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5 December 1947

**MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, TECHNICAL INFORMATION BRANCH**  
**AGO, Department of the Army**

ATIS Document No 506068

1. Reference is made to enclosed GHQ-FE letter to Chief, Technical Information Branch dated 30 October 1947, and letter from Chief, Intelligence Group to Commander-in-Chief, Far East, dated 10 October 1947, same subject as above. This office has undertaken a thorough search in pertinent Army and Navy files and has found, as Colonel King's letter indicates, subject document was shipped from Manila in October 1945. Apparently this document was received in the Washington Document Center, a joint operation sponsored by ID, WDSS and ONI, whose files indicate that this document was later forwarded to Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section (under Intelligence Division, War Department) at Camp Ritchie in January 1946. A complete check through the files of the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section fails to show a definite record of receipt or destruction of subject document. In the files of the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section, however, there is record of many ATIS documents contained in the particular shipment received at that time having been destroyed. It can then only be reasonably assumed that subject document was among these. Complete and accurate files were evidently not kept by the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section as there is no indication of the destruction of this document or of its being located elsewhere in Washington. The date given for its destruction in accompanying letter is, obviously, a typographical error.

2. Present processing of documents from the Far East by this branch is accomplished as follows:

Each document received is given a number. The document then proceeds through a screening process to determine whether it should be retained for security or intelligence purposes. If it is not retained it is forwarded to the Library of Congress or the National Archives where it is available to the historical divisions of the Army, Navy, or Air Forces. If it is retained it is placed in the branch library and a description of it appears in accession lists issued by this branch. These documents are retained for purposes of exploitation. When the exploitation has been completed it is anticipated that these documents will be forwarded to the National Archives for permanent retention. No documents are destroyed by this branch. All documents are finally disposed of as provided by Executive Order 9784, dated 25 September 1946 and Federal law (44 USCA 366).

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