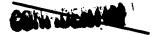
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To provide a combral repository and the means for exploitation for all captured Japanese deciments held by government agencies under one central government agency.

FACTS BRARIES OF THE PROBLEM

2. The Washington Document Center (WDC) was established on 14 February 1945 under the Director of Saval Intelligence as a central agency for the handling of captured Japanese documents with close working limison with Packirs. On 9 April 1946, Packirs transferred their personnel to WaD.C.

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(a) The Washington Document Center (Advanced) in Tolyro collected approximately 500 tone of documents. The major portion of these or approximately 700,000 documents have been received in W.D.C., Washington, D.C. This collection is perhaps the most complete source of information on the entire Far East in the world today and comtains information of value to our many government agencies and industry.

The major Japanese sources contributing to this collection are:

- Cabinet Secretariat
- Cabinet Personnel Bureau
- Cabinet Information Bureau
- Cabinet Statistics Derest
- Cabine's Printing Bureau
- 6. Patent Barous
- 7. Privy Commail
- Dist Secretariate
- 9. Foreign Ministry (and Best Asia Kinistry)
- 10. Home Ministry
- 11. Manitions Ministry
- 12. Finance Ministry
- Transport Ministry
- Commerce and Industry Ministry
- 18. Agriculture and Pos 18. Education Hinistry Agriculture and Porestry Ministry
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- 18. Welfare Ministry
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- Metropoliten Police Board
- 21. Hilitary Police Headquarters
- No. 1 Demobilization Ministry (Army Ministry) No. 2 Demobilization Ministry (Novy Ministry)
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South Manchurian Releasy Library and the East Asia Research Institute Collection deserves special mention. The former was one of the major weapons in Japan's expensionist program and a vital force in her domination of Nanchuria and North Chima. The library combained about 100,000 valuese and some 500 periodical files; these are, in the main, standard reference works on all parts of Sast Asia. The East Asia Research Institute was an organization set up by the Japanese Government to carry out research and set in an advisory capacity on all kinds of Asiatic problems. They prepared studies and compilations on natural resources, population distribution, agricultural processes and similar subjects. A large staff of experts in Asiatic languages, anthropology, geology, etc., was employed in the institute and they accumulated a copicus library, similar in contents to that of the ERR, but of a more technical nature. Both SMR and RAEI were intelligence agencies which furnished Imperial Sepanese ORQ and other Imperial agencies with a concerto, political, sociological, topographic and who's who intelligence on strategic areas in the Far East.

Both of those collections were impounded in total.

The Mitsubishi Research Library contains 80,000 volumes and is one of the best libraries known on Asiatic e conomics, trade, finance, and industry and eventually will be sent to WDE.

- (b) In addition to the foregoing captured Japanese documents, W.D.C. maintains files of intelligence documents (in English) on the Far East, including translations, evacuated to the United States from such field intelligence agencies as WCC (advanced) ATIS, JICPOA, CIECPAC-CIECPOA, SKATIC, MANTECHJAP, USSES AND OSS.
- (c) A Statistical Summary for period 5 March 1948 to 9 September 1946 is contained in Resideure (A).
- 4. A <u>list of arenoles</u> from whom requests for documents have been received, is contained inEmclosure (B). There are 1785 requests now pending.
- 5. Personnels A total of 212 officers, enlisted and civilism personnel from U.S.

 Army, U.S. Many, Section of the Washington Decument Center as shown in Maslosure (e).
- 6. Location and Space: The Washington Decement Center cocupies the 4th, 5th and 6th floors of the Stewart Building, located at 5th and K streets, N.W. These three floors comprise an area of 36,526 square feet. At present the Library occupies and Appendix "A"

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precisately \$,000 square feet. When all documents have been removed from containers and placed on shelves, it is estimated that the library needs will encumt to 17,000 square feet. The remainder of the space is required for personnel and the facilities needed in the processing and publishing of documents.

DISCUSSION

- 6. Due to limitations of funds and personnel, it has been jointly proposed that:
- (a) The Intelligence Division, War Department will continue participation with Office of Neval Intelligence at the Washington Document Center with present strength until on or about 1 October 1946.
 - (b) From 1 Outober 1946 until 1 December 1946 the Intelligence Division, War Department will participate in the exploitation of Japanese documents at Washington Document Center at a reduced strength utilizing only officer and enlisted personne
 - (e) As of 1 December 1946 Office of Maral Intelligence will assume responsibility for the custody and maintenance of the Japanese documents held by the Washington Document Center. Intelligence Division participation will be limited to that of a small limited section whose America will be to serve the requirements of the Intelligence Division for Japanese Documents.
- 7. Employment of U.S. Many personnel will be seriously reduced as the present allowance is set up as an interim preject until 1 December 1946. Only such personnel as san be provided from other approved allowances can be made available after that dat At the most, this can only be expected to provide library services until 1 July 1947 at which time other or final disposition must be made of these documents.
- 8. The space now assigned the Mashington Rooment Center in the Stewart Building would normally come up for review on I January 1947. However, pressure is now being exerted to contract as much as possible current space requirements and in particular the Mashington Document Center.
- 9. The importance of the full and timely exploitation of these documents can not be overemphasized. The Publications Board has expressed a special interest in 75,000 technical volumes of which number approximately 50,000 are patents. With the personnel currently available, it is anticipated that little beyond the complete cataloging and filing can be accomplished by 1 December 1946.

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sting, processing and exploiting captured enery documents dispersed among government agamsics, nor is there a control repectory or reference library for captured documents. The need for controlised control of appeared documents is necessary in order to eliminate duplication of effort by government agencies and provide an efficient means of exploiting energy documents. By I December 1946 it is ambigipated that the collection of captured Japanese documents held by the Washington Document Center will be in such condition as to permit a turnsver of those documents to any controlised authority which may be established.

Il. Paragraph 5.c of the President's letter of 22 January 1945 authorized the Director of Central Intelligence to perform for the benefit of said intelligence agencies such services of common concern as the Maticual Intelligence Authority determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally.

CONCLUSIONS

12. That the Washington Doqument Center contains the most complete and valuable collection of Japanese documents on the Far East available in one library in the world today.

15. That the exploitation of these documents faces serious curtailment due to present lack of funds and the consequent loss of the best qualified group of personnel assembled for such a project.

24. That as of 9 September 1946, 225,000 of these Japanese documents remained unprocessed.

15. That other than the Mashington Document Conter there is no government agency charged with the exploitation and dissemination of captured Japanese documents and this Center will seams to exist except as a library after 1 hecember 1946.

16. That the operation of the Washington Doousent Conter is such a service of common concern as was sutherized by the President in his latter of 22 January 1946 to be performed by the Director of Central Intelligence for the benefit of all the intelligence agencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

of all the intelligence agencies of the government the services now being performed.



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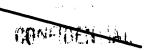
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by the Washington Document Center in connection with the processing dissemination and housing of these documents and that it provide the final repository for some.

18. That the Washington Document Center be transferred to the Control Intelligence Group as early as possible and prior to 1 Documber 1946.

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Statistical Summary - 5 March 1945 to 9 September 1946

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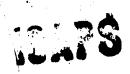
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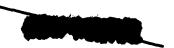
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Personnel Strength of Washington Document Center as of 28 September 1948

| Officers | U.S. Army | | | | | S. I | C4 | TOTAL |
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| Linguist Non-Linguist | 21 12 | 0 | °/1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | o 0 | 22 20 |
| Linguist | 58 | 10 | 6/2 | 8 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 1,28 |
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