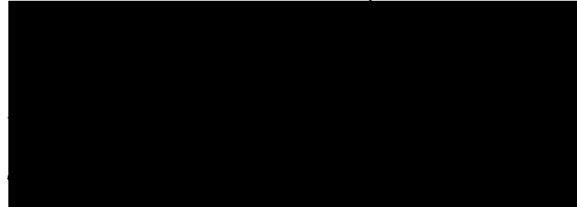


MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

28 September 1956

Present

Members: Royal Wald, State
Richard Bauer, Army
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force



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Consultant:

1. The 76th meeting of the Exploitation Subcommittee convened at 1400 hours. The minutes of the 75th meeting were approved without amendment.

2. The Chairman suggested that the Subcommittee consider first several matters of unfinished business on which informal agreement had previously been reached, but on which there was no record of formal concurrence.

He referred specifically to the reports of working groups on standardized transliteration, and on Chinese terminology, and said he would appreciate a formal response from those members who had not yet registered their opinions.

With regard to the German World War II records of the occupation of the Netherlands, obtainable by Department of the Army from the Dutch on a quid pro quo basis, the Chairman noted that memoranda had been received from State and Navy expressing no interest. He asked whether the other members of the Subcommittee could report the reaction of their components. In a brief discussion which followed the opinion prevailed that the age and nature of the documents precluded any current interest in them.

3. Maj. Neumann stated that an abstracting service in Soviet and East European scientific and technical journals has been started by Air Force as a continuing operation. He referred to the recent visit

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of Mr. George Pugh, AID, to the 7050th Air Wing in Germany, for the purpose of resolving duplication of exploitation efforts which had become apparent among several Air Force components and FDD. The result of Mr. Pugh's liaison, he explained, was a division of labor, whereby AID will confine its effort to the exploitation of monographs because of its advantageous location in the Library of Congress, while the 7050th will concern itself with translations of Soviet and Satellite press and periodicals, utilizing foreign nationals because of the lower cost of translation. Maj. Neumann said that a plan to expand Air Force exploitation activity in Chinese publications was under development at this time. To the question as to whether and in what form the products of the Air Force exploitation effort might be available, he replied that the information would be issued in the form of reference cards and given the widest dissemination possible, consistent with budgetary considerations.

Maj. Neumann concluded by suggesting that Mr. Pugh might be invited to explain to the subcommittee in more detail the Air Force program and how it is expected to operate.

The Chairman responded that the Subcommittee would very much appreciate a briefing by Mr. Pugh.

4. The Chairman reported that a staff study had gone forward to the Advisory Committee, presenting several alternatives by which FDD could undertake to provide the intelligence information required by the intelligence community, but not now being met. FDD has recommended one alternative which would entail external contractual arrangements with specialists with linguistic competence. This system would permit a great deal of flexibility in adjusting FDD capabilities to meet changing emphases on areas and subjects. Moreover, the work of the field offices could be closely monitored by FDD staff officers, and made quite responsive to consumers' requirements through close liaison between FDD and consumers.

The Advisory Committee will, however, inform FDD in due course which of the alternatives it believes should be adopted.

5. The Chairman then requested the Subcommittee to consider matters which should constitute the agenda of forthcoming meetings. He proposed that it was again appropriate to begin a review of the FDD programs and suggested that the USSR, nonscientific program be taken up at the next Subcommittee meeting, October 12th.

The Committee agreed that the schedule of program reviews would be:

1. USSR Nonscientific
2. East European Satellites
3. Communist Far East
4. Scientific and Technical

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5. Southeast Asia
6. Near East - Africa
7. Western Europe - Latin America

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██████████ the CIA representative, queried whether it would not be better to postpone a program review until the reaction of the Advisory Committee to the forementioned staff study was apparent, since the decision of the Advisory Committee could result in a substantial change in CIA requirements.

The Chairman considered it unlikely that the results of the Advisory Committee's decision could result in production before spring, even if favorable authorization could be obtained quickly.

Mr. Wald of State Department asked whether the review should be conducted with Appendix A as a base point.

The Chairman replied that, while that was literally the case, the most practical approach would be to ask the State analysts whether the USSR program was now meeting their needs to the greatest degree possible with the manpower available in FDD.

6. Maj. Neumann informed the Subcommittee that the Air Force has two linguists conducting a final screening of Japanese records and files located at Franconia. These are the Secret and Top Secret documents of the Army and Navy ministries which have been previously exploited. However, this final screening has uncovered some materials, mainly graphic, of interest to the target and map analysts. The information is being entered on 5x8 reference cards, and copies are provided to Army Map Service. Copies should also be available through CIA Map Library.

7. Copies of the FDD Summary Information on Africa South of the Sahara (1) were distributed to the members.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1515. The next meeting will be held on 12 October 1956 at 1400 hours in Room 1121 M Building, when the agenda will be a review of the FDD program on the USSR, nonscientific.

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