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Special Document Section

5 June 1947

SUBJECT: Report of Temporary Duty Activities in European Theatre,
6 February - 30 May 1947.

TO : Chief, Exploitation Branch, ID, WDGS, Washington 25, D. C.

THRU : Chief, Special Document Section, Holabird Signal Depot

I. Mission

The mission [redacted] in London was to screen, examine and make available to the War Department German and Russian documents (known as the "Wannsee Collection") held by [redacted], containing material of value to the study of the economic potential of the USSR. For purposes of screening, the primary subjects understood under the term economic potential were the industry, the transportation possibilities, and the natural resources of the USSR. Documentary resources of the British Air Ministry and of document collections in the European Theatre were included as part of the mission. |

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II. Organizations contacted

- A. [redacted]
- B. A-2 Detachment, USAFE, U. S. Air/Air Ministry Branch, London, England.
- C. Document Control Section, ODDI, Hq. EUCOM, Frankfurt, Germany
- D. Berlin Document Center, Berlin, Germany
- E. 7704 Military Intelligence Service Center, Oberursel, Germany
- F. 7769 Hq. and Hq. Command, Document Center, MIS/A USFA, Linz, Austria.

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III. Temporary Duty in London, England

- A. [redacted]

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1. Arrived London, 17 February 1947 and reported to GMA for administrative purposes. Given instructions by Major General Clayton Bissell, Military Attache.

2. The mission at [redacted] was accomplished in two separate steps. The [redacted] Central Division has, for practical purposes of explanation, two document collections pertinent to the mission stated above:

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1) approximately 30 tons of unscreened documents, a part of a collection known as the "Wannsee Collection"; 2) an equal amount of previously

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screened but unlisted and uncatalogued documents from the Wannsee Collection and from other sources, comprising part of the Central Division Library.

The Wannsee Collection itself is so called because it was the collection of documents, pertaining to Russia and bordering countries, used by the German Wannsee Institute during the war. It was evacuated from the St. Lambrecht monastery after the war by the British, but only about one-third of the collection is held by the British, the remainder having fallen into the hands of the Russians inadvertently.

The first step in accomplishing the mission was to examine the documents in the unscreened portion of the Wannsee Collection. This was carried out [redacted] of War Department with the aid of two or three linguists from the [redacted]

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This portion of the collection consisted of documents in various European languages, predominantly Russian and including German, Hungarian, Rumanian, Yugoslavian, etc. Most of these documents were of a technical nature including a great deal of periodical literature with a considerable amount of Communist and German propaganda literature. These documents, except for sample copies which were forwarded to War Department, were left at [redacted] and will allegedly be examined by various British official agencies, not necessarily intelligence agencies only. Those not wanted will be destroyed.

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Documents found in this collection which were of immediate intelligence value were forwarded to War Department on loan if they did not deprive the [redacted] of material immediately needed by them. A great deal of indispensable reference material in the nature of Russian encyclopedias and dictionaries was also found in this unscreened collection.

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The second step was to examine the documents in the Central Division Library and to make valuable documents available to War Department. The Central Division Library on the USSR has documents shelved according to broad subject classifications (see Tab A). There is no list, catalogue, or index of documents. Documents pertaining to subjects shown by the following numbers on Tab A were examined one by one: Class 1: General Reference - Rus/1.A through Rus/1.L; Class 2: Rus/2.D; all of Classes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Documents of value were listed with bibliographical data pertinent for future identification.

A total of 400 documents were listed and assigned priority ratings. All documents of immediate value for exploitation, documents held in duplicate, and documents selected as samples of periodical literature that might be exploited by Special Document Section depending on higher level decision, were shipped to War Department. All documents

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of lesser value or of value for exploitation at a later date were re-shelved and can be made available on request. The listing of documents will also serve as a basis for a formal card catalogue of the Central Division Library. 50X1

3. The Central Division Library collections on satellite countries were examined cursorily for lack of time and a few selections were made. A large part of these documents are in the language of the respective satellite nation and therefore could not be accurately screened as to quality, although translated titles gave an indication that there is a fund of valuable information to be gained from a more careful screening of these documents.

