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Dear Mr. Hadley:

The Office of the Secretary of Defense has asked this Agency to examine the request of Mr. Paul North Rice of the New York Public Library, forwarded by your letter of March 23rd, for permission to retain certain volumes of the Joint Army-Navy Intelligence Studies (JANIS).

Careful consideration has been given to Mr. Rice's request and to the advantages to the New York Public Library of retaining the volumes in question. The policy applicable to the distribution of the JANIS volumes, however, is such that authorization cannot be extended for the custody of the material by the New York Public Library even though its interests in this regard are fully appreciated.

In connection with the many requests for JANIS the whole problem has been to determine to what extent JANIS may be made available to organizations other than those designated within the Federal Government. It has been determined that due to the lack of security control and to the possible disclosure of methods and sources, the distribution of JANIS to private and public institutions would not be in the interest of national security.

It is with regret that you are advised that favorable action cannot be taken on Mr. Rice's request.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

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