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REMARKS: SUBJECT: Testimony at Merger Bill Hearing

The following information is supplied to you in reply to your memorandum 21 March 1947, concerning the methods by which CIG effects monetary and manpower savings by eliminating duplication and overlapping in the collection of intelligence. Unfortunately, it is impossible to give specific savings in either money or manpower. This is because the functions of the Office of Operations are either unique - as the FBIB - or represent the first effort in a new field such as Contacts or Documents. It is not felt that contrast with war conditions gives a fair or accurate picture, inasmuch as most intelligence efforts originated during the war to meet a pressing need and have never before been attempted in peacetime.

I. Foreign Broadcast Information Branch:

This Branch which was originally under the Federal Communications Commission and later under the War Department, is the only office in the government which performs the function of monitoring foreign radio broadcasts. As such, it provides an essential service for nearly every branch of the government, as well as a vital service for the intelligence agencies.

(Continue "Remarks" on back, if necessary)

Our immediate post-war efforts with the FBIB have been directed towards establishing the most efficient monitoring stations throughout the world. Currently, material gathered by the FBIB is provided General Marshall in Moscow, to assist him in his negotiations with the Russians. It is felt that this central service provides information that could not possibly be duplicated through individual effort on the part of the various government departments.

II. Documents Branch:

CIG is now in process of coordinating and centralizing the exploitation of documents containing intelligence information. In so doing, CIG has taken over the Washington Document Center, primarily an operation of the Navy, but functioning as a joint Army-Navy venture. This initially eliminated the double staff necessitated by being a joint merger, with the result that one set of executive, administrative and message center personnel could be eliminated. A second documents group run by the Army is now being amalgamated into this Branch. As a result of the establishment of a central documents section, it will be possible to reduce the number of administrative personnel, coordinate the reproduction of documents into a central organization under the CIG, stop overlapping of translations, concentrate all individuals concerned with documents in one place, and institute other economies resulting from the combination of two services into one.

As a result of the establishment of the central documents center, military services will be able to reduce the amount of checking necessary when two different organizations were doing the work. Other economies have been effected by the concentration in one place of highly skilled linguists and translators.

III. Contacts Branch:

(It is recommended that if the hearing before Congress is "open", the Director refrain from mentioning the subject of commercial contacts).

There is no possible comparison between the function now being performed by CIG in collecting intelligence from sensitive contacts, and previous work in this field. During the war the Army service forces had approximately 1,340 individuals engaged in this work. However, most of this was in an effort to obtain target information. The work that CIG is now doing, is expected to obtain far greater volume of positive foreign intelligence information from these sources, than has ever been obtained in peacetime by the U.S. intelligence services. This task will be performed by approximately 140 individuals through a system of coordination of military services. All duplication in effort has been eliminated with a resulting increase in both the quantity and quality of information obtained.



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