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With reference to Ted Nordbeck's memorandum of May 22 submitting suggestions for distribution regulations to be adopted in the event that MI and BI functions and personnel are taken over by CIG, I should like to make a few comments. In the first place it goes almost without saying that every effort should be made to retain BI within the Department of State. If the worst should happen, however, and BI is transferred to CIG immediately at the turn of the fiscal year, I strongly suggest that every effort be made to continue the relationships between IAD and BI exactly as they have been carried on since the inception of OCD. Consequently, I should like to amend paragraph (b) to say something like this: "Despatches, telegrams, confidential biographic data reports and other material will be distributed by IAD to BI and MI in the same manner as at present, regardless of whether the latter divisions remain in their present location or not. If, in spite of all efforts this should be impossible, distribution can be made through the CIG reading center using the existing procedures of the reading panel, etc." God help us if we ever have to rely wholly on the CIG reading panel! It will mean starting in all over again to educate a completely new group in the scope and full implication of biographic intelligence work.

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