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of free Asia as rapidly as feasible, while maintaining an adequate over-all free world military posture and while exerting such pressures as are available to us to retard the growth and extension of Chinese Communist power and influence.

II. OBJECTIVES

8. The principal objectives of the United States in the Far East should be:

a. Preservation of the territorial and political integrity of the free world countries in the area against further Communist expansion or subversion.

b. Deterrence of general or local war through maintaining a strong, balanced and determined free world military posture in the Far East as elsewhere.

c. Development of conditions which in time are likely to be conducive to bringing about desirable changes within the Asian Communist Bloc and to permitting settlement of issues on terms compatible with U. S. security interests.

d. To the above ends, strengthening the economic, political and military position of free Far East nations; and, to the extent we are able to do so, limiting the growth of the power and prestige of Asian Communist regimes, especially Communist China, and weakening the bonds that hold the Sino-Soviet Bloc together.

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