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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
War Department General Staff  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: German Military Document Section and Special  
Document Section, Intelligence Division, WDGS.

Reference: a. Memo for Director of Central Intelligence,  
same subject, from Military Intelligence  
Division, WDGS, dated 25 October 1946.

1. Reference subject memorandum, your proposal that the CIG  
take over the German Military Document Section and Special Document  
Section, including their library and document exploitation  
responsibilities, has been carefully studied.

2. This is to inform you that:

a. CIG accepts in principle the mission of exploitation  
of foreign documents returned by the theaters for the purpose  
of obtaining intelligence required by the CIG and the  
interested departmental agencies.

b. CIG is willing to take over the document exploitation  
responsibilities of the SDS and to accept the transfer of the  
forty-four civilians now employed at SDS as of 1 June 1947  
under the conditions listed in Paragraph 3 below.

c. CIG agrees to take over the document screening and  
intelligence functions now performed by WDGS, but finds it  
impossible to accept the library functions of that section for  
the following reasons:

(1) CIG does not have at present nor in the foreseeable  
future the space requirement to establish a precedent of  
being the permanent repository for large quantities of  
captured documents.

(2) Under the provisions of JCS 950/15 of 13 August '46  
"Captured German records presently held by the War or Navy  
Department will be retained in the files of the Department  
now having custody of them."

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that the tentative plan of the Intelligence  
d. It /ver the documents in possession of GMS to the  
Division t/will meet CIG's requirements if:  
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be g needs of member agencies for such documents  
priority over the requests of other agencies.

The documents continue to be easily available to  
CIG for exploitation.

Documents received from the European theater after  
transfer of GMS to the Adjutant General are accessible  
for intelligence screening.

In respect to the intelligence functions of GMS, CIG will  
ins) the GMS Intelligence Catalogue in its Central Reference File  
and all continue to be open to suggestions by the agencies for the  
explication and better handling of captured foreign documents. The  
transfer of the actual custody of such documents to the Adjutant  
General will, however, make the material more easily available to  
and interested WD agencies as the Historical Division, and will  
facilitate the use of documents for non-intelligence activities.

3. Owing to budgetary and other considerations, the acceptance by  
CIG of the intelligence commitments of GMS and of SDS as an operating unit  
on 1 June 1947 is contingent upon the following conditions:

a. SDS be permitted to retain present office and quarters  
space and other facilities at Camp Helabird until 1 July 1947.

b. All card files, indexes and other like material necessary  
for the continued operation of the sections be included in the  
transfer.

g. CIG be permitted to retain on a loan basis from the  
Intelligence Division, HQDS, at least two officers (one of whom  
should be Captain Scheufele) now on duty with SDS, and one officer  
from GMS for sufficient period to permit training of civilian  
replacements. (An alternate solution would be authority for CIG  
to introduce into SDS at once two persons to understudy these  
officers.)

d. CIG will employ as of 1 June 1947 as many of the civilian  
personnel now on duty at SDS and GMS as its funds will permit.

e. Transfers of civilian personnel by the War Department to or  
from the sections between present date and 1 June 1947 will be  
subject to CIG consent.

f. CIG be authorized to commence appropriate CIG security  
clearance of this personnel as soon as action on appropriations  
assures availability of funds for their employment.

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4. If the reply to your proposal as shown in paragraph 2 is accepted, CIG will direct its Assistant Director for Operations to carry out the details of transfer of SDS and to insure that it is accomplished smoothly and with minimum interference to the continuity of its exploitation activities. The Assistant Director will also arrange for the assumption of certain of the functions and personnel of GDS. Upon the implementation of this agreement, CIG will undertake to meet the requirements of the Intelligence Division and the other departmental intelligence agencies, and will make every effort to fulfill their needs in the field of document exploitation.

5. Request your concurrence or comment on this proposed plan as soon as practicable.

HOWE S. VANDERBERG  
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Director of Central Intelligence

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