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LIAISON RELATION BETWEEN ORE-FE/P AND THE WAR DEPARTMENT

1. WDGS, Military Intelligence Division

The newly reorganized MID is now in the final stages of arranging for all incoming requests for files, advice, and research work to be routed through their Washington Liaison Office. Pending the establishment of formal liaison between FE/P and MID Far East Branch via the WLO, the following working arrangement has been established by Mr. Richard S. Hawkey:

(a) If FE/P members wish to have access to MID files or to consult with personnel in MID Far East Branch, they are to contact Dr. Robert S. Spencer (Consultant in the Estimates Section of that Branch, War Department extension 71700), and he will refer them to the proper desk.

(b) If a FE/P request involves the initiation of a research project by MID, Mr. Hawkey is to submit that request to Major Don Kallett in the Washington Liaison Office (War Department extension 73791), who will then forward the application for project to the Far East Branch.

Thus far, FE/P has approached MID only for files and for consultation, and the above arrangement is satisfactory for those purposes. However, requests that call for the initiation of MID research projects are expected to meet with difficulties, or at least delays, in view of the limited size of MID Far East Branch. It is recommended that any formal liaison that might be established should not place obstacles in the way of close and continuing coordination between research members of FE/P and MID Far East.

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Coordination on a working level will enable FE/P to be familiar with current MID research activities and to offer some guidance in MID's own selection of research projects, thereby minimizing FE/P's demand for MID work not on the latter's own agenda.

2. Other War Department organizations

Informal contact can be maintained as required with:

(a) WDGS, Plans and Operations Division—Major John C. Erskine, USMCR, has consulted with Major George F. Carter in the Operations Group of P & O (War Department extension 73748) on questions regarding Army organization in the Far East.

(b) Civil Affairs Division—Dr. Philip F. Dur believes that CAD, and particularly Lt Col Herman P. Goebel, Government Branch, CAD (War Department extension 74081), provides a valuable source of information on American Military Government activities in the Far East.

(c) AAF-2, Air Intelligence Division—Mr. Hawkey has several friends in this Division, but has not approached them for information thus far.

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