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## RECORDS OF US STATE DEPARTMENT'S DIVISION OF CHINESE AFFAIRS



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The Division of Chinese Affairs (CA) under the Office of Far Eastern Affairs (FE) was established in 1944 to effectuate, through long-range and day-to-day action, the plans and overall policies formulated by FE for the conduct of United States relations with China and Hong Kong. During reorganization in 1950, the Department changed the Division of Chinese Affairs to the Office of Chinese Affairs and established it under the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs.

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