

Memo Mr. Edgar:

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Mr. Shepherd's plan for the centralization of foreign press was taken out of his hands by Asst Director, OO. It finally materialized in revised form in the Foreign Documents Branch which was authorized to exploit current foreign documents (other than the press). When this branch took over S.D.S. it inherited the responsibility for translations of U.S.S.R. newspapers, a condition upon which the transfer was effected. I understand it concerns itself only with the Soviet press.

A. Watts.

27 November 1946

To: Mr. Donald Edgar
From: Captain E. Watts

Subject: Meeting in ORE on Processing Foreign Broadcasts and Foreign Press

Present: Dr. Parkman, ORE
Mr. Carey, OO
Mr. Shepherd, FHIS
Col. Boberg, OCD
Capt. Watts, ICAPS

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Mr. Shepherd, after gaining further information, will prepare an IAB paper in collaboration with ICAPS on centralization of foreign press in Washington. By this plan present duplication in coverage of radio and press will be eradicated. No other particulars on this plan, which are not explained in his memo to General Sibert on 5 November, 1946, were gone into at present due to lack of detailed knowledge. ICAPS will be consulted in the development of the plan, and Mr. Shepherd was acquainted in general with Mr. Edgar's views on subject.

/s/ E. Watts

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