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PRESENT *Washington:*

- D. SOMMERS MAJ AC OASW
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- C. D. MORTON STATE DEPT
- D. NELSON LT CDR BUAER NAVY
- R. R. GUTHRIE LT CDR CNO NAVY
- C. W. GALINGER MAJ AC AAI

SUBJECT:

DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO THE BRITISH

~~CCN LAST NAME FROM BOTTOM SHUD READ GURTHXXXX GUTHRIE RPT GUTHRIE~~

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PRESENT HERE: *Potsdam*

COL . H A GERHARDT

COL R A CUTTER

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Col. Gerhardt.

QUESTION NUMBER ONE:

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ASKED GENERAL MARSHALL FOR SOME INFORMATION REGARDING A CABLE HE RECEIVED FROM THE BRITISH AIR

MISSION ON THE SUBJECT OF DISCLOSURE OF UNITED STATES TECHNICAL INFORMATION OF A CLASSIFICATION OF "CONFIDENTIAL" OR HIGHER TO THE BRITISH. THE CABLE TO WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER REFERRED STATES IN SUBSTANCE THAT THE JOINT AIR COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT A MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY SWNCC TECHNICAL INFORMATION SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE JOINT AIR COMMITTEE EVIDENTLY REQUESTED A REEXAMINATION OF THE EXISTING POLICY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION. THE PREVIOUS POLICY EVIDENTLY CAME FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE LEND-LEASE AGREEMENT. THE CABLE WAS SLIGHTLY GARBLED AND IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THE MEMO FROM THE SWNCC TECHNICAL INFORMATION SUB-COMMITTEE SET FORTH A POLICY THAT TECHNICAL INFORMATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE WOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED IF SUCH INFORMATION WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN OR IF THE RESULTS OF SUCH INFORMATION COULD NOT BE UTILIZED BEFORE 1 JANUARY 1947. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMO APPROVED BY SWNCC OR THE T. I. SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH WAS SENT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE JOINT AIR COMMITTEE?

THE BRITISH CABLE ALSO STATES THAT ON 6 JULY THE BRITISH CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICE WAS INFORMED BY GENERAL BORDEN, NEW DEVELOPMENTS DIVISION, THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE BRITISH THE USAF REPORT ON GUIDED MISSILES AS THIS CONSTITUTED DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF A POST-WAR NATURE AND NOT INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE USED AGAINST JAPAN.

THE BRITISH CABLE WAS REFERRED TO GENERAL ARNOLD WHO, IN A MEMORANDUM TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF, INDICATED THAT HE WAS UNINFORMED AS

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AS TO WHAT THE SWNCC SUB-COMMITTEE HAD DONE BUT THAT IN NOVEMBER 1944 A POLICY HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. THIS POLICY WAS REVIEWED LAST MONTH AND THE REVIEW IS CONTAINED IN JCS 927/8. THIS PAPER CONCLUDED THAT SWNCC SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO FORMULATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISCLOSING TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN THE POST-WAR PERIOD AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF PROVIDE SWNCC WITH A BASIC MILITARY POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING SUCH DISCLOSURES. THIS STATEMENT, WHICH APPARENTLY APPEARS IN JCS 927/8, INCLUDED THE SUBSTANCE OF JCS POLICY NO 5 AND INCLUDED ALSO GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION BEYOND THAT REQUIRED FOR THE PRESENT WAR EFFORT. JCS 927/8 WAS APPROVED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND CG AAF BUT ADM. KING RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE RETURNED TO THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE FOR A MORE DEFINITIVE POLICY TO BE AGREED BY THE WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BEFORE SUBMISSION TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. THIS RECOMMENDATION BY KING WAS JCS 927/9. WHAT IS THE PRESENT STATUS OF THIS PAPER?

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REPLY TO YOUR 1 SUBCOMMITTEE TO JAC WAS BASED ON PATENT INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT (KNOWN AS HULL-HALIFAX AGREEMENT) OF AUG 24, 1942 AS IT APPLIED TO THAT PARTICULAR REPOXXRPT REQUEST. NO POLICY HAS BEEN SET UP.