4. Various of the working sections of the Central Division were visited, and trends, methods, and documentary and reference materials used by these were noted.

5. Tab B is a list of translations done by Central Division for internal use, and can possibly be made available to War Department upon request. 50X1

B. A-2 Detachment, USAFE, U. S. Air/Air Ministry Branch

1. Reported to Colonel Paul E. Todd, Chief of A-2 Detachment and was briefed on the documents situation in the Air Ministry.

2. German documents are processed by Section A.I. 3 (c) in the Air Ministry. The documents consist of those appearing on 16 accession lists known as the R/L Lists and comprise 1201 documents. (The Special Document Section has requested portions of this previously). The documents are divided roughly into two types: 1) "target material" (objective folders, annotated photographs, etc.) giving information on individual targets, primarily industrial. (This material comprises about two-thirds of the total number of documents.) 2) textual material describing installations of particular industries in greater or lesser detail. A.I. 3 (c) is translating all of the first type and filing it according to the German target system. Two copies of the translation are forwarded to A-2, AAF in Washington. The second type will be translated and incorporated into the target files only after the "target material" has been completely translated.

Photostating of the whole R/L collection is in process and will be completed by the end of June if the normal rate of processing is continued. Photostatic copies of all R/L documents will be forwarded to A-2 AAF. It is not possible to give a reasonable estimate for the date of completion of the translations.

3. A-2 Detachment was brought up to date on current work at SDC and briefed on its requirements in respect to documents. Detailed reports

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on A-2 document shipments to A-2 AAF in Washington were procured as well as a detailed report on the status of the R/L material.

IV. Temporary Duty in Germany

A. Document Control Section, ODDI, Hq EUCOM.

1. Reported to Major E. E. Winn, Chief Document Control Section. Was given a comprehensive briefing on the document situation in Germany as it pertained to SDS, by Captain Charles Winick of the same office. Itinerary for visiting personnel in field document sections was planned. Current document shipments to SDS were shown.

B. Berlin Document Center, Berlin

1. Contacted [redacted] of the Document Section, S-2, Berlin Command, in charge of processing documents for ODDI, Hq EUCOM. [redacted] has extracted a large number of documents of potential intelligence value from the various sections of the Ministerial Documents Branch and from the collection held by the Office of Chief Counsel. A list of these documents was submitted and SDS will request those pertinent to its projects. Status and availability of these documents is ascertainable from the list. These documents have been or are being forwarded to Document Control Section, EUCOM and these documents of value specifically to SDS will be sorted and forwarded to SDS. This document section was briefed in detail on SDS requirements and the effort to procure documents for SDS will be continued.

2. A conference with Colonel Helm, Chief, Berlin Document Center resulted in immediate action in forwarding documents held by Berlin Document Center to Military Intelligence Service Center in Oberursel for transmission to Special Document Section.

C. 7769th Hq. and Hq. Command, Document Center, MIS/A USFA, Lins, Austria.

Held a brief conference with Captain Marcus, Chief, Document Center briefing him on current SDS requirements. Documents held by the document section were examined and a number of documents of importance to SDS were found and brought to Frankfurt. The importance of shipping documents on the USSR with attention to SDS was emphasized.

D. 7704th Military Intelligence Service Center, Document Center, Oberursel, Germany

Conferred with Major Kaufman, Chief, 7704th Document Section. (The 7704th Document Center is the agency in charge of actual shipping of documents to the War Department.) Major Kaufman was briefed on SDS requirements in detail and arrangements were made to insure arrival of documents for SDS exploitation. Was shown methods of registry of documents

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investigation of targets, and a card file compiled by the Document Center on wanted USSR documents. This card file is based primarily on SDS Special Report No. 2. A few documents of immediate interest to SDS were extracted and hand carried to SDS by Lt. Jarvinen.

