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A new revised world edited at White House

WASHINGTON—Intercepted memo.

FROM: White House Gazeteer Editor.

TO: All holders of "the official classified White House Gazeteer: Richard Nixon Edition, 1969."

SUBJECT: Amendments of geography ordered in maps and texts of the aforementioned "Gazeteer" in consequence of recent changes in the shape of the world.

CLASSIFICATION RATING: Medium hush.

1. Effective immediately, the following amendments are to be made in your copy of "The Official Classified White House Gazeteer: Richard Nixon Edition, 1969," in order to preserve its accuracy as a reference authority on world geography:

A. On Pages 30-31, ink out the words "nameless space" which are overprinted in the large white empty area located generally east and southeast of the U.S.S.R. Underneath the inked-out words, write in the word "China." Color it red.

B. (1) With scissors, remove the word China from the island shown in map on page 34. (B) using pale ink, write the word "Taiwan" in the blue area indicating water around the island. (C) With scissors, remove the island from the map and place it in your wallet: It is now your official credential of admission to all future meetings of the Young Americans for Freedom (Y A F), at which it must be worn pinned underneath the lapel of a pinstripe suit, or, in the case of ladies, inside the brim of a flowered hat.

C. The opening sentence of the treatise on Great Britain (page 89), which now reads, "Great Britain, with its infamous socialized medicine and damp elitist weather, lies in deep water between Holland and Iceland," must be inked out. Take the following opening sentence and paste it over the inked-out material: "Great Britain, the home of the great Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, was No. 1 for a more sustained period of time than any other power since the golden age of Notre Dame football."

D. Tear out Page 117 ("Japan") and throw it away.

3. In the descriptive chapter on Page 78 (Maryland, State Of) delete the fifth sentence, which reads: "Among the many

great Americans from this great state have been Francis Scott Key, John Marshall Butler, Rogers C. B. Morton and Spiro T. Agnew." Replace it by pasting in the following typewritten sentence: "Among the many great foods of this great state are the steamed crab, the fresh shad roe, the sweet potatoe pie and Chesapeake Bay oyster."

F. From your nearby General Services

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Administration stationery branch obtain an official classified U.S. approved rubber stamp (66 inches by 2 inches) bearing the word "SHAME."

(1) Turn to the map on page 137 and press the "SHAME" stamp heavily over the country shown there until the overprinted name ("Sweden") is no longer legible;

(2) Turn to the map on Page 281 ("Massachusetts") and repeat the above-described process, wetting the stamp on the ink pad as frequently as necessary to obliterate the map.

G. Remove the "SHAME" stampings administered in previous years on Pages 94 ("Cuba") and 114 ("India") with ink eradiator, steel wool and luke-warm water. If your copy of the "Gazeteer" is damaged in the process, send it to the White House for replacement. Warning: Do not send it in the U.S. mails. Use the British mail. Alternatively, leave it with a Democrat at the Watergate and get same-night delivery at the White House.

H. On Pages 315-316 ("Hanoi and Hainan") shake bomb fragments out of your "Gazeteer" and repair the bombed maps by pasting \$2.5 billion over the damaged portions. Those ("Gazeteer") holders who do not have \$2.5 billion may, instead, cut up as much of the map on Page 397 ("Manhattan") as necessary to complete this repair.

I. In Appendix H. ("Government of the United States") amend all references to "The Warren Court" and substitute the phrase, "The Nixon Court." After each reference to "The Congress of the United States" add, in parentheses, the word "Hah" followed by an exclamation mark; thus — "The Congress of the United States ("Hah!")"