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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH  
CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, W.D.G.S.  
CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Subject: "A" and "X" Wire Services furnished by  
Foreign Broadcast Information Branch

1. There is currently being furnished to your agency by the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Office of Operations, CIG, certain direct wire service for portions of the data included in the Daily Reports published by that Branch.

2. Due to legal requirements over which CIG has no control, the so-called "X" wire service which provides certain interceptions of American press dispatches must be discontinued as of 21 June, 1947.

3. A recent survey on the value of the so-called "A" wire service, which provides portions of interceptions of foreign broadcasts included in the Daily Report published and disseminated by the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch, indicates a very wide diversity of opinion on the value of this service. While a majority of the users indicated that the service is useful, the general tenor of the comments of the users gives an indication that it is not an essential service.

4. If the "A" wire service is not essential and its discontinuance would have no vital effect on the timeliness of the intelligence product of the users, it is proposed to discontinue this service. The fact that all information furnished over this wire is included in a published report which reaches the user in from four to 48 hours after receipt has been considered in determining the feasibility of this proposal.

5. Request your comments as soon as practicable.

**FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:**

cc: Asst Director O/O  
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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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Assistant Director for Operations, and  
Asst. Director for Collection and Dissemination

9 June 1947

Assistant Executive Director

Requirements Functions performed by FBIB

Action indicated in the attached memorandum dated 29 May in connection with the assumption by the Office of Collection and Dissemination of the intelligence requirements function for FBIB is approved.

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COLONEL F.A.  
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