SAME APPLIES TO REPORT FROM CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICE.

JCS 927/9 REFERRED TO MARSHALL AND ARNOLD 11 JULY. NO RETURNS FROM THEM. PAPER WAS LEFT FOR ACTION IN WASHINGTON. THIS INFORMATION FROM SWEENEY OF JCS.

FURTHER ON SUBJECT 1

WITH REFERENCE TO REQUEST FOR REEXAMINATION OF ~~EXISTNXXRPT~~ EXISTING POLICY BY JOINT AIRCRAFT COMMITTEE NO SUCH REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY SWNCC OR TECH INFORMATION SUB COMMITTEE.

col Herhardt

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REFERENCE YOUR 1ST REPLY TO SUBJECT 1.

CAN YOU GIVE US ~~SUMMARY~~ FULLER INFORMATION ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF SWNCC SUBCOMMITTEE MEMO TO JOINT AIR COMMITTEE?

A. ~~WHEN~~ WHEN WAS IT SENT?

B. DID IT GO THROUGH SWNCC TOP COMMITTEE? FROM BRITISHXXXXXX

C. WAS IT REQUEST FROM BRITISH FOR A PARTICULAR PIECE OF INFORMATION UNDER PATENT INTERCHANG E RPT INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT?

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REFERENCE SUBJECT 1.

SUBCOMMITTEE YOU RFER RPT REFER TO IN YOUR 1ST REPLY TO SUBJECT 1 THE ~~SUMMARY~~ SWNCC SUBCOMMITTEE,?? IF SO, HAS IT OR SWNCC EVER FORWARDED MEMORANDUM TO STATE DEPARTMENT ON THIS MATTER OR ACTED ON JCS 927/8

FROM INFORMATION HERE REQUEST FOR REEXAMINATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURE AND ~~PLIXXXRPT~~ POLICIES BY JOINT AIR COMMITTEE WAS MADE TO BRISISH, PROBABLY THE BRITISH AIR COMMISSION, AND NOT TO SWNCC.

IS REPLY OF BORDEN TO BRITISH REQUEST FOR USAF REPORT ON GUIDED MISSILE

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CORRECTLY STATED IN SUBJECT 1

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

AIR COMMITTEE

THE BRITISH AIR COMMISSION, AND NOT TO SWNCC.

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IS REPLY OF BORDEN TO BRITISH REQUEST FOR USAF REPORT ON GUIDED MISSILE CORRECTLY STATED IN SUBJECT 1?

FURTHER ON SUBJECT 1

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SUBCOMMITTEE REFERED RPT REFERRED TO IN OUR ANSWER TO SUBJ 1 IS SWNCC TECHNICAL INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE

JC RPT JCS 927/8 HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED ^{or} ACTED UPON BY SWNCC OR ANY SWNCC SUBCOMMITTEE AS JCS HAVE NOT SUBMITTED MATTER TO SWNCC

CCN APPROVED OR RPT OR ACTED UPON

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MORE ON THIS SUBJ TO FOLLOW

SWNCC 131 WAS REPLY TO BRITISH WITH REFERENCE TO INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BRITISH AIR MISSION VISITING U.S. THIS WAS APPROVED BY A.C.C. AND TOP COMMITTEE AND FORWARDED TO STATE.

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MEMORANDUM TO JOINT AIR CRAFT COMMITTEE WAS SENT DIRECT BY SUB COMMITTEE IN KEEPING WITH DIRECTIVE ESTABLISHING SUB COMMITTEE WHICH REQUIRED ONLY BASIC POLICY BE CLEARED BY TOP COMMITTEE. IN THIS CASE 131 WAS CONSIDERED AS ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT ON ITEMS OF POST WAR CONCERN. PENDING DETERMINATION OF POLICY.

SWNCC 131 IS ONLY CASE SUBMITTED TO TOP COMMITTEE BY TECH SUB COMMITTEE.

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CONCERN. PENDING DETERMINATION OF POLICY.

SWNCC 131 IS ONLY CASE SUBMITTED TO TOP COMMITTEE BY TECH SUB COMMITTEE.

