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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF,
FINANCE DIVISION

Subject: Contact Branch Procurement

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1. We refer to your memorandum of 30 January 1947 concerning two procurement items from the Commercial Contact Branch; one in the amount of \$14.34 rendered by [redacted] for miscellaneous purchases required for the local office. In our opinion, there would be no objection to providing for reimbursement from the petty cash fund mentioned in paragraph 1 of your memorandum. Consequently, we are returning the documents submitted on this expense account to the Commercial Contact Branch to be charged against the petty cash fund.

2. The other item is a charge for \$53.04 for a reference book necessary to the operations of the local office. It is understood that normally such a book would be requisitioned through regular channels, and it is intended that such procedure will be followed in the future. However, in the process of getting this first office organized, it was found necessary for security reasons to procure this item in the name of an individual without submitting a public voucher in order to maintain the cover of the office. In our opinion, this would justify reimbursement out of unvouchered funds, and the voucher submitted will be forwarded through the Office of Operations for appropriate disposition.

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