Documents concerning USSR, including those of special interest to SDS, are sent to SDS only after being lent to Military Intelligence Service Center for exploitation.

V. Personal comments and observations

A. It is obvious that throughout the European Theatre and in England, document sections are aware of the importance of documents pertaining to the USSR and further aware of the fact that they are extensively exploited by Special Document Section, primarily as a result of Major Hartel's visit to Europe in the summer of 1946. All sections are aware of the fact that these documents are to receive special and expeditious handling, with their eventual repository in Special Document Section. However, documents of importance to SDS do not arrive at SDS. The documents apparently are sent but SDS has seen very few documents which have been received from Europe. The primary object in visiting the various document sections in Europe was to brief the sections on current document requirements of War Department and to insure special handling of USSR documents intended for SDS, whereby such documents would not be included in shipments of secondary or minor importance for intelligence purposes and whereby the address would unequivocally show that a particular shipment was earmarked for SDS.

B. It is felt that most document sections could work more efficiently for War Department purposes if they were kept up to date on work being done or projected by SDS. SDS publications apparently do not reach the sections which could best expedite shipment of documents to the War Department. This is particularly true in reference to SDS Special Reports.

Outstanding in their efforts to facilitate document exploitation in the War Department are: Captain Winick in Document Control Section, Hq. EUCOM for his extensive knowledge of all aspects of document collection in the European Theatre and his unremitting efforts and interest in the matter of providing the War Department with documents; Mr. Somers, Document Section, S-2, Berlin Command, for the assiduousness with which he has gathered documents from non-intelligence agencies; and Major Kaufman, Chief, 7704th Document Center, Military Intelligence Service Center, Oberursel, Germany for organizing a systematic method of finding documents in Germany for War Department purposes.

C. Loan of documents to Military Intelligence Service Center for exploitation should be very carefully coordinated with War Department requirements. As the situation now stands Military Intelligence Service Center has unrestricted choice on extracting documents collected in

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Europe for projects of the USSR. It is a fact that many of the documents held for a certain length of time by Military Intelligence Service Center would be of immediate value to SDS and to the War Department. The nature and scope of MISC projects is not known.

D. There is indication that a collection of an estimated 30,000 documents, representing the complete files of "Schriften der Publikationsstelle für den Dienstgebrauch" located in Coburg is to be handed over to MISC for disposition. It is strongly felt that it would be to the interest of War Department to know the exact nature range of subjects covered by this collection. A series of 21 documents on the USSR from this collection, which are basic in nature and very extensively used in research on the USSR, are known to SDS and A-2. However, they have been very difficult to procure in the United States and SDS has only an incomplete set of this series.

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TABLE A

REVISED LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION (March 1967)

Class 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

CENTRAL STUDIES (Official Material)	Rus/1.A
CENTRAL STUDIES (Non-official Material)	Rus/1.B
REGIONAL STUDIES	Rus/1.C
(Arranged alphabetically in order of regions)	
CENTRAL STATISTICS	Rus/1.D
CLIMATE	Rus/1.E
HYDROLOGY	Rus/1.F
COMMERCE, MINING AND FORESTRY	Rus/1.G
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Rus/1.H
INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE	Rus/1.I
DEMOGRAPHICS AND MIGRATION PATTERNS	Rus/1.J
ARMED AND ARMED SERVICES	Rus/1.K

Class 2: HISTORY AND SOCIETY (General)

HISTORY	Rus/2
BIOGRAPHY (A to Z)	Rus/2.A
POLITICS	Rus/2.B
GENERAL ECONOMICS AND NATIONAL ECONOMY	Rus/2.C
(Including Five-Year Plans)	
MINING AND TRADE	Rus/2.D
RELIGION (General)	Rus/2.E
RACES	Rus/2.F
POPULATION STATISTICS	Rus/2.G
LABOR	Rus/2.H
MEDICAL SERVICES AND RESEARCH	Rus/2.I

Class 3: GEOLOGY, CLIMATE AND METEOROLOGY (GENERAL)

