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Report of the Joint State-CIA External Research Staff for the
Period August 1 - November 30, 1948

1. Personnel

A. Status

During the first four months of the program the staff has not operated at full strength. [REDACTED] has been the only full-time member of the staff fully cleared and on duty throughout the period. The status of the remainder of the staff has been:

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1. [REDACTED] Entered on duty September 3, 1948, with provisional clearance and had not been fully cleared as of November 30, 1948.

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2. [REDACTED] Entered on duty November 8, 1948, with provisional clearance and had not been fully cleared as of November 30, 1948.

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3. [REDACTED] of the ORE Plans and Policy Staff was on part-time loan to the External Research Staff and has been of great value in organizational and other aspects of the work.

The fact that the staff has not been at full strength through most of this period and the lack of full clearance of two-thirds of the personnel has been a considerable handicap to the program. The availability of [REDACTED] has offset this to some extent but full clearance is essential to a more adequate development of the program.

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B. Travel 25X1A9a

1. [REDACTED]

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a. [REDACTED] September 22-25;
October 7-10; October 20-23;
November 3; November 9.

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b. [REDACTED]
November 12-21.

c. Maxwell Field: November 29-30.

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a. [REDACTED] September 22-23.

b. [REDACTED] September 23-24;
October 20.

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c. [REDACTED] October 22-26.

d. [REDACTED] November 15-18.

25X1A9a The absence of [REDACTED] on the above dates when no other member of the staff had full clearance made it essential that [REDACTED] be on hand to take charge of the office in his absence.

Also, there were several days when both [REDACTED] were out of Washington at the same time.

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2. Organization

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A considerable part of the first six weeks of the period covered by this report was devoted to discussions of the work of the newly created staff with various parts of State and CIA. Discussions were carried on with all the regional branches and divisions of ORE and OIR, the Office of Operations, CIA, including [REDACTED] and the Foreign Documents Branch; the Office of the Chief, Inspection and Security, CIA, and the Security office of State; the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA; and the Office of Libraries and Intelligence Acquisition, State; and numerous others.

Also, during the period covered by the report, liaison was established with the newly created Social Science Division of the Office of Education, the Strategic Intelligence Research and Analysis Training Program of the Army; the intelligence activities of the Air Forces; the secretariat of the Board of Foreign Scholarships and the agencies concerned with the administration of the Fulbright and Smith-Mundt Acts; the National Security Resources Board; the Research and Development Board of the National Military Establishment; the Foreign Area Committee and the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress.

25X1A9a In many of the above discussions it was essential that the personnel have full security clearance and [REDACTED] devoted a large part of his time to making arrangements for the meetings and participating in the discussions.

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3. [REDACTED]

25X1A9a [REDACTED] has the responsibility for State Department and CIA liaison with the development of the proposed [REDACTED] This project occupied about one-third of his time during this period.

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He assisted [REDACTED] in the preparation of memoranda and the presentation and discussion of the proposal with numerous individuals and organizations. In addition, he carried on the negotiations with the universities and foundations with respect to the project and undertook such activities within the government as were necessary to secure assistance needed.

During this period meetings were held and discussions carried on with a number of private individuals. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This has provided an opportunity to discuss not only the Institute but various aspects of the program of the External Research Staff as well.

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The most recent memorandum on the [REDACTED] (drafted by [REDACTED]) is attached hereto.

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Since full clearance was not essential to much of this work, [REDACTED] has spent a part of his time in liaison work in this field.

