

indexer, say, to be provided not only with the English index he is to translate, but the actual texts of the material indexed. Only in that way can he achieve meaningful translations.

I would conclude this report with a number of observations and recommendations.

(1) Several persons skilled in modern printing and processing techniques have suggested that we should consider microfilming in producing the proposed foreign policy record. According to the persons concerned, we could either forget about a record printed on paper and use microfilm exclusively, or use a combination of the two methods, bearing in mind that libraries today use microfilm extensively.

I refer to this suggestion only in order -- I hope -- to dismiss it. Many of the recipients of the record would not have the equipment needed to use microfilm. Again researchers like our resident historian Dr. Donald Page who have spent endless hours studying microfilmed documents are emphatic regarding its inconvenience. Finally, there are ways to index microfilm, but nothing that approaches page indexing in speed or ease. And as extra copies of the printed record can be run off relatively cheaply once the page prints are prepared, it would seem to me only a costly complication to divide the operation into two.