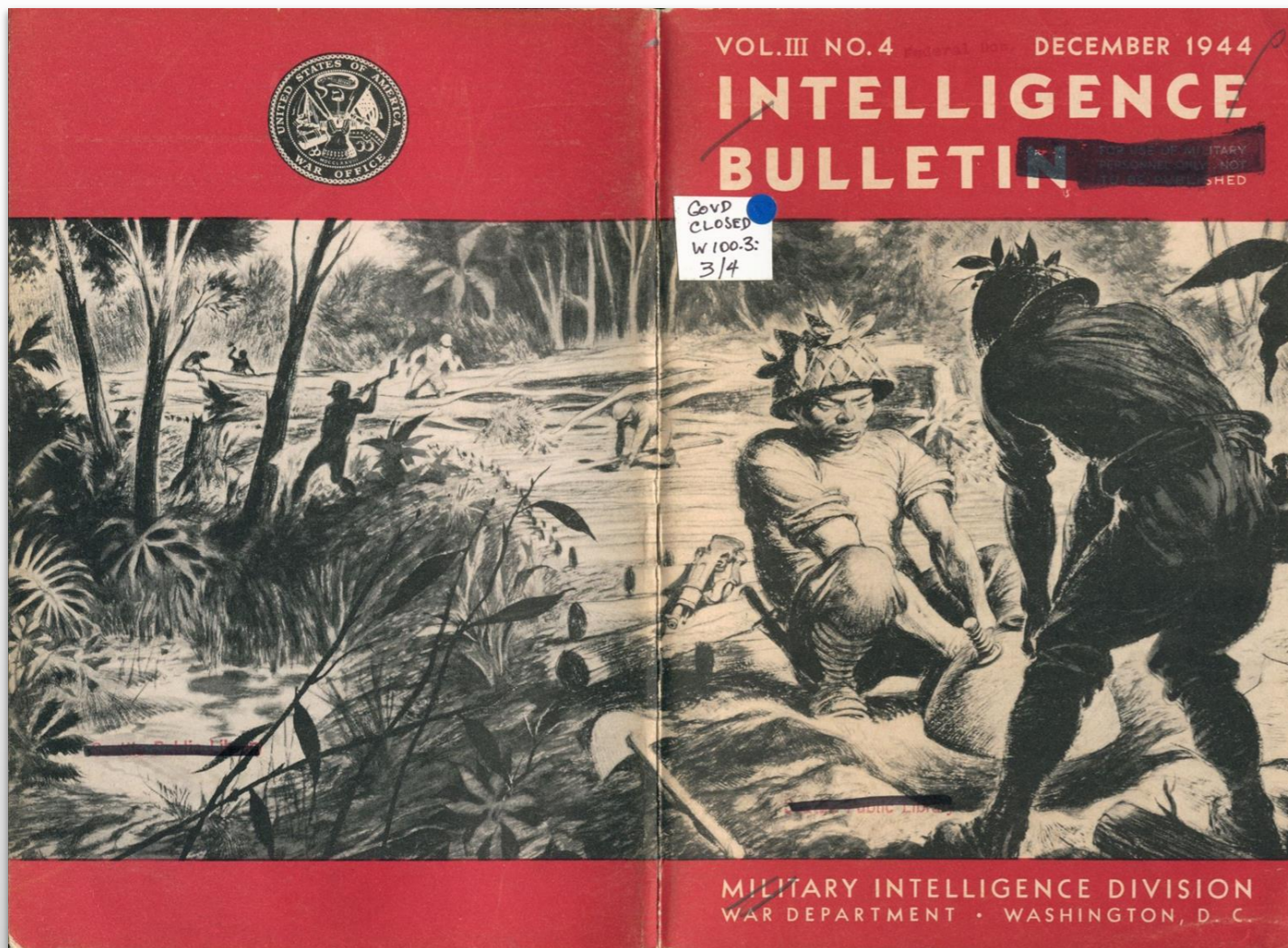


The Documents Expediting Project 1946-2004

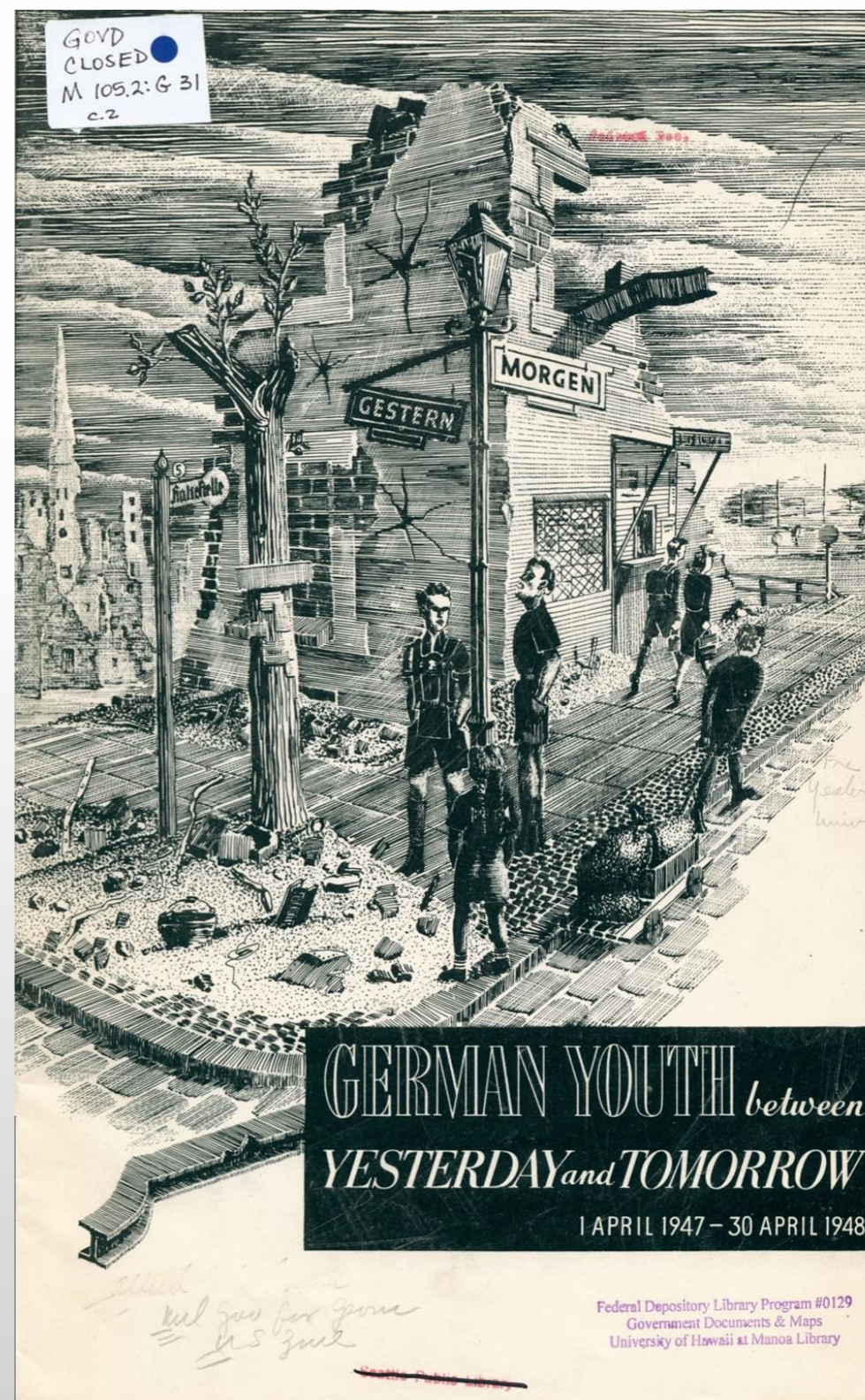


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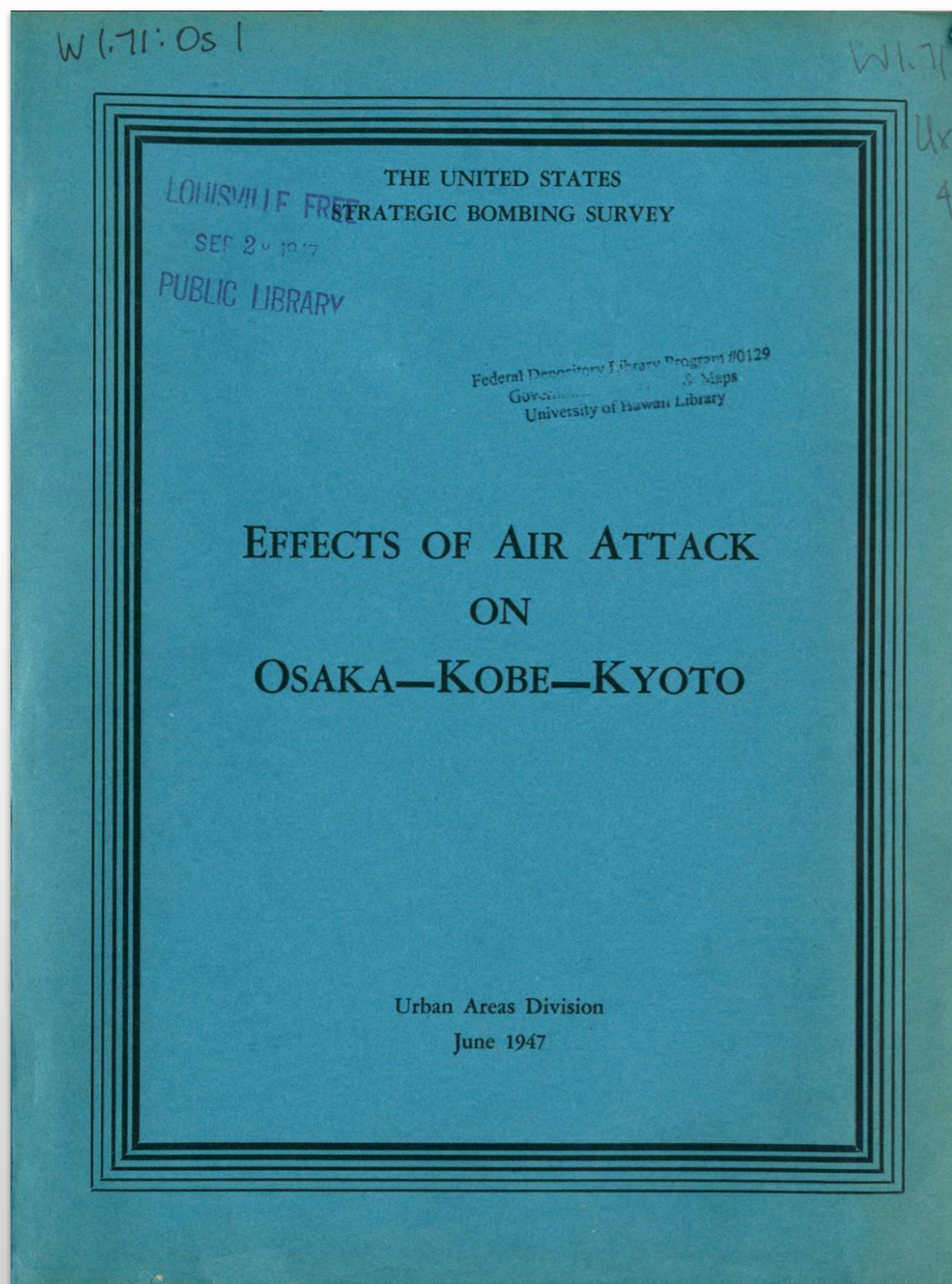
What was DocEx?

- Acquisition and distribution service for federal documents
- Operated out of the Library of Congress (LC) from 1946 to 2004
- An important source of non-depository items, second copies, and fugitive documents

German youth between yesterday and tomorrow: 1 April 1947-30 April 1948. Office of the Military Government, Education and Cultural Relations Division, 1948.



