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(12 Nov. 1941)

Subject Dissemination to White House.

7 Nov. '41 Gen. Sherman Miles (G-2) at 1600 called on Capt. Wilkinson (DNI). I was called in on the subject question. In reply to Miles' inquiries I explained as follows:

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| <u>G-2</u> | <u>ONI</u> |
| JAN        | FEB        |
| MAR        | APR        |
| MAY        | JUNE       |
| JULY       | AUG        |
| SEPT       | OCT        |
| NOV        |            |

A. Through spring of '41 (G-2)(Bratton) and ONI had followed the signed agreement of Jan. '41.

B. A combination of the following factors led to G-2 not sending anything to the White House after May '41:

1. Loss of Memo #9 to State in March.
2. German report to Japs of leakage in April and the resulting clampdown on security.
3. G-2 lack of confidence in Gen. Watson's ideas of security, particularly due to the absolute necessity thereof after 1 and 2 above, and because of the fact that earlier in the spring one Memo to the White House was found by Col. Bratton in Gen. Watson's wastebasket.
4. The feeling of G-2 that almost without exception the subject of the Memos and traffic was State business anyway, and the matters should therefore be properly taken up with the White House by State, rather than being sent directly.

C. During June, when the new Naval Aide to the President (Beardall) came, he had taken the O.N.I. memos over as per agreement. In July I continued to show things to him in original form to keep him informed and also because he specifically requested this, since the President at times was asking him about points appearing in this material.

D. Toward the end of September (G-2 having sent nothing to the White House) Beardall stated the President wanted to see the material I was showing him (Beardall). I informed DNI, explaining that G-2 permission must be obtained in accordance with the agreement. With DNI's permission I contacted Col. Bratton and got his O.K.

E. During October (ONI dissemination duty), only the "memos" went.

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F. Several times between 1 Nov. and 7 Nov. (today), Capt. Beardall was shown original material. On Friday noon, 7 Nov., he asked to have a number of time to take. I reminded him that November was Army's month for dissemination. He acknowledged this and stated he had so informed Mr. Roosevelt, but Roosevelt had directed him to bring it anyway. I told him I would get DNI and G-2 permission.

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General Miles then said G-2 was beginning again to disseminate to the White House. I indicated that my concern was to comply with the agreement, and particularly to avoid duplicating via the Naval Aide anything which G-2 might send. This could be done by keeping in daily touch with Col. Bratton on what he was sending to the White House. In fact, the Naval Aides could be entirely eliminated during G-2's months and adhere strictly to the agreement; by having ONI request G-2 to send anything Capt. Beardall felt should go. Gen. Miles agreed and stated that he would confer with Gen. Watson on the matter.

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7 Nov. 1630 I saw Capt. Beardall, to show him today's material, and explain what had developed in the above talk. He elucidated further by saying that when he had informed the President, in reply to a request for material, that it was Army's month for dissemination, the President said he understood that, and was in fact either seeing or being told about the material through Hull. However, he desired to see the material via Beardall anyway. Beardall expressed the opinion to me that President grasps things more rapidly visually than orally, and therefore wanted to see the material in addition to getting it from Hull.

7 Nov. 1700 I informed Capt. Wilkinson of the above. He indicated he was going to pass it on to Miles.

10 Nov. 1230 I saw Beardall with today's material. He informed me that a conference between him, Miles, Watson (and another ?) had agreed to Beardall alone handling dissemination to the White House.

10 Nov. 1630 Saw DNI with today's material. He had already been informed of the above and directed that I comply therewith.

12 Nov. 1615 Started routine of giving Beardall the day's material for transmission to the President, in compliance with the above outlined modification to the signed agreement of Jan. '41 between G-2 and ONI.

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Note: As a "quid pro quo", G-2 (Col. Bratton) began furnishing all information (both memos and translations) to the State Department. There is no written record of this, but such was the practice in early December 1941.