

APPENDIX "E"

Title: The project proposed is the publication of material already compiled, entitled, A comparative farm management and social survey of 2866 farms in 17 regions in seven provinces of China (1921-24).

Date: January 3, 1928.

Definition of topic: The study is primarily one in farm management methods in typical regions in China, but includes related social and economic information pertaining to land utilization, population and food consumption. A careful selection of a large number of farms made it possible to determine which farms were successful and which were unsuccessful. A grouping of such farms by size of business and quality of business in relation to various efficiency factors such as, labor earnings per farm, labor earnings per man equivalent, net profits per crop mow, man labor per man, animal labor per labor animal, investment in farm equipment and farm buildings per mow and yields, made it possible to determine the cause of success or failure. Other significant information includes kind, area and production of crops, cropping systems disposal of crops, amount and distribution of each kind of livestock, fertility maintenance, amount and semi-monthly distribution of man and animal labor, size of family, density of rural population per square mile of cultivated area, age and sex distribution of the population, amount and source of income other than from the farm, value and distribution of real income by classified items such as food, fuel, clothing, rent and other expenses furnished by the farm and purchased, distribution by individual items of the real income from the farm and purchased, source and amount of food energy in the farm family diet and other information.

Purpose and need of the investigation:

1. To make available valuable data concerning agricultural conditions. This material is now partially in manuscript form and awaiting publication.
2. To provide government officials of the new Nationalist Government with reliable data on farming conditions which they hope to improve. Such officials are constantly coming to us for information of this nature.
3. To provide first hand material for use of students in China and abroad.
4. To supply the type of information which specialists in other countries are anxious to have about agricultural economic and social conditions in Rural China.
5. To reveal the factors which determine success or failure in farming in China.
6. To provide information relating to land utilization population and standards of living problems.

Relation to PURPOSE of the institute: The facts revealed in this study are the first of their kind to be made available about agricultural conditions in China. The data show how different countries are dependent on the same scientific principles in that the conclusions of the study indicate how fundamental principles in farm management, as in any