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TO: President, Naval War College

SUBJECT: Japanese Translation for Naval War College

REFERENCE: (a) Letter from President, Naval War College, subject as above, 9 October 1947, File NC3/A10-3, Serial, 051.

(b) Memorandum from Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination, CIA, to President, Naval War College, subject as above, 3 October 1947.

(c) Letter from President, Naval War College, 20 August 1947, File NC3/A10-3, Serial: 5854

(d) Letter from President, Naval War College, 6 Sept. 1947, File NC3/A10-3, Serial: 6660

1. In reference (a) the President, Naval War College, requested a reconsideration of the decision expressed in reference (b) that it was no longer feasible for the Central Intelligence Agency to provide the Naval War College with the type of translations of Japanese Naval Records as previously provided and as still requested in references (c) and (d).

2. After careful reexamination of our available facilities for service of this nature, it is necessary to reaffirm the fact that it will not be possible to provide the translations requested at any time in the near future. The increasing demands for translations of an urgent nature in connection with current technical and strategic problems now require the full effort of all available qualified personnel.

3. Our translation facilities will be expanded to the extent possible under budget and personnel ceiling restrictions and the availability of additional qualified individuals for employment with this agency. However, priority considerations will still obtain, and matter of historical importance to individual agencies will necessarily have lower priority within our capabilities than matters of current importance to national security. Such historical translation service as can be provided under priority considerations will, however, be made available as soon as our personnel situation will permit.

/s/ R. H. HILLENKOETTER
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