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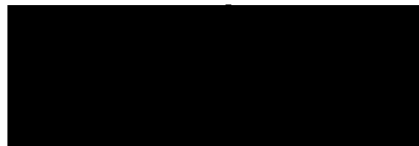
8 May 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:

Subject: Planning Directive No. 9a.

1. Enclosure to Planning Directive No. 9a has been studied. With reference to sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), it is recommended that the minor amendment suggested not be approved. The provision for the committee to select a chairman and a secretary is believed consistent with normal practice. It is understood that the State Department has designated the present secretary of the committee as its representative. If the wording of this particular sentence should be changed as suggested, it would require a redesignation of the State Department representative.

2. With regard to sub-paragraph (c), it is recommended that the suggested amendment not be approved. The Working Committee necessarily must be flexible as to membership. In a recent meeting for discussion of a particular paper, 20 people were required on the Working Committee. It would be impossible to do the job required if only one officer and one clerical rating were furnished by each agency represented on the Working Committee.



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MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

I contacted Captain Phelan of ONI with regard to these comments. He does not object to leaving the paper as it is, but prefers not to change the recommendation suggested in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) since he has already cleared them with Admiral Inglis. With regard to the suggestion contained in sub-paragraph (c), he was willing to take it up with the Chief of ONI since that comment had been added after the paper left his office and he did not concur in it. I told him it would not be necessary.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W.A.P.'.

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