GEOLOGY (GENERAL)	Rus/3
MINERAL GEOLOGY	Rus/3.A
SOIL GEOLOGY	Rus/3.B
CLIMATE	Rus/3.C
METEOROLOGY	Rus/3.D
WATER SUPPLY	Rus/3.E
WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION	Rus/3.F

Class 4: COASTS AND ISLANDS (GENERAL)

COASTS	Rus/4
ISLANDS	Rus/4.A
(including seaport towns)	

Class 5: COMMUNICATIONS (GENERAL)

ROADS	Rus/5
RAILROADS	Rus/5.A
CANALS AND RIVERS (Navigable and unnavigable)	Rus/5.B
AIRLINES	Rus/5.C
TELEPHONE LINES	Rus/5.D

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<u>Class 6: INDUSTRIES (GENERAL)</u>	Rus/6.
(Including AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES)	
AGRICULTURE (GENERAL)	Rus/6.A
CROPS	Rus/6.B
LIVESTOCK	Rus/6.C
FISHERIES	Rus/6.E
FOOD INDUSTRIES	Rus/6.F
FORESTRY, TIMBER AND PAPER INDUSTRIES	Rus/6.G
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, LEATHER AND FURS	Rus/6.H
BUILDING MATERIALS; BUILDING AND CONTRACTING	Rus/6.J
CERAMICS AND GLASS	Rus/6.K
FUEL AND POWER (oil, solid fuels, and power).	Rus/6.L
METALLURGY	Rus/6.M
CHEMICALS (including explosives)	Rus/6.N
(arranged alphabetically)	
RUBBER	Rus/6.P
ARMAMENTS AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	Rus/6.Q
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	Rus/6.R
SHIPBUILDING	Rus/6.S
OTHER INDUSTRIES	Rus/6.U
 <u>Class 7: TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND W/T (GENERAL)</u>	 Rus/7.
 <u>Class 8: DEFENSE (GENERAL)</u>	 Rus/8.
 <u>Class 9: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (GENERAL)</u>	 Rus/9.
(Mostly needed for periodicals)	

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TAB B

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Author or Source</u>	<u>Title</u>
	Wehrgeologenstelle beim, AOK 16	Wegsamkeit & Klima im Kampf- raum der 16. ZAPMEE
26 Oct 46	Mil. Geo. Mappe K	Die Volga Gebiete
21 Oct 46	Problems of Turkmenia	Water resources of Turkmenia
16 Oct 46	Karakum	Water Wells in Northeastern Karakum
	German Army Report	Miscellaneous Reports on Water Conditions in the Ukraine, N. Crimea, and Caucasus
	Wirtschaftsinstitute für die Oststaaten	Bodenschätze und Bergbau des Ukrainischen Wirtschafts- raumes
13 Nov 46	L. Weickmann	Die Erwärmung der Arktis (Chapter I)
14 Nov 46	Prof. Karl Krüger	Die Gesteinsvorkommen des russischen Raumes
1 Nov 46		North Kazakstan (Chapters I and III)
22 Nov 46	S. Loginoff (Russian)	Economics of the Shipbuilding Industry (All Matters Relative to Inland Shipping)
5 Nov 46	A. Laktionov	Severnaya Zemlya, Chapter V
7 Nov 46	A collection of articles on Economics and Life	Kerch Region. Building Materials.
7 Nov 46	Soviet Regional Research	Azor-Black Sea Province
22 Nov 46	German Photostatic Documents	Roads, Bridges, Canals, Railroads.
28 Nov 46	South Coast of Crimea	Local Building Materials
28 Nov 46	A. Svetchin	Development of Inland Shipping in the USSR, 1913-1932
4 Dec 46	S. Loginoff	Economics of the Shipbuilding Industry (all matters)

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relative to inland shipping, pp. 87, 88, 107)

