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July 7, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Interchange of Information between  
the Different Departments of the  
Government.

1. On April 15, 1941, as a result of the approved M.I.D. memorandum (G-2/10560-492) letters were sent by the Secretary of War to the various Departments and independent agencies of the Government requesting designation of representatives to study the above subject. Various meetings have been held with the representatives of the Departments and agencies as a result of which a final report has been approved by those representatives and is now in process of being presented to their respective Departments and agencies for final approval and action necessary to effect that approval. Copy of the final report is attached herewith.

2. Action recommended.

Approval by the Secretary of War of the attached report and the designation by him of the Military Intelligence Division, General Staff, as the War Department office for the exchange of information set forth in Par. 3 b of the attached report.

Aug. 19, 1941

Approved

By Order of the Sec. of War

G. C. MARSHALL

Chief of Staff

/s/ Walter B. Smith

By- WALTER B. SMITH

Major, GSC, Asst. Sec. W.D.G.S.

/s/ J.T. McN

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

SHERMAN MILES,  
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Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

OK  
s/ G.C.M.

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REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS,  
COMMISSIONS AND OFFICES (HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED "AGEN-  
CIES,") APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE DISSEMINATION AND  
SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE FORMULA-  
TION OF POLICY IN THE PRESENT EMERGENCY

3. a. (3) Each agency will be the sole judge, and will assume the responsibility for its decisions as to what information received initially by it is to be disseminated to other agencies, to which agencies, and under what classification or other safeguards.

SIGNED:

George Gordon, Representing the State Dept.

John C. Wiley, Representing the Treasury Dept.

Sherman Miles, Brig. General, U.S.A., Representing the War Dept.

Howard D. Bode, Captain, U.S.N., Representing the Navy Dept.

Arthur M. Becker, Representing the Dept. of Agriculture.

Eugene Burgess, Representing the Dept. of Commerce.

Huntington T. Morse, Representing the Maritime Commission.

Shane McCarthy, Representing the Office for Emergency Management.

Ralph C. Scott, Major, Ord-Res., U.S.A., Representing the Administrator  
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