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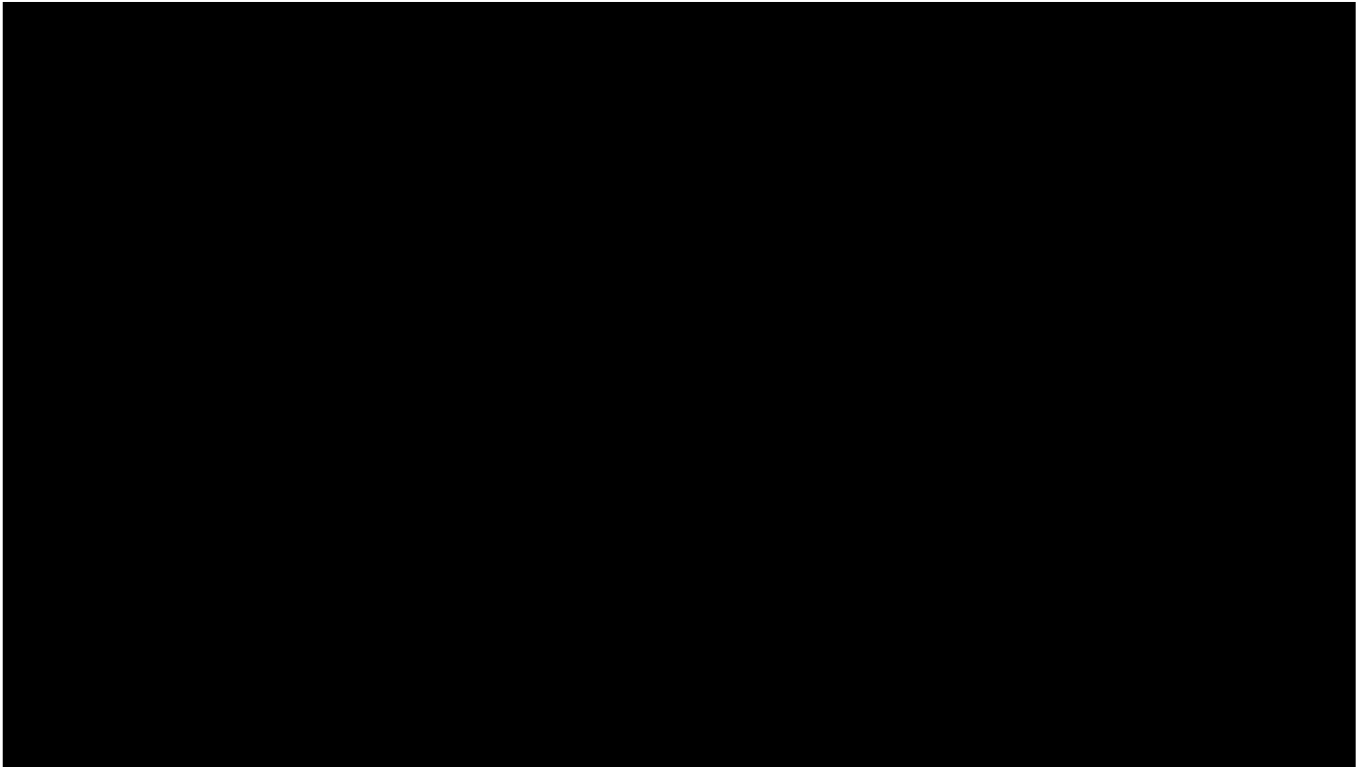
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This service has been used quite extensively and has created much good will in the academic world.

B. Bibliography Service

An arrangement has been worked out, also with IR. State, for preparing bibliographies, including reports and dispatches from the field insofar as consistent with security, on special subjects for research workers engaged in projects of interest to the intelligence agencies. These are prepared as the situation arises and the materials made available on inter-library loan. This is the only way scholars can receive much of this material and has proved to be of valuable service.

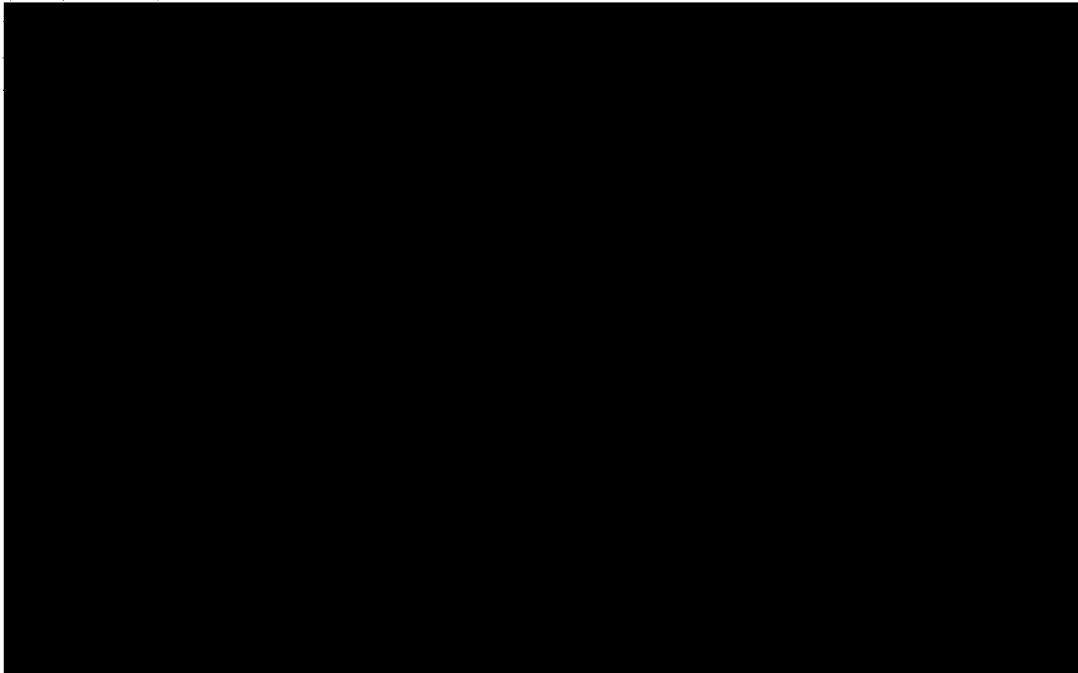
These services, as well as other aid and assistance given to scholars, not only creates good will but serves to improve the character of research done and to make the product more useful.