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GENERAL BORDEN IS OUT OF TOWN HIS OFFICE HAS FOUND COPY OF LETTER TO BRITISH CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICE PREPARED FOR HIS SIGNATURE WHICH IS CORRECTLY DESCRIBED IN YOUR QUESTION 1.

GENERAL BORDEN'S OFFICE CONFIRMS THAT HE SIGNED THIS LETTER ON JULY 6.

MEMO TO JOINT AIR CRAFT COMMITTEE WAS SENT JUNE 27, 1945.

REQUEST WAS NOT FOR INFORMATION UNDER PATENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BUT WAS REQUEST BY SWNCC TECH SUB COMMITTEE TO JOINT AIRCRAFT COMMITTEE AT THE INSTIGATION OF AAF, ASKING JAC TO MODIFY JAC EXISTING POLICY SO AS TO EXCLUDE BRITISH FROM ATTENDING MOCK UP INSPECTIONS INVOLVING AIRCRAFT OF POST WAR CONCERN.

PRESENT JAC POLICY DIRECTS BRITISH-US ATTENDANCE AT SUCH INSPECTIONS.

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STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING
COMMITTEE

STATE

W.C. Mr. Cox
W.M. Mr. Moseley
W.G. Mr. Gardiner

WAR

W.McC. Colonel McCarthy
W.P. Lt. Colonel Pennoyer
W.F. Lt. Colonel Field
W.G. Major Gunther
W.S. Lt. Spittall

NAVY

W.R. Commander Richardson
W.R. Lt. Comdr. Rockefeller
W.G. Lt. Comdr. Geilfuss
W.W. Ensign Whiteside

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PRESENT:

COL C W MCCARTHY

COL R A RPT R H WILNXXXX R H WILMER

MAJ D SOMMERS

SUBJECT:

CLEARANCE OF SWNCC MATEXXXXX SWNCC MATTERS IN BERLIN

SUBJECT 1

WILL TAKE QUESTION 1 UP WITH GATES AND ADVISE YOU.

NAVY HAS ALREADY CLEARED WXXXXXX CLEARED SWNCC 25/8 (ZONES OF OCCUPATION IN AUSTRIA) AND SWNCC 30 (CONTROL MACHINERY FOR AUSTRIA) SUBJECT TO JCS CLEARANCE.

NAVY HAS ALSO CLEARED SWNCC RXXXXXXX SWNCC 4/9 (MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN REPUBLICS) AS REPORTED ON FAVORABLY BY JSSC RPT JSSC MAKE THAT SWNCC 30/3 RPT SWNCC 30/3

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RUXXXX

REUR SUBJ 2

WILL FURNISH YOU WITH ALL SWNCC PAPERS BY COURIER AS INTRODUCED THAT REQUIRE JCS RPT JCS OR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION

SUBJECT 2

JACKSON HAS SENT DRAFT OF WAR CRIMES AGREEMENT HERE FOR CUTTER DO YOU WANT TEST OR SUMMARY CABLED

EXPECT REPLY FROM GATES SHORTLY.

REF QUESTION 3

**JCS RPT JCS PAPERS WRITTEN THERE NOT AVAILABLE HERE X
TRANSMIT MEMO AND WE WILL CLEAR X DO YOU THINK THIS NECESSARY ?
WITH THE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE CAN'T RULES BE WAIVED.**

FURTHER ON 2:

WAR CRIMES AGREEMENT TWELVE PAGES DOUBLE SPACE

REF QUESTION 1

**GATES ADVISES THAT HE IS AGREEABLE TO SUGGESTION AND AFTER
CONSULTING ADWARDS WILL SEND A DISPATCH DESIGNATING AN ALTERNATE**

SUGGEST AXXXXXX

**SUGGEST MEMBER OF SWNCC SECRETARIAT PROCEED AT ONCE TO HANDLE
MATTERS X WILL BE GEILFUSS X WILL YOU CLEAR WITH MR MCCLOY X CAN BE
SENT AS COURIER**

REF SUBJECT 1 SHOULD NOT JCC 654/14 BE JCS 541/14

**NAVY CLEARANCE FOR 651/14 WILL BE FURNISHED BY CABLE WHEN
OBTAINED.**

HAVE YOU ANYTHING ELSE?

