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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COORDINATING AND PLANNING STAFF

Minutes of the Second Meeting on subject held in
Room 2178, the New War Department Building on Fri-
day, 17 January, 1947 at 11:00.

Coordinated Exploitation of Enemy Document Reposi-
tories Relating to Political-Social-Psychological
Warfare

PRESENT

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1. This second meeting of the committee assigned by the IAB at its 11th Meeting to study and make recommendations on the exploitation of captured foreign documents as a source of information on political-social-psychological warfare (CIG 21) was called to consider the information obtained as a result of the agreements reached at the first meeting.

2. Captain Poehlmann submitted copies to all members of his findings at the following activities, which are considered to represent the entire field of exploitation required within the United States:

- a. Washington Document Center
- b. Department of State
- c. Library of Congress
- d. Office of Naval Intelligence
- e. German Military Document Section, War Department

3. Agreement was reached that in addition to the above activities in the United States, exploitation should extend to the following activities outside of the United States:

- a. Halstead Document Center (BIOS) - A British activity located outside of London which is available to U. S. personnel.
- b. Tempelhof Collection Center, Berlin - Operated jointly under U. S. and British custody - containing the files of the Kulturabteilung of the German Foreign Office.

4. In view of the findings contained in the report of Captain Poehlmann, it was agreed that a committee report should be drafted for submission to the IAB containing the following statements:

a. That the exploitation can be implemented satisfactorily within a period of two years by two four-man research teams, one to research the materials in continental United States, the other the materials in the European Theater. This research will consist of extracting, cataloging and abstracting all documents related to the subject at the activities mentioned above.

b. That these two teams be constituted as follows:

U. S. Team

2 German translators
1 Russian translator
1 Japanese translator

European Team

1 Russian and 1 German translator for Germany, and 1 Russian and 1 German translator for England

c. That since none of the IAB agencies represented was able

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to provide the translators required for the composition of the teams, it was recommended that if the IAB approves the project the CIG undertake to employ the necessary personnel on a temporary basis, and take over the responsibility for the project.

d. That upon completion of this project accession lists of the material covered be prepared for distribution to all interested agencies, and that based on individual agency requirements a priority list then be drawn up for translations.



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