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9 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

SUBJECT:

PRIS.

- 1. At a Policy and Review meeting held on 3 April, 1946, the natter of the disposition of FRIS was discussed by Colonel Richolas, Colonel Perry and Colonel Cunningham of the C.P.S. and certain questions were raised which could not be answered without further inquiry.
- 2. In order to clarify certain phases of the problem and to facilitate the preparation of recommendations, the Steering Member of the ad hoc committee on FBIS, obtained answers to questions as follows:~
 - a. Question: "If the FRIS activity were to be transferred to another department—or to C.I.G.—what facilities, personnel, and equipment would be transferred and what other facilities, equipment, etc. would be required to operate it?"

Answer:

"At the present time FRIS is a complete going concern. Except for signal communications and the British Government, no personnel or facilities outside of FRIS are participating in its operation, and it could readily be turned over----as a complete unit." (Colonel Carter W. Clarke, Deputy Chief, H.I.S.).

required to operate PRIS, could State Department (R & I) were required to operate PRIS, could State Department (R & I) do it?

Answer: "The Department of State can operate FBIS if:-

- (1) funds for operation during the fiscal year E0 12958 3.A(b)(1): 1947 are provided by the War Department;
- (2) the Office of Research and Intelligence in the Department of State continues to be orgamined as a central intelligence facility for the Department, as at present; and
- (3) the Congress makes available to the Department of State the approximately quested to finance the Department's intelligence program during the fiscal year 1947."
 (John D. Corcoran, Asst. to Mr. McCorwack).

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Ans. Papepartment (ONI) could operate FBIS if funds and reconnel were available, but:-

(1) my Department (ONI) is not willing to take present FBIS personnel;

(1) lavy Department has no personnel available operate FBIS, nor is any provided for in set-war havy plans;

permit its operating FBIS."

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quaint n he event that G-2 were required to continue operate FBIS, sould G-2 do it?"

Ansatt the present time G-2 is maintaining operational ution only over FBIS. Since G-2 has no supply administrative organisation capable of handling IS, these responsibilities are not under G-2 contl. If required to do so, the present degree of ration control could be continued by G-2.* However, since G-2 is not fully informed of the other extmental needs for FBIS material, operational issions affecting this material have been pointed inly toward satisfying G-2 needs rather than the ids of others. It is doubtful that unilateral

ion by G-2 could correct this situation.

If G-2 were expected to do more than maintain rational control, that is to say, also be respible for supply and administration of FBIS, a G-2 would require new and additional staff tions rather than a mere expansion of existing maisation within MID. Therefore, it is antimated that were G-2 given full responsibility for rating FBIS, integration of FBIS into MID would required, and would necessitate a closing down FBIS operations for some months during the time was being militarised.*

Alonel Carter W. Clarke, Deputy Chief, MIS).

Questionat budgetary and administrative arrangements

re necessary to have another department, or the
.I.G., take over FBIS from G-2, War Department?"

Answer: ppropriation now included in War Department
aget Estimate as presented to Congress—if allowed—
a be transferred, along with administrative set—
, from War Department to any other federal agency
agreement between Secretary of War and Chief of
we other federal agency and approval by the Director
the Budget; this requiring no Congressional action."
conference with Col. Harris.)

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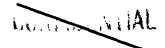
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Discussion:

- 1. In the foregoing Answers to Questions, several items appear to be subject to deletion as being gratuitous statements germane to the Questions as asked, for example: items (2) and (3) of State Bepartment answer under 2.b.; that portion from # to the end, of G-2 answer under 2.d.
- 2. Recommend early meeting of "Hatchet Board" which adjourned its last meeting sine die to await answers to Questions as above.
- 3. A new question has arisen as a result of British decision to cease operation of MOI (Cairo) and to cease Government operation of BBC (London) which becomes a private concern and will charge British government for its services. Office of G-2 is working on this question at the present time. This should not affect decision as to disposition of FBIS.

HARRY F CUNNINGHAM
Colonel, Air Corps
Steering Member, ad hoc Committee





10 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

Subject: FBIS

In connection with the memorandum on same subject, dated 9 April, submitted by Colonel Cunningham, which gave the answer to several questions raised at a policy and review meeting held on 3 April, it is believed that the following instructions should be issued to Colonel Cunningham:

- (1) In connection with your memorandum of 9 April, subject: FBIS, it is desired that you consider the facts stated in said memorandum in connection with your previous recommendations on the same subject and prepare appropriate recommendations for submission to this office and to the Policy and Review Branch.
- (2) In connection with the G-2 answer to the questionnairs, it is noted that considerable point was made as to the handling of the supply and administration of the FBIS. It might be pertinent to determine who does handle supplies and administration.

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TO: ACTING CHIEF, INFORMATION BRANCH. 10 April 1946

- 1. Reference your paragraph 3, above, believe no further review meeting is necessary at this time. Instead, please consider the facts stated in above memorandum in connection with your previous recommendations, and prepare an appropriate draft as contemplated in paragraph 2 c, Planning Directive, No. 20.
- 2. In connection with G-2 answer to the questionnaire, it is noted that considerable point was made as to the handling of supplies and administration of the FBIS. It might be pertinent to determine who does handle supplies and administration.

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Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff