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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KILGOUR
COLONEL ST. CLAIR
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Subject: Proposed Committee Report to the IAB on the Coordinated
Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories

1. There is forwarded herewith a proposed committee report to the IAB on the coordinated exploitation of enemy document repositories for the purpose of extracting, cataloging and abstracting documents relating to political-social-psychological warfare.

2. It is requested that you indicate either your approval to this report or submit at your earliest convenience proposed revisions. In order to expedite the submission of the report to the IAB it is suggested that you communicate your action on this draft by telephone to me at Executive 6115, extension 767. Your signatures will not be required on the final draft submitted to the IAB.

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PROPOSED COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE IAB

COORDINATED EXPLOITATION OF ENEMY
DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES FOR THE PURPOSE
OF RESEARCH, CATALOGING AND ABSTRACTING
DOCUMENTS RELATING TO POLITICAL-SOCIAL-
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

References: a OIG 21
b Minutes, IAB 11th Meeting, Item 3

Memorandum by the Committee
Appointed to Study the Above Problem

1. Investigation has revealed that the following repositories of captured enemy documents in the U. S. contain materials which relate to political-social-psychological warfare:

(a) Washington Document Center

About 125,000 documents comprising 11,250 cu. ft. have not as yet been processed by cataloging and abstracting on accession lists. Available information indicates approximately 70% of these documents are on political-social-psychological subjects, broken down into 35% economic, 25% political and 10% social and psychological. At present practically all effort is being devoted to translation of previously cataloged documents, and therefore little or no processing is being accomplished. All material at this Center emanates from Japan.

(b) Department of State

About 35 rolls of microfilm received from Berlin relating to subjects under exploitation. This constitutes approximately 88% of over 17,000 frames (1 frame is equivalent to one page) microfilmed, broken down into 75% political, 10% economic and 3% cultural. About 350 frames are microfilmed per week.

Probably the most valuable source of this material is to be found in the files of the Kulturbteilung of the German Foreign Office which however has not yet been microfilmed. It is related

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to social, political and cultural matters within the USSR and territories controlled by it, and deals chiefly with the following subjects:

I. General Domestic Political Situation

- (a) Nationalism in Russia
- (b) State and Party
- (c) Strength of the military clique
- (d) Personal data on state and party men
- (e) Party life
- (f) Party Congresses
- (g) Elections
- (h) The Commissariats
- (i) Leading personalities in Government hierarchy
Molotov, Zhdanov, Andryon, Vereshilov

II. The Red Army

- (a) Political organization of the Red Army
- (b) Morale of Soviet troops

III. Trade and Communications in the Soviet Union

IV. Conditions prevailing in Soviet-occupied territories

- (a) Liquidation of owners of estates and of officers
- (b) Compulsory resettlement of populations
- (c) Religious problems
- (d) General economic conditions
- (e) Russian police activities

V. The Secret Services in the USSR

- (a) Description, numbers, training of counter-espionage agents of the NKVD
- (b) Organization, number and duties of the Commissars of the Special Division of the NKVD attached to the Red Army

VI. Religious life and church matters within the USSR

VII. Culture and nationalities within the USSR

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VIII. Soviet propaganda activities directed against the
Caucasus and the Ukraine

IX. The National Ukrainian Movement

X. Intrigues of various anti-Bolshevik elements,
organizations and individuals, especially their
relationship to Germany and National Socialism

(c) Library of Congress

Although the Library has on hand or expects immediately
some one million pieces of library materials of German origin,
it is estimated that 75% of this material is duplicate or obsolete.
It is not believed that more than 1% is related to the subjects
under exploitation, or about 2500 pieces which should be processed.

Almost 100% of the materials received from the Deutsche
Nationalbibliographie are listed, but very little of this is
related to the project.

The Library has offered to provide a team of two
unpackers, three examiners and two repackers to isolate materials
of interest in approximately three months. Some financial support
for this team for a three months' period would facilitate the
operation.

(d) German Military Document Section, War Department

All documents have received preliminary screening and
are divided into four major collections. It is estimated that
of the entire collection about seven tons of documents contain
material on the subjects under exploitation. It is not expected
that further processing of related materials may be expected until
after July 1947, due to current priorities to examine other
intelligence materials.

Preliminary screening indicates available materials on
the following subjects:

1. Reports of the German Field Armies
2. Records of the administration of occupied countries,
including reports of agents.

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3. German Army Propaganda Section, constituting the largest source available
4. Records of the Russian Cossack/Division^{SS}
5. A small collection of Russian and German leaflets
6. Microfilm of propaganda indoctrination, "News for the Troops"
7. Haushofer's private reference library on Geopolitics
8. Individual books on Russia, Communism, Sociology, Politics, etc.
9. Large numbers of documents containing agents' reports and SS documents of propagandist materials

(e) Office of Naval Intelligence

Only two to three weeks' backlog at current rate of processing remain. Cataloging is practically completed on documents related to subjects under exploitation.

2. Detailed information was not available with respect to repositories outside the continental limits of the U. S. which contain materials related to the subjects under exploitation. This is due principally to the fact that materials are still being collected, and for the reason that materials also are being constantly shipped back to the U. S. Investigation has revealed that the two centers which should be exploited are:

(a) The Tempelhof Collection Center, Berlin, which is under the joint custody of the U.S. and [redacted]. This center contains the files of the Kulturbteilung of the German Foreign Office.

(b) The [redacted] Document Center (13105), located near [redacted] under [redacted] control but available for exploitation by the U.S.

3. It was agreed by the Committee that two four-man teams, one to operate in the U.S. and the other in Europe, should be able to complete the extracting, cataloging and abstracting of all materials related to political-social-psychological warfare in a period of two

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years. It was further agreed that if this project could not be completed within this period this phase should then be discontinued, pending further instructions.

4. The two teams should be constituted as follows:

<u>U.S. Team</u>	<u>European Team</u>
2 German translators	1 Russian and 1 German translator in Germany; 1 Russian and 1 German in England.
1 Russian translator	
1 Japanese "	

5. Since no IAB agency is able to provide any translators for this project the Committee recommends that in the event that the IAB approves the Committee's suggestions for two four-man teams, the eight required translators be employed on a temporary basis by the CIG, and that the operations of these two teams be placed under the administration of the appropriate office in CIG. It is further recommended that upon completion of their project these two teams be instructed to prepare accession lists on the subjects under exploitation for circulation among all interested Government agencies with the request that CIG be notified of the specific items desired for complete translation. Based upon these requests a priority list should then be prepared for the second phase of translations.

6. Based upon the investigation made into repositories of captured enemy documents in the U.S. it was apparent that the enormous volume of material is far beyond their processing capabilities within a period of time in which they may be profitably used. In view of the great intelligence value of these captured documents it is considered that central coordination should extend to all the repositories, and that their capabilities should be increased as found necessary to insure the timely completion of requested translations.

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