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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Deputy Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: ERR' 8 1949

FROM Deputy Chief for Planning & Coordinating Staff

SUBJECT: Attached memo from Executive -- Special Committee on Technical Information

1. Attached was received direct by FDB, forwarded informally by them to ICAPS (Mr. Childs), passed by ICAPS to OSI (Dr. Machle) and returned to FDB. Believe Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Bagnall and Dr. Machle also discussed it. Mr. Childs suggests that Mr. Bagnall and a representative of OSI attend the proposed meeting on 10 February\* as CIA observers only and that they be authorized to state that CIA does "translations for intelligence purposes only". Note that non-IAC agencies, such as Commerce, will probably be represented.

2. Conversation with Mr. Bagnall indicates that he is amenable to taking an inactive part in the discussions, but I am apprehensive about the following aspects of the problem:

(a) CIA/FDB is mentioned as producing (technical) abstracts, bibliographies etc. in enclosure to attached memo, and also as recipient of translations or listings made by certain other agencies, such as RDB. It will be difficult for Mr. Bagnall, in view of FDB's known activity in scientific and technical field, to say nothing concerning the extracting and translation work of the agency.

(b) Proposals for central locator file and coordination of the technical translation effort of various agencies, if implemented, will duplicate what FDB is doing for the IAC agencies.

(c) OSI representative may not maintain a common CIA front with FDB. The recent CD's requesting information on all USSR translating services (government and commercial) indicate interest of OSI in all possible solutions to problem. We sent OSI a long description of FDB's scientific and technical activities on 4 February, in which Mr. Bagnall first indicated that he could perform "any exploitation" desired by OSI. This phrase changed, with Mr. Bagnall's consent, to "any type of exploitation", in order to protect us from requests to translate large numbers of scientific books.



\*Thursday, 10 February at 10:00 A.M., meaning Mr. Bagnall will have to be excused from OO Staff meeting at 11:00 A.M.

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