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TO: Mr. Allen Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

ATTENTION: Colonel Stanley Grogan

FROM:  Edwin M. J. Kretzmann, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
of State for Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Clearance of CIA documents to be published in the  
Foreign Relations series.

In the light of our recent informal conversation on this subject, and as a result of further consultations within the Department, I would like to set forth the problem in general terms and then request your attention to the specific issues which confront us in the imminent publication of Foreign Relations Volumes II and IV for the year 1942.

I

In the publication of the Foreign Relations series we are now approaching the period (1942 et seq ) in which the records of diplomatic activity will, in some cases, overlap and, in other cases, will reflect, in whole or in part, the activities of recognized intelligence agencies of the United States Government, specifically OSS and its successor agencies. Up until now the practice has been to send materials which touched on military (including intelligence) activities to the Department of Defense for clearance. More recently, Mr. Winnacker at the Department of Defense has been sending documents which referred to OSS activities to CIA for clearance, as the successor agency.

I am informed that at the time of the dissolution of OSS, part of the OSS functions and personnel were taken into the Department of State. At the same time some of the OSS documents which related to matters within the concern of the Department of State, and others which moved through State channels, were retained in the files of the Department. I also understand that the remaining OSS functions and documentation passed into the custody of CIA.

In the light of the above facts, my first recommendation would be that in the future we refer documents destined for

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publication in the Foreign Relations series which bear in any way on OSS activities to CIA for clearance, in the same manner as we refer other documents relating to other agencies directly to those agencies. This would eliminate the middle-man, in this case the Department of Defense. As in its relations with the other Bureaus of the Department and other agencies of the Government, the Historical Office of the Public Affairs Bureau would retain the responsibility for obtaining clearance for such documentation as is in our possession, subject to consultation with your agency. I can foresee instances in which documentation in your possession may cast additional light on the subject matter and, in some cases, also on the advisability of publication of certain items. I am sure that in each instance a decision on publication can be reached by common agreement.

As a matter of some interest to you, I am enclosing a copy of the Regulations and Procedures under which the Historical Office operates in editing the Foreign Relations volumes for publication on behalf of the Department of State.

II

As a matter of immediate interest, I am attaching a memorandum to me from Dr. Noble of the Historical Office regarding the specific items which are under discussion for clearance for inclusion in Foreign Relations 1942, Volumes III and IV. The galleys containing the material under discussion are also attached for your ready and easy reference.

After you have had an opportunity to look into the attached material, I would appreciate your views on the suggestions I have made as to future clearance procedures, and would be very glad to discuss with you and your people the specific cases which are raised in the attached material.

Attachments:

1. Regulations and Procedures 045
2. Memorandum of 4/22/60 from Dr. Noble
3. Galleys

cc: INR - Mr. Zagorski

HQ - Mr. Noble

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