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PRESENT

COL H A GERHARDT

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1.

SECRETARY OF JCS HAS ASKED IF SWNCC CAN ACT UPON MATTERS REFERRED TO IT BY THE JCS HERE IN BERLIN SINCE DUNN AND MCCLOY ARE AT THE CONFERENCE.

MR MCCLOY WOULD LIKE TO ACT HERE ON THOSE MATTERS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP HERENWITH THE CCS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY THE JCS. WILL YOU TAKE THIS UP WITH GATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE MAY WISH TO DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT FOR HIM IN THESE MATTERS HERE. ADMIRAL COOKE AND ADMIRAL GARDNER ARE HERE AND MIGHT BE SO USED. ONLY MATTERS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THIS CONFERENCE WOULD BE ACTED UPON HERE. AS AN EXAMPLE JCS 654/14 WAS APPROVED BY THE JCS AND APPENDIX "A" THERETO, A MEMO FROM JCS TO SWNCC COULD DELIVERED TO STATE DEPARTMENT HERE THROUGH DUNN.

2.

I WILL ACT AS AN ASSISTANT SEVXXRPT SECRETARY OF SWNCC FOR THIS PURPOSE.

OTHER MATTERS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN
WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE.

JCS 1398 SERIES (SWNCC SXXX 70/2) HAS BEEN
ACTED UPON BY JCS AND WILL BE HANDLED BY
WXXX WXXX SWNCC IN WASHINGTON.

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3.

CAN YOU GIVE ME CLEARANCE NOW FROM NAVY TO TRANS-
MIT MEMO TO SWNCC IN JCS 651/14 ON
PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION?

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I CAN GIVE YOU TEXT IXXX OF MEMO IF YOU
DESIRE.

4.

ONLY SWNCC PAPERS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN
UP HERE SHOULD BE SENT. IMPLEMENTATION
HERE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE RESULTS OF
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH GATES.

RE YOUR SUBJECT 2.

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HOW LONG IS TEXT.

REF NR 3.

IT IS NOT QUESTION OF RULES
BUT OF ACTING WITHOUT NAVY
DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE. TEXT OF MEMO
FOLLOWS.

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"IN REPLY TO THE SATXXXRPT STATE DEPARTMENT MEMORADDUM OF 11 JUNE 1945 REQUESTING INFORMATION REGARDING THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN FOR PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN THE LIBERATION OF TIMOR., THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF REGRET THAT NO DEFINITE INFORMATION CAN BE GIVEN AT THIS TIME. A DRAFT LETTER ON THIS SUBJECT, C.C.S. 462/19, FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OFFICE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR THEIR APPROVAL ON 3 JANUARY 1945. A COPY OF THE PAPER WAS SENT TO THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH ADVISED ON 13 JANUARY 1945 (J.C.S.953/9) THAT THE DRAFT LETTER WAS CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY BY THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, WAR AND THE NAVY.

"THE BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE DEFERRED ACTION ON C.C.S. 462/19 PENDING THE RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM AUSTRALIA ON ITS ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE PORTUGUESE FORCE FOR TRAINING. THE JOING XXXRPT JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO REVISE THE LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OFFICE IN C.C.S. 462/19 ALONG BROAERXXXRPT BROADER LINES WHICH THEY HOPE THE BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. THE

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BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF ARE BEING URGED
TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION ON THIS REVISED
PAPER AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE
DESIRED INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHOXXX
SHORTLY."

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REFERENCE SUBJECT 2.
SUMMARY WILL BE SUFFICIENT.
WILL CABLE JACKSON IN LONDON TO SEND
SOPLY OF TEXT HERE.

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5.

~~MR MCCLOY DOES NOT CONSIDER PRESENT~~

~~XXX~~

MR MCCLOY DOES NOT CONSIDER PRESENCE
OF SWNCC SECRETARY NECESSARY AND
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.
WILL CHECK FURTHER AND LET YOU KNOW
BY CABLE.

