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Deputy Director

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Cooperation with Library of Congress

1. As previously directed by you, I had a conference on 3 November with Mr. Clapp, the Assistant Librarian of Congress. Dr. Evans, the Librarian, was not available as he departed for Mexico City just before the conference had been arranged.

2. I discussed with Mr. Clapp the general problem of coordination between CIA and the Library of Congress, and informed him that to promote this coordination and to utilize each of our services to mutual advantage, we would be willing to provide a small secretariat to be utilized by the Library of Congress generally in the acquisition of foreign publications.

3. I also informed him of the impending revocation of NIA-6 which establishes the current interdepartmental committee on the acquisition of foreign publications, and of the fact that neither the National Security Council nor the Director of Central Intelligence contemplated reestablishing such a committee by their action.

4. Mr. Clapp indicated that the Librarian of Congress would undoubtedly be interested in maintaining some sort of a coordinating committee under their own sponsorship provided we could furnish the secretariat to assist it. He was perfectly agreeable to the proposition that the personnel for the secretariat be hired and cleared by us and be carried as members of our Reference Center, being fully indoctrinated prior to going to work at the Library. He also indicated that the Library would give us full cooperation in every way possible, and mentioned one or two current projects, including the acquisition and abstracting of certain Russian material, which might be of considerable value to us.

5. At the end of our conference Mr. Clapp stated that he would prepare a proposal along the lines we had discussed and send it to us for further discussion and as a possible basis for a mutual agreement. Pending receipt of this proposal no further action is being taken in connection therewith.

[signed]

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