What drew me to DocEx



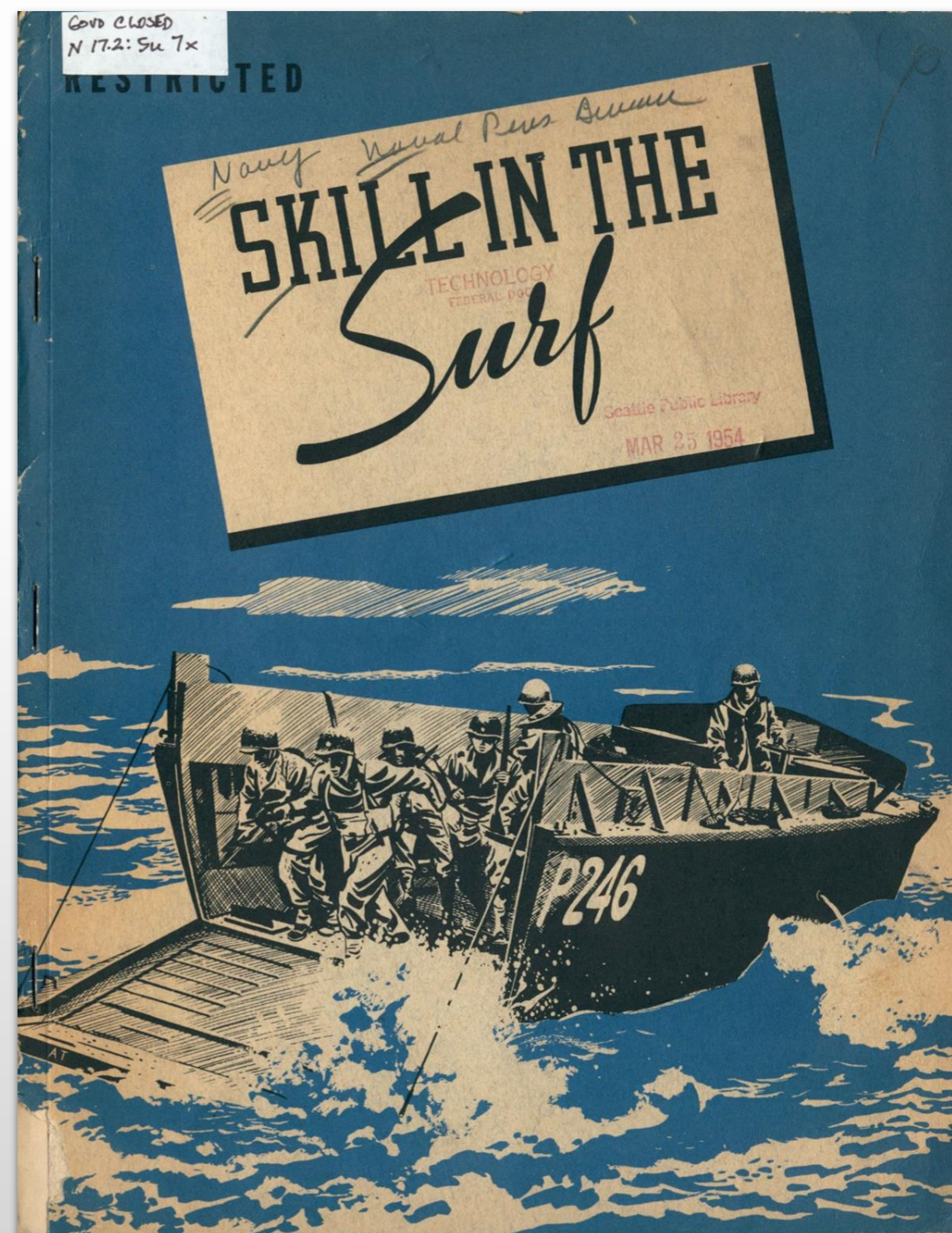
- UHM Library had tens of thousands of DocEx documents
- Why weren't the documents distributed by GPO?
- How were documents acquired and distributed by DocEx?
- Which libraries were members?

Effects of air attack on Osaka – Kobe – Kyoto.
United States Strategic Bombing Survey,
Urban Areas Division, 1947.

