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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Summary list of ORE records, 1946-50, accessioned by the CIA Records Center to date.

1. Based on a brief, 30-minute inspection of the Records Center's accessioning correspondence on ORE yesterday, it appears that many segments of the extant accumulations of records of ORE, 1946-50, have by now been deposited in the Records Center, in behalf of ORR, which served (and serves) as the liquidating agent for ORE after November 1950. Most of the accessions below were retired by ORR, which remains today the controlling office for access, disposal, and historical searching in ORE records. A few other significant segments had previously been retired by ORE itself (between March 1949 and September 1950), and a few fragments were retired by OCD and possibly other offices.

2. The total bulk of ORE records, insofar as they have survived what has been described as an utterly chaotic archival liquidation of ORE (between November 1950 and January 1951), extends to the surprising volume of some 109 linear feet; this is my quantity estimate, based on the accessioning correspondence. In other words, more than 14 4-drawer file cabinets of material have, fortunately, survived. These 109 feet of records remain organized and stored, for the time being, into the 25-some accessions or "jobs," by which the shipments were originally retired, over the past eight years.

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3. Whether these scattered accumulations represent all of the extant records of ORE cannot be known, of course, from this brief inspection yesterday, but conclusions could be readily enough ~~be~~ determined by a careful collation (of the lists below) with the current "records control schedule" ORR, for 1956 or 1957, and by a firsthand check in ORR and in other CIA offices where one might suspect that fragments of ORE files remain. (A firsthand inspection of the operating offices' retained files, watching for any pre-1951 material in particular, would be profitable.) Two principal parts of ORE records have migrated to two other operating offices and remain under their control in storage: (1) the Map Division records, ca 1947-50, in ORR/G; and (2) the Basic Intelligence Division records, ca. 1947-50, in OBI. In these latter cases, the records for the ORE period are rather extensive, and large quantities of them have by now also been retired to the Records Center, but I have not accounted for them, below.

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c. 1957 (?)*

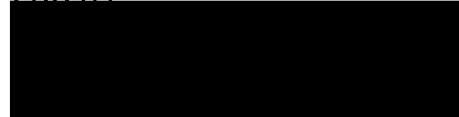
4. In the summary list below, I have presented only the barest outline, which I have taken (as quoted) from the accessioning or "job" correspondence in the Records Center. I have not, of course, actually looked at the records themselves, nor have I even taken the time to itemize the pertinent items from the shelflists that accompanied the records. (Photocopies of these lists could be obtained on request.) The list below is therefore essentially a guide, only, to the several accessions or "jobs" by which the ORE records were progressively shipped to and stored in the Records Center. The archival and

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historical details below are no better (and no worse) than the shipping lists which ORE (and later ORR) prepared when they accounted for them at the time of retirement. The Records Center has a program (not yet launched) to reconstitute the ORE files into an orderly and meaningful record group for 1946-50 (separate from ORR's own files after Nov. 1950), and (in that process) to prepare proper archival guides and listings to ORE records. (So the Records Management Staff in Washington, [redacted] told me last April.)

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