[ANNEX B]

A PLAN FOR AN INDEX OF THE INDIVIDUAL TITLES CONTAINED IN CHINESE TS'UNG SHU*

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I. Purpose

1. To furnish an index for at least 50 per cent. of Chinese publications. (Approximately 1000 kinds of ts'ung shu are listed in Huei Kei Shu Mu, 1st and 2d Series.)

2. As a step towards coöperative cataloging. With this index, it would be unnecessary for libraries to catalog by analytical cards the individual titles contained in ts'ung shu.

3. As a help in purchasing of books. With this index, it will be possible to prevent buying duplicates of titles that are contained in ts'ung shu which the library has.

II. Plan

1. A clear definition of ts'ung shu, so as to include all that are really ts'ung shu and to exclude those which are not.

2. A brief history of each ts'ung shu included as to its nature and scope, compiler, date, place, publisher or printer, edition, number of works, number of volumes, etc.

3. The body of the Index shall be an "alphabetical" or "dictionary" list of the titles of individual works, arranged according to the best system of Chinese lexicography (K'ang Hsi, Wong's Four-Corner Numeral System, Rosenberg, etc.).

4. Under each title shall be given author of the work, number of chuans, and exact reference to the ts'ung shu in which it can be found.

III. Sources for compiling this Index.

1. Harvard Chinese Library has duplicate cards for about 30 of its 64 ts'ung shu.

2. Catalogs of ts'ung shu, such as
   (a) Huei Kei Shu Mu by Koo Hsiu
   (b) Ts'ung Shu Chu Yao by Yang Shu-ching and Li Tze-ting. [Continuations by Lo Chin-yu and others,
   (c) Ts'ung Shu Shu Mu Huei Pien by Shen Kan-yi.

* Ts'ung shu are collections of reprints. It might be remarked that the Library of Congress has indexed the individual titles (some 20,000 in number) of its own collection of about 500 ts'ung shu.