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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
War Department General Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: German Military Document Section and Special
Document Section, Intelligence Division, WDGS.

Reference: a. Memo for Director of Central Intelligence,
same subject, from Military Intelligence
Division, WDGS, dated 25 October 1946.

1. Reference subject memorandum, your proposal that the CIG
take over the German Military Document Section and Special Document
Section, including their library and document exploitation
responsibilities, has been carefully studied.

2. This is to inform you that:

a. CIG accepts in principle the mission of exploitation
of foreign documents returned by the theaters for the purpose
of obtaining intelligence required by the CIG and the
interested departmental agencies.

b. CIG is willing to take over the document exploitation
responsibilities of the SDS and to accept the transfer of the
forty-four civilians now employed at SDS as of 1 June 1947
under the conditions listed in Paragraph 3 below.

c. CIG agrees to take over the document screening and
intelligence functions now performed by WDGS, but finds it
impossible to accept the library functions of that section for
the following reasons:

(1) CIG does not have at present nor in the foreseeable
future the space requirement to establish a precedent of
being the permanent repository for large quantities of
captured documents.

(2) Under the provisions of JCS 950/15 of 13 August '46
"Captured German records presently held by the War or Navy
Department will be retained in the files of the Department
now having custody of them."

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that the tentative plan of the Intelligence
d. It /ver the documents in possession of GMS to the
Division t/will meet CIG's requirements if:
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be g needs of member agencies for such documents
priority over the requests of other agencies.

The documents continue to be easily available to
CIG for exploitation.

Documents received from the European theater after
transfer of GMS to the Adjutant General are accessible
for intelligence screening.

In respect to the intelligence functions of GMS, CIG will
ins) the GMS Intelligence Catalogue in its Central Reference File
and all continue to be open to suggestions by the agencies for the
explication and better handling of captured foreign documents. The
transfer of the actual custody of such documents to the Adjutant
General will, however, make the material more easily available to
and interested WD agencies as the Historical Division, and will
facilitate the use of documents for non-intelligence activities.

3. Owing to budgetary and other considerations, the acceptance by
CIG of the intelligence commitments of GMS and of SDS as an operating unit
on 1 June 1947 is contingent upon the following conditions:

a. SDS be permitted to retain present office and quarters
space and other facilities at Camp Helabird until 1 July 1947.

b. All card files, indexes and other like material necessary
for the continued operation of the sections be included in the
transfer.

c. CIG be permitted to retain on a loan basis from the
Intelligence Division, HQGS, at least two officers (one of whom
should be Captain Scheufele) now on duty with SDS, and one officer
from GMS for sufficient period to permit training of civilian
replacements. (An alternate solution would be authority for CIG
to introduce into SDS at once two persons to understudy these
officers.)

d. CIG will employ as of 1 June 1947 as many of the civilian
personnel now on duty at SDS and GMS as its funds will permit.

e. Transfers of civilian personnel by the War Department to or
from the sections between present date and 1 June 1947 will be
subject to CIG consent.

f. CIG be authorized to commence appropriate CIG security
clearance of this personnel as soon as action on appropriations
assures availability of funds for their employment.

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4. If the reply to your proposal as shown in paragraph 2 is accepted, CIG will direct its Assistant Director for Operations to carry out the details of transfer of SDS and to insure that it is accomplished smoothly and with minimum interference to the continuity of its exploitation activities. The Assistant Director will also arrange for the assumption of certain of the functions and personnel of GDS. Upon the implementation of this agreement, CIG will undertake to meet the requirements of the Intelligence Division and the other departmental intelligence agencies, and will make every effort to fulfill their needs in the field of document exploitation.

5. Request your concurrence or comment on this proposed plan as soon as practicable.

HOWE S. VANDERBERG
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