

documents are given to the historian in charge of the series. He or she makes the final selection, asks for additional research in special fields, suggests further research in other archives. In the end the historian produces a body of documents selected according to their chronological order and ready for publication. All tasks related to summaries, indexes, analytical tables, etc. are carried out by the staff. Desktop preparation of documents has been experimented with and is being introduced in a massive way. As for the results, one must consider the fact that since this system was introduced (about 10 years ago) almost 50 volumes have been published. (We have now published two volumes of the 10th series: 1943-44 and 1945.)

We all, whatever our system of work, are challenged by the problems of time, costs, differences of method, and the advancement of technology. I do not think that this workshop can produce a perfect formula for a perfect method to publish diplomatic papers. But I dare to suggest that the more we are prepared to share our experiences the better we will be able to accomplish our work.