CORRECT NUMBER IS JCS 651/14 RPT
651/14

NEW SUBJECT-
PLANS STILL INDEFINITE AS TO TIME
OF RETURN OR ITINERARY AFTER LEAVING
CONFERENCE. ALL IN PARTY WELL.

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NOTHING ELSE.

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SUBJECT 6

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SWNCC 70/4 (COMPOSITION OF FORCES FOR OCCUPATION OF JAPAN)

319.25 APPROVED BY JCS IN GENERAL BUT RETURNED TO FAR EAST SUB SXXRPT COMMITTEE AS MATTER OF URGENCY . FOR MODIFICATION. WHEN OUT OF SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE SENT TO YOU FOR PRESENTATION TO JCS THERE.

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PORTUGESE PAPER HAS BEEN CLEARED BY GAGES ON YOUR ASSURANCE THAT JCS HAVE APPROVED. WE HAVE NO WORD FROM JCS IN WASHINGTON OF SUCH APPROVAL.

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SUBJECT 4

STATE STILL ASKS CONFIRMATION THAT DUNN APPROVES FORMATIO N OF SWNCC. BERLIN . THIS MAY APPEAR UNNECESSARY TO YOU BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW THE DEPARTMENT FEELS ON SUCH MATTERS.

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SUBJECT 5

CHANLER ASKS IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS ON DOUGLS RPT DOUGLAS

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REF SUBJECT 4

DUNN HAS APPROVED. CABLE TO THAT
EFFECT DISPATCHED TO YOU TODAY.

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REF SUBJECT 5

ALEXANDER IS HERE AND
MCCLOY PLANS ON TELLINXXXXRPT.
TALKING TO HIM WITHIN NEXT FE W RPT FEW
DAYS. WE WILL KEEP AFTER HIM, AS
WILL PROBABLY HILLDRING, WHO IS HERE
WITH US.

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Mr. Mauly

reply refer to
AEA

JULY 10, 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Department requests the privilege of sending representatives to attend the meetings of the Joint Intelligence Agency Reception Center, Room 461, Navy Building, to study the JIRA reports received from India, Burma, China, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, and to obtain material from these reports which may be of interest to the Department.

The following persons have been designated to act for the Department in this matter if this request is acceptable, and it would be appreciated if notification of appropriate meetings could be sent directly to them:

Mr. Foy Kohler, representing the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs, Room 345, State Department, Extension 2474.

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Mr. John Campbell, representing the Office of European Affairs, Room 363, State Department, Extension 2500.

An identical letter is being sent to the Secretary of War.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

James O. Dunn
~~Assistant Secretary of State~~

The Honorable
James Forrestal,
Secretary of the Navy.

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July 10, 1945

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Mr. Moseley

In reply refer to
SEA

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Acting
For the Secretary of State:
James C. Dunn

Assistant Secretary of State

The Honorable
Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War.

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The Honorable

MAY 16 1945

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter of December 12, 1944 in response to the joint letter of November 22, 1944 from the Secretary of the Navy and myself with regard to the problem of obtaining pricing information and supporting data for the United Kingdom reciprocal aid account.

A review has been made of the results of the discussions held in London by representatives of the Foreign Economic Administration, the Clearing House for Foreign Transactions and Reports and our own representatives, from which we have concluded that although the British Government has now agreed to furnish more pricing data than in the past, they have not agreed to furnish complete pricing information or supporting data.

The position of the War Department, accordingly, remains as stated in the joint letter of November 22, 1944 referred to above. The War Department believes that the manpower and accounting problems mentioned in your letter of December 12, 1944 can now be met in view of the victory in Europe. The War Department believes the British Government should provide the U.S. Government with the same detailed information with respect to reciprocal aid as the U.S. Government provides the British Government with respect to lend-lease aid. The State Department is therefore requested to ask the British Government to provide the information desired by the War Department now that hostilities have ended in Europe.

If the State Department is not willing to press the British for the objectives deemed essential by the War Department, as stated in the joint letters to you of October 4 and November 22, 1944 from the Secretary of the Navy and myself, the War Department

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will not be in a position to obtain a reciprocal aid account with the accuracy and completeness which it considers necessary and advisable.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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