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← An additional form of processing which ^{sh} would perhaps have been described under the Intellofax System, and yet which merits its own section because it is a function that transcended the Intellofax System, was dissemination of material received from both within and outside CIA and disseminated in the same manner, within and outside CIA. This aspect of OCD processing ^{which} grew to ^{to agency and non-agency customers,} almost unbelievable proportions, ^{messing} and was concerned with getting the right document to the right customer at the right time, i.e., preferably immediately. The volume involved (close to 6,000,000 pieces per year ~~as quoted in this Chapter earlier,~~ for FY1955) coupled with the fact that most of the items were received on the basis of a requirement, ^{quality complicated} raised the problem of paper pushing to its zenith.

Prior to dissemination OCD ~~therefore~~ had to determine 1) whether a requester on the reading requirements list was authorized to receive a particular document, 2) whether the document filled a reading requirement, 3) which priority to establish for routing a single or insufficient number of copies, and 4) what other office might be interested in a document. ^{It} Determination also had to be ^{determined which} made as to the copy of a document ^{would} which will receive ~~the~~ full indexing treatment and be placed in ~~the~~ Intellofax System.

One of the more vexing problems the disseminator faced was the development of a method ^{for handling} whereby the sheer volume of material ^{could} to be handled more effectively by greater

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selection. ~~Back~~ ^{was permitted} in 1953 an experiment was conducted in OCD by permitting an especially capable disseminator to remove from one month's flow of documents all reports which seemed of little current or potential value. This amounted to only about 5% of the total take. ^{The} 5 % was in turn reviewed by the research offices and their conclusion was that nearly all of the documents should have been disseminated in the first place. ²¹ Ergo, disseminate everything you received.

In a CODIB paper of 11 July 1961, ²² 25X1A [REDACTED] /CIA Chief, Automatic Data Processing Staff, in reporting on some of the weaknesses recognized by CODIB as existing in the multi-agency approach to the processing of printed information, ²³ ~~included~~ ^{discussed} "Time-consuming, laborious, many-step dissemination mechanisms." This statement certainly held true for OCR; several attempts, in addition to continuing changes in procedures, were made to alleviate the problem. In January 1961, the dissemination of non-CIA cables was transferred from the Document Division to the Cable Secretariat. The document dissemination functions of ORR and the special intelligence function of OCI were transferred to the Document Division in June, 1963. ²³ This action, ²⁴ though it increased the number of

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dissemination points from [redacted] resulted in reading ~~the~~ reports only once for all points, thereby expediting their distribution with ~~also~~ some savings in personnel. In March 1964 the dissemination of the Defense Department reports was taken over by DIA.* Other attempts were made to direct OCR to further centralize its dissemination, to cut down the volume of items disseminated or to secure further customer guidance, without perceptible results. Perhaps the ~~idea~~ of automatic dissemination by the use of appropriate mechanical devices, ~~as was~~ ^{then} being talked about in the intelligence community, was the ultimate solution. ^{as well}
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* Dissemination by OCR to the intelligence community will be described in Chapter X.

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