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REFERENCE: Memorandum from Acting Management Officer to Executive  
same subject, dated 28 July 1949.

1. Reference memorandum proposes to effect substantial savings in the cost of publishing NIS through, a) use of plans pouches in lieu of bound maps, and b) use of offset paper in lieu of 100 per cent rag bond in the printing of maps.

2. The present format and specifications for the NIS were developed after careful examination of the problems involved and in close coordination with the IAC Agencies. Enclosure 'B' examines the proposal for using plans pouches and indicates that the use of a map folding machine would be a practical solution to this problem, eliminating the costly hand folding method and permitting the use of bound maps. Enclosure 'C' examines the proposal for substituting a cheaper grade of paper and indicates that the results would be unsatisfactory in terms of map reproduction and wearing qualities of the published maps.

3. The NIS Committee considers that the proposals of the Management Office would result in undesirable changes to the NIS. I am in complete agreement with these views and recommend that:

a. The question of purchasing a map folding machine, capable of handling NIS maps be given serious consideration. This would permit the use of bound maps in the NIS without the high cost of hand folding, at the same time eliminating the even greater cost of map pouches.

b. The present specifications for NIS map paper be continued. The additional cost of this paper is considered to be fully justified in view of its superior reproduction and wearing qualities.

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- A. Reference
- B. Comments on reference by [redacted]  
Publications Division, G/Ba
- C. Comments by Acting Chief, Map Branch,  
subject, paper used for map reproduction,  
dated 15 July 1949.

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