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Chief, Requirements Branch

7 April 1947

Assistant Director, OSD

British Blanket Request for Translations and Other Intelligence Products of Documents Branch

1. Reference is made to your memo of 5 March 1947 concerning the verbal inquiry made of the Acting Chief, Documents Branch, by the British liaison officer in that branch as to whether the British might be supplied a copy of each translation and other intelligence product prepared by the Documents Branch in response to collection directives.

2. It is impossible to give a formal ruling on this request unless it is submitted in writing by the British liaison officer concerned, and when submitted it should be routed as indicated in § 3 below. This written statement should provide a clear indication of the extent of the coverage desired. It is desired that Requirements Branch reply to Mr. Sigall accordingly.

3. Until it is possible to formulate formal policy with regard to the relationship between CIS collection and dissemination activities and foreign agencies, Documents Branch and OSD should be governed by the following general principles:

a. For administrative reasons, blanket requests cannot generally be honored.

b. Translations and other intelligence products asked for by foreign agencies, including the British, will be honored only if submitted through established channels (Dept. of State; Foreign Liaison Branch, WDCS, and OHI, as applicable).

c. Dissemination of material prepared by the Documents Branch in response to such requests will be routed in accordance with established procedure to the Reading Center, Dissemination Branch. The Reading Center will refer such material to the Control Division, Requirements Branch, OSD, for screening to insure that unauthorized dissemination of material on which any of the I.A.S. agencies may have placed a limitation does not take place.

4. The procedures outlined in paragraph 3 reflect informal views within ID, WDCS and OHI and include the informally expressed views of State-War-Navy Coordinating Sub-Committee for Military Information Control, which has primary responsibility for policy covering the release of classified military information to foreign powers.

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5. If the British raise any question as to why these procedures are necessary, they should be courteously informed that they are in no way intended to cut the British off from the information which they must have, and to which they are entitled, but will insure their ultimately receiving better service through the proper use of established administrative channels.

6. The British Liaison Office report of 15 March 1947 is returned herewith.

"Signed",

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