

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

22 October 1954

Present

Members: [REDACTED], CIA, Chairman
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John Lacey, State

Richard Bauer, Army

Lt. Cdr. G. B. McKinney, Navy

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Maj. Mathias Donelan, Air Force (for Maj. Neumann)

[REDACTED] NSA

Paul J. Phillips, USIA (for Mr. Olum)

Consultants:

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[REDACTED] CIA

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Lawrence D. Egbert, State

Nathan Pelcovits, State

George A. Pughe, Jr., Air Force (AID)

1. The 37th meeting convened at 1400 hours and the minutes of the 36th meeting were approved with the following additions:

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Paragraph 5: [REDACTED]

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Navy: Lt. Cdr. McKinney stated that they have no requirements for exploitation of [REDACTED]. Their own facilities on this area are limited to ad hoc translations with no issuance of reports.

Army: (Full text of Army's requirements attached as Tab A)

2. In answer to previous requests that an effort be made to allow FDD reports to be produced in unclassified form, the Chairman suggested that FDD reports carrying abstract form might be published with a classified cover and instructions that "the report as a whole is classified but individual items in it are unclassified unless specifically designated otherwise." The Subcommittee agreed that this would be helpful and the Chairman stated that this will be done.

3. Near East, South Asia and Africa Programs

State, Army, Navy and CIA representatives made suggested modifications or qualifications in these programs as submitted. New programs for Near East, South Asia and Africa incorporating all these suggestions are attached to these minutes as Tabs B and C.

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5. Referring to the India, Pakistan, Afghanistan program, Mr. Bauer stated that contrary to their previous statement of no need on India and Pakistan Army would like the publication "Hilal" of Pakistan exploited. FDD agreed to do so. He also suggested that information of Soviet penetration in Afghanistan would be more useful if reported in the Afghanistan report as well as in the more general report, "Selected Briefs from the International Press." The Chairman stated that such items could be carried in both publications as an exception subject to a general review shortly by the Subcommittee of the "Selected Briefs."

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7. Scientific Abstracting:

Maj. Donelan stated that he asked at this time for a consideration of the Scientific Abstracting Program. Mr. Pughe presented Air Force's position as follows:

In the four months since the agreed abstracting program started certain facts were evident which seemed to justify a review of the program. Some publications were now clearly of little or no intelligence value. Many articles in useful journals are obviously of no intelligence value; therefore, selective abstracting of agreed titles should be considered rather than a "cover to cover" effort. (See Tab G)

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[REDACTED] stated that FDD felt that the following eight titles should be examined with a view to their elimination from the program:

- A. Biochemistry
- B. Physiological Journal USSR imeni I.M. Sechenov
- C. News of the Academy of Sciences USSR, Biology Series
- D. News of the Academy of Sciences USSR, Geophysics Series
- E. Applied Mathematics and Mechanics
- F. Herald of Moscow University, Physicomathematical and Natural Sciences Series
- G. Herald of Roentgenology and Radiology
- H. Journal of Technical Physics

The Chairman distributed a list of all Soviet scientific and technical periodicals received at this time and the currently agreed list for abstracting and by whom such abstracting is being done. This will be an aid in the review of the problem so that it may be considered by the Subcommittee in three weeks time on 12 November 1954.

8. This will serve to notify the members that the minutes of the 36th meeting were erroneously classified "Secret" and should be downgraded to "Confidential."

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[REDACTED] (c) Latin America.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 29 October 1954, in Room 2125 M Building at 1400 hours.

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Appendices: 7

- A. Army's requirements for exploitation [REDACTED]
- B. FDD Program for the Near East
- C. FDD Program for South Asia and Africa
- D. State's needs for exploitation [REDACTED]
- E. CIA's requirements for exploitation [REDACTED]
- F. Proposed FDD [REDACTED]
- G. ATIC's and AID's Suggested List of Periodicals to be removed from "Abstracting Agreement on Scientific and Technical Periodicals"

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