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SUBJECT:

Printing Equipment Possibilities, Following Completion

of Yuletide Project

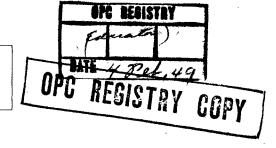
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- 2. Copies of all reports submitted to me by Aiken during his assignment here are being returned with him to the home office. These reports cover the entire period of his temporary duty overseas.
- 4. These two possibilities are (1) the possibility of using existing Army printing facilities, on a part time basis under proper security and cover arrangements. Regarding this possibility, please refer to Yuletide Project Report No. 56, dated 23 December 1948. The other possibility involves the purchase of available printing equipment from a German printing equipment broker. Concerning this possibility, please refer to Yuletide Report No. 58, dated 27 December 1948 and No. 61, dated 30 December 1948.
- 5. These two possibilities are discussed, incoment, below under the sub-headings "Clementine" (code name for the Army printing plant) and "Bremen Broker".

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#### CLEMENTINE

- 1. For preliminary security reasons, the name and location of the printing plant described as "Clementine" have not been stated in reports prepared to date on this prospective plant but a has been requested to give this identifying information to you verbally.
- 2. In establishing any printing location for the Educator Project, I feel that it is an indispensable security requirement that the name and location of the printing site be restricted to the barest minimum of people at the home office and field station level. I especially hope that it will not be necessary to divulge this information to persons in an advisory or outside liaison capacity. The printing source of our operation is one of our most sensitive security spots. Divulgence of its identity and location can serve little purpose except to those few people who must, because of their direct relationship to the program, know its whereabouts.
- 3. As payill explain to you, this particular plant ideally meets our physical and technical requirements. In these respects, if we had drawn a blue print of our requirements, it is doubtful we could have made any improvement over this present plant.
- 4. While both L I and I have made a physical survey of the plant, under proper cover, we do not know at this time whether, in fact, the Army will agree to our use of the plant. In addition, assuming that the Army is willing to give us access to the plant there remains the additional questions of cover, personnel and security. Any solution to these latter questions will require a considerable period of time. With regard to the immediate question of our gaining access to the plant, I propose to discuss the matter within the next several days with Colonel Scow for the purpose of obtaining his views on the correct method of approach. In any case, I feel that this is a matter which will require the fullest cooperation on the part of the Army and clearance at a high command level. I do not propose to discuss this matter in any functional way below the level of Colonel Scow or General Clay without first obtaining your clearance.
- that this particular plant can produce, under adequate security and cover arrangements, every type of printed production in which we are interested. As = 1's reports indicate, the technical capabilities extend all the way from small letter press work up to offset and engraving. On the other hand, we may find that it will not be practical to use the plant except on a limited basis, such as bringking to the plant at night type cases, for production, which have been set up by us at some remote secure point. These are matters which must be carefully explored in the near future. As a prospective printing plant for our operations, the plant, at present, in the absence of further investigation, appears to have excellent possibilities.

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#### BREMEN BROKER

1. The Bremen printing broker referred to in Yuletide reports Nos. 58 and 61 is able to furnish us from available stock virtually all of the equipment in which we are interested. As indicated in Report No.61, we have already obtained an option on this equipment with the view of making a final purchasing by January 30, 1949.

2. If we decide to purchase this equipment, it is believed that, with the exception of possibly certain small accessories, all equipment can be delivered to us at Bremen some time between February 15 and March 1.

3. In view of the possibility that we will be permitted to use the "Clementine" plant described under the subheading "Clementine", there is some question as to whether we should proceed with the purchase of the equipment at Bremen. On this point, \_ ] and I presently feel that we should proceed with the purchase of the Bremen equipment. regardless of final decision on the Clementine plant. Our basic reasons for this view are: (a) Although we are granted access to the Clementine plant under fatorable conditions, there always will exist the possibility that the Army will discontinue the operation of the plant or will possibly return it to the German economy. (b) Printing equipment, new or used, is at an absolute premium in Germany and it can be assumed that if we purchase the Bremen equipment, its resale by us within the next year at a good price would be possible. (c) If the Bremen equipment is not purchased, at this time, we may completely lose the opportunity of acquiring it at a later date. This would compel us to begin a new search for equipment and possibly retrace everything Aiken has done on his present survey.

4. The Bremen Broker is to submit to us in the near future a detailed list of equipment based on our specific needs, together with a price quotation. When this information is received, I will submit to you my recommendations concerning this question of making an out right purchase of the equipment. I will also submit a detailed cost statement.

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urgently needed for the following specific reasons: (a) If we use the Clementine plant, he must be present in the plant as the American supervisor directly in charge of our operations. This function obvicusly can not be trusted to an indigenous person, however, reliable and competent he may be. (b) If we set type at some remote secure point and take the type cases to a plant, such as the Clementine plant, for printing, Szego will likewise be needed as the American employee of both operations. (c) If we set up our own plant, with equipment purchased through the Bremen broker, Szego will be required to supervise its procurement and assist in its physical installation and, subsequently, will remain in charge of the plant as plant foreman.

7. We, therefore, have a critical need of Szego's services ----or the services of someone equivalent to him in reliability and
experience. In this connection I am attaching a statement concerning
Szego submitted to me by I J, who has known Szego
since birth and vouches for him in the very highest possible terms.

8. Since my preliminary report on "Yutetide", otales I accorde 23, may not have excled you before intum due to the showner of our regular Pouch, I am enclosing a copy with this final report.

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