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Letter, Owen Lattimore to Frank Hopkins

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Summary:

Owen Lattimore asks the Foreign Service Institute for support to bring a Xinjiang specialist to the United States.

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Mr. Frank Hopkins
Foreign Service Institute
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Frank:

Attached is copy of a letter that may be of interest to you, from representatives of a group of refugees from Sinkiang who are now in Kashmir.

Would Foreign Service Institute be interested in helping to bring to this country someone who would have such qualifications as: 1) native speaking knowledge of Central Asian Turkish; 2) good knowledge of written and spoken Chinese; 3) good qualifications in "area" and political knowledge?

Naturally, my argument would be that it would be logical to place such a person alongside of the Mongol work being done at the Page School, but arguments could also be made for placing him at Columbia with Karl Menges, or at Pennsylvania in Norman Brown's South Asia Institute. Or perhaps such a man could be used by the South Asia Institute and the Page School in cooperation, with further cooperation with FSI, especially on the linguistic side.

Very sincerely,

Owen Lattimore

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