7 Dec 46	In German.	Afghanistan, Its Climate, Waterways, Industries, Towns.
12 Dec 46	Department of Geology, Hydrology, and Geodesy, Central Scientific Research Institute.	Index of literature on hydro-geology USSR
13 Dec 46	A. Laan (in German)	Description of the Gulf of Finland from Ust Luga to Kunda
17 Dec 46	B. G. Ostrovsky	The White Sea
23 Dec 46	V. E. Vorobiev	The Kara Sea
31 Dec 46	Bulletin of the Academy of Science No. 4, 1946	Subterranean Waters of the Russian Platform and their Utilization
24 Dec 46	German General Staff	Survey of the North Coast
28 Dec 46	German General Staff	Survey of the Roads in Poland (now Soviet Territory and White Russia)
28 Dec 46	Russian Journal "Ogonyek"	Translation of the index and description of articles
31 Dec 46	Articles from Pravda, Izvestiya and Red Fleet	The Soviet Motor Industry
6 Jan 47	German Photostatic Documents	Roads, Bridges, and Railways
21 Jan 47	Captions of German Photographs	National Economy in the Crimea
22 Jan 47	German Photostatic Documents	Roads, Bridges and Railroads
22 Jan 47	Index of manuals of German Railroads	German Railways
28 Jan 47	Index of manuals of Civil Aviation USSR	Civil Aviation
28 Jan 47	Podshipnik	Index of Ballbearing Industry, USSR
29 Jan 47	Soviet Article 1938, No. 2	Harbor Tikhaya, Island Belyi
6 Feb 47	V. I. Vorobiev	Kara Sea (Climatic conditions and hydrological regimen)

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6 Feb 47	Za Oberonu (journal)	Railway Transport in the New Five-Year Plan
3 Feb 47	Soviet Arctic, 1937, No. 1	Island Dikson
20 Feb 47	Soviet Arctic, 1936, No. 10	Network of New Polar Stations
20 Feb 47	Soviet Arctic, 1936, No. 5	Dates of glaciation
20 Feb 47	Soviet Arctic, 1935, No. 2	Hydrographic works
20 Feb 47	Soviet Arctic, 1940, No. 8	Navigation of the Northern Sea Route
20 Feb 47	Soviet Arctic, 1940, No. 7	Navigational, hydrometeorolo- gical station
20 Feb 47	Soviet Arctic, 1941, No. 1	East West transit routes
14 Feb 47	Report for General Kvashin	Railroads in the Russian zone in Germany
24 Feb 47	Soviet Arctica, 1939, No. 6	Arctic fleet to use local fuel
24 Feb 47	Soviet Arctica, 1939, No. 9	Chukotsky Sea
25 Feb 47	Soviet Arctica, 1939, No. 6	Novaya Zemlya and Vaigach Island
27 Feb 47	Soviet Arctica, 1938, No. 6	The Course of the Northern Sea Route
27 Feb 47	USSR Supreme Air Council	Navigational Instructions for pilots on the Berlin Moscow Route
3 Mar 47	Soviet Arctic, 1938, No. 5	Matochkin Shar
4 Mar 47	Soviet Arctic, 1938, No. 3	Dickson and Tiksi
5 Mar 47	Soviet Arctic, 1938, No. 2	Sea Bed and Coastal Outline
6 Mar 47	Soviet Arctic, 1938, No. 1	List of Polar Stations The Pakhtussov Islands
4 Mar 47	Periodical Journal	Waterways 1938, No. 8, Nos. 5, 8, 11, 12. 1939-1940.

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4 Mar 47	S. P. Loginov	Railway Technology and Economy
12 Mar 47	German General Staff	Survey of the North Russian Coast
15 Mar 47	German General Staff	Survey of the Moscow Volga Canal at Rybinsk
15 Mar 47	Nasha Strana, 1937, No. 11	
20 Mar 47	Map of Siberia	Translation of names of ports
22 Mar 47	German Photostatic Documents	Roads, Railways, Waterways
12 Mar 47	Official Document	Russian questionnaire on geography, transport, industry, etc. of inhabited places in Saxony (Russian Zone) (from Wehrmacht document).

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