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JOINT TOPOGRAPHICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT WAR PLANS COMMITTEE:  
Attention: Captain P. V. Mercer

Subject: JANIS Priority List

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1. Informal discussion of the JANIS priority list with members of Joint War Plans Committee brought out a need for some revision of the list, and the Director, JISPB was asked to make recommendations.

2. The Joint Topographical Subcommittee at its 101st Meeting agreed to the following revisions of JANIS priority list:

a. to modify boundaries of JANIS 57, Trans Ural USSR, and JANIS 67, Northeastern Siberia, to correspond with political and economic units, and that the name for JANIS 67 be changed to Eastern Siberia, USSR to agree with Russian usage. The date of completion to remain as scheduled. Boundaries are indicated on the attached map.

b. that a JANIS on Far Eastern Siberia, USSR (JANIS 63) be added to the priority list. This JANIS will combine and revise JANIS 73, Southeastern Siberia, JANIS 78, Kamchatka, JANIS 79, Sakhalin, JANIS 80, Kurile Islands. JANIS 63 will then supersede JANIS 73, 78, 79, and 80, which are inadequate in light of captured documents now available. Date of completion for JANIS 63 not to be scheduled prior to 1 July 1948.

c. that Brazil be divided into two areas instead of the scheduled three. These areas to be JANIS 300, Eastern Brazil, including the states: Rio Grande Do Sul, Santa Catharina, Parana, Sao Paulo, Rio De Janerio, Santo, Minas Geraes, Bahia, Piauhy, Pernambuco, Sergipe, Alagoas, Parahyba, Rio Grande Do Norte, Ceara, Maranhao; and JANIS 307, Northwestern Brazil, comprising the rest of the country. These boundaries are indicated on the attached map.

d. that JANIS 45, Bear and Jan Mayen Islands and JANIS 46, Spitzbergen Archipelago be dropped and JANIS 47, the North Polar Area be substituted. JANIS 47 will include all islands

and sea area north of the Arctic Circle (66<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>°N), excluding Greenland and Iceland, and will extend into the major continental areas including Greenland to include a coastal belt approximately 50 miles in width bordering on the Arctic Ocean. Boundaries are indicated on the attached map. 25X1

3. It is further recommended that a study be made to determine what other printed JANIS are in need of extensive revision and what recombination of areas is desirable to make them more suitable to present and future planning needs. For instance, JANIS 81 Northern Japan, JANIS 85, Central Japan, and JANIS 84 Southwest Japan, might be combined into a revised JANIS on Japan. In view of present priorities it is inadvisable to set a date for completion of revised studies at this time.

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Secretary.

cc: JISPB ✓