1. I should like to see a better defense of why such restrictive regulations are necessary.

2. Are we to admit that we are not in a position to pass any information to any foreign government?

3. We have few friends in the international field. We had better lose them or lose them.

4. We have more to lose by cutting off the flow of intelligence than not to have it gain.
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1. Reference is made to your memo of 5 March 1947 concerning the
verbal inquiry made of the Acting Chief, Documents Branch, by the
[Redacted] in that branch as to whether the request might be approved
for a copy of blank translation and other intelligence products prepared by
the Documents Branch in response to collection directives.

2. It is impossible to give a formal ruling on this request unless
it is submitted in writing by the [Redacted] concerned, and
when submitted it should be done in accordance with the
written statement of the collectible of the coverage
desired. It is desired that Requirements Branch reply to Dr. Mignall
accordingly.

3. Until it is possible to associate formal policy with regard to the
relationship between OIC collection and dissemination activities and foreign
agencies, Documents Branch and OIC should be governed by the following
general principles:

a. For administrative reasons, blanket requests cannot generally
be honored.

b. Translations and other intelligence products asked for by
foreign agencies, [Redacted] will be honored only if
submitted through authorized channels (Dept. of State, Foreign
Relations Branch, OMB, and OII, as applicable).

c. Dissemination of material prepared by the Documents Branch
in response to such requests will be routed in accordance with
established procedure in the Reading Center, Dissemination Branch.
The Reading Center will refer such material to the Central Division,
Requirements Branch, OIC, for screening to insure that unauthorized
dissemination of material on which any of the I.A.R. agencies may
have placed a limitation does not take place.

4. The procedures outlined in paragraph 3 reflect informal views
within ID, OMB and OII and include the informally expressed views of
State-War-Navy Coordinating Sub-Committee for Military Information Control,
which has primary responsibility for policy covering the release of
classified military information to foreign powers.
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6. If the exercise any question as to why these procedures are necessary, they should be courteously informed that they are in no way intended to cut the interest of the information which they must have, and to which they are entitled, but will insure their ultimately receiving better service through the proper use of established administrative channels.

6. The report of 15 March 1947 is returned herewith.

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