British Secret Service there regarding the details of organization and the selection of an operating headquarters, which should probably be either in Singapore or Hongkong.

5. PERSONNEL

A. Abroad

(1) I recommend that the Air Corps be requested to furnish a well qualified and well rounded officer for duty in Singapore where there is a great mass of information on the air forces and the air fields of the entire Far East. He should of course be accredited to Singapore.

(2) I repeat my former recommendation that we send to Singapore one of our very best Japan men. The present Military Observer, Lt. Col. Brink, is well qualified to cover Malaya, the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China. Additionally, however, since much of the work of the Far Eastern Combined Bureau and most of the work of the British Secret Service is oriented on Japan, I consider it essential that we have in Singapore a Japan man who is thoroughly familiar with our present information on Japan. Major Robin Pope, at present Asst. Military Attaché in Tokyo, answers the requirements fully and would, in addition, be of value to the British in evaluating information on Japan, and would thus enable us to give something back to the British in return for the information that we

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extract from their files. So little information is obtainable at present in Japan that I feel we should at once transfer Pape to Singapore. Pape should likewise be accredited to Singapore.

(3) My original radio recommendations concerning the Singapore office called for two full-time clerical-stenographers. The radio recommendations naturally reached Washington in advance of my letter explaining the necessity for the personnel, and in reply to the radio only one clerk and a messenger were authorized. The messenger is of course necessary and should have been included in my original recommendations. At least one additional clerical-stenographer, however, will be necessary, and I recommend that Brink be authorized by radio to hire one additional clerk at a salary of \$1300.-

(4) Since the British Branch Intelligence Office in Hongkong is largely oriented on Japan, I feel that we should likewise have a Japan man in Hongkong (in addition to our China man stationed there). Major Joseph J. Twitty, U. S. E., a Japanese language graduate, is qualified and desires the detail. It is recommended that he be ordered to Washington for a short period of orientation and then sent to Hongkong. He should of course be accredited to Hongkong as an official observer.-

(5) The transfer of Pape to Singapore will of course have some effect upon the Tokyo office. In case my recommendations concerning the establishment of a Secret Service organization in paragraph 4 above are not favorably considered, I recommend that Clear be sent to Tokyo as Assistant Military Attaché. Otherwise, Tokyo can still carry on by utilizing the services of Major G. Stanton Babcock, Cavalry, who has just completed his formal language study, who is already an M. A. in name, and who is, in fact, at present actually working in the Tokyo office as Pape's assistant.

(6) Since temporary promotion for our observers and attaches abroad is apparently out of the question, I recommend that we do what we can to increase their prestige by making such of them as are not at present, either GSC or Acting GSC. While this may seem somewhat inconsequential here in Washington, in my opinion it will definitely enhance their prestige abroad.

B. Within the Far Eastern Section

While the tentative allotment of Reserve and Civilian personnel is in general satisfactory, I consider it essential that we at once place a well qualified China language graduate (regular Army) in charge of the China desk, so that as the Reserve and Civilian personnel now being selected become available we will have someone already familiar with the China situation to direct their activities. While there are a number of China graduates on our books, I feel that, particularly in

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view of the present Aid to China program, the possible formation of a new military mission, we should have a number of good use of our very best men. The China expert, Major Roberts, who has already been made unavailable to us by virtue of his work with the C. I. Section, however, and probably the best available candidate for the job, Major Frank H. Houston, has only recently joined the C. I. Section. I recommend that Major Roberts be at once transferred to the War Section, Section to take charge of the China desk before he likewise will have spent so much time with the C. I. that it will be considered inadvisable to move him. As a replacement for Roberts in the C. I. Section, I desire to recommend Major Joseph K. Quinn, presently on duty in the office of the Chief of Staff, Department, Major Quinn has been associate of the Intelligence Section, also in direct charge of their Counter Intelligence Sub-section, and is thus extremely well qualified for the job. His tour in the Multiple Department will expire shortly. He desires the details and I recommend that he be ordered to duty as such in connection with the reorganization, and release Roberts for the same work.

C. I. Section, War Section

2. Personnel

As suggested by Lt. Col. Williams of the Finance Section that steps have already been taken to equalize the allowances of our attaches abroad with those of the Navy. This is an excellent step that I believe applies to attaches only and still leaves observers on the old 120 per month basis. There are reasons and that the Finance Section arrange for additional allowances to be paid from contingent funds of the next fiscal year and that the total personal allowances be made as follows:

- (1) Singapore - observer - \$400
 air observer - \$400
 naval observer - \$400
- (2) Bangkok - Japan observer - equalized with allowance of Assistant Military Attache, Bangkok.
- (3) Beirut service (if authorized) - \$250

3. Travel

I recommend the following travel allowances be established for the next fiscal year:

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- (1) Thailand - \$1500
- (2) Singapore - { (a) Observer - \$500
 (b) Air Observer - \$5000
 (c) Japan Observer - \$1000
- (3) China - { (a) M. A., Chungking - \$2500
 (b) A. M. A., Chungking - \$1000
 (c) A. M. A. (air), Chungking - \$2000
 (d) A. M. A. Hongkong - \$1000
 (e) A. M. A., Peking - \$500
 (f) Japan Observer, Hongkong - \$1200
- (4) Japan - { (a) M. A., Tokyo - \$1000
 (b) A. M. A., Tokyo - \$500

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