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These papers are turned over to IR for cataloging and then circulated to the appropriate divisions and branches.

8. Reports on Area Programs, Work in Progress, and Work Completed Outside the Government

The following reports were prepared and distributed to the interested branches in OIR and ORE:

- A. Report on foreign area programs now operating at universities and research institutions.
- B. Report on projects of scholars working abroad on grants from the SSRC.
- C. Report on graduate research on foreign areas now under way in the field of Political Science.

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D. Report of research on foreign areas completed in 1948 [REDACTED]
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E. Report on area programs and research on the Near East.

F. Several special memoranda on work in progress on specific fields,
specific projects.

Copies of a number of these reports are attached to this report.

9. Recruitment of personnel

Discussions with respect to available personnel have been carried on with representatives of a number of universities. The Office of the External Research Staff has agreed to serve as a contact point in Washington and to see that graduates of the various programs are directed to appropriate intelligence channels.

The Office has begun to develop a file of specialized personnel in various fields and will make it available to those seeking such personnel.

In a number of cases where special personnel were required the Office has undertaken to find such personnel and has successfully done so. Each agency has hired several professionals as a result of contacts established by the Staff.

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] has been asked to serve with [REDACTED] in coordinating a program to inform the universities of opportunities in the intelligence research field and to insure that an adequate number of people take the intelligence specialist and other civil service examinations in order that a sufficiently large number of personnel are available on the civil service registers.

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_____ arranged for discussions between _____ and representatives of the CIA and OIR Western European analysts. He also arranged meetings with Assistant Secretary of State Salzman, Under Secretary of War General Draper, and Jacob Beam, Chief of the Division of Central European Affairs.

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During the course of the tour, _____ and the _____ also talked with Senators Elbert Thomas, Arthur Vandenberg, and Brien McMahon, Senator-elect Hubert Humphrey, Congressmen John McCormack, Christian Herter, John F. Kennedy, Congressman-elect Fred Marshall, and others. National leaders of business, labor, and other groups were also contacted.

11. Projects Pending

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A number of projects requiring special arrangements beyond the ordinary scope of relations _____ have been proposed and are being investigated by the Staff.

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A. The Latin American Branch, ORE, has proposed a research project on Guatemala. Ways and means for carrying out the project within the necessary security restrictions and yet maintaining adequate control over the end product are being considered.

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B. The NSC-4 Staff has proposed two extensive research projects related to the NSC-4 Program. These have been discussed in part with _____ but considerable additional discussion must be carried on, particularly with such public opinion experts as _____ before definite arrangements can be made.

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12. Difficulties Requiring Action

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A. Clearance of Personnel. It is important that full clearance be obtained for _____ as soon as possible.

B. External Research Requirements. Research workers and scholars in the universities, directors of graduate programs, and the staffs of foreign area institutes are - for the most part - eager to cooperate in fulfilling basic research needs. They all desire, however, to have lists of basic research jobs that need to be done. It is essential, therefore, to the success of the program that such lists be prepared by the branches of ORE and the divisions of OIR.

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- D. Reproduction and Distribution of Research Papers. In view of the External Research Staff's commitments to the IAC agencies to keep them informed of all results of the program, it will be necessary to reproduce and distribute to them those research papers of good quality that pertain to their needs. The details of this problem will have to be worked out with the Services Branch of CIA or some other appropriate service facility.

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