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AY 2018-2019 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

CLASSIFICATION:	UNCLASSIFIED
RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE:	The Dragon's New Bear Rug
TOPIC DESCRIPTION	Chinese and Russian Strategic Cooperation and/or Divergence
DATE SUBMITTED	June 2018
EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION	Chinese and Russian relations have been through a series of ups and downs since the end of WWII. The Sino-Soviet split, the Cold War, the collapse of the USSR, and the thawing of relations in recent years have provided Russia and China ample opportunities for cooperation. The 2017 NSS names Russia and China as primary challenges to American interests around the world. Through economic manipulation, overt military action, and enhanced information operations Russia and China have emerged as key competitors to the long standing influence of the United States. This research endeavor seeks to explain this and find areas of cooperation and divergence.
DESIRED OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH	In an UNCLASSIFIED paper look at historical interplay between Russia and China and determine the likelihood of future collusion based upon political science theory/methods.
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