Fugitive Publications

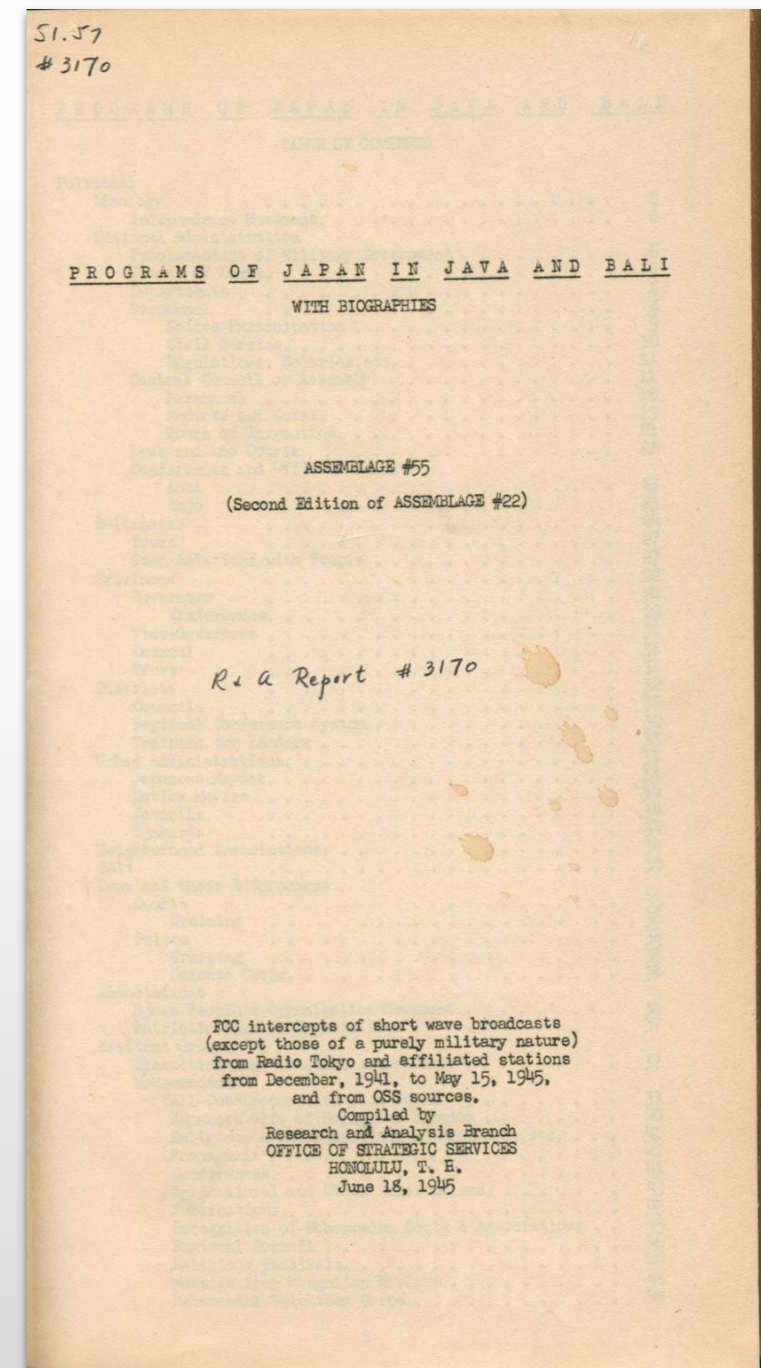
- By the 1940s, about half of all government publications were not distributed by GPO
 - Not in scope
 - “Bootleg printing” by agencies
 - In-house duplication

Skill in the surf: a landing boat manual. Bureau of Naval Personnel, Instructor Training Program, 1945.



Not distributed by GPO

- Many agencies produced publications that were processed (not printed)
- “Processed publication” = a publication “reproduced by a duplicating method other than printing, namely mimeograph, planograph, rotoprint, multilith, etc.”*
- Processed publications were not distributed by the Superintendent of Documents



Programs of Japan in Java and Bali. R & A Report 3170. Office of Strategic Services, 1945.

*Boyd, A.M and Rips, R.E. *United States Government publications* (3rd ed.). New York: Wilson, 1950, p. 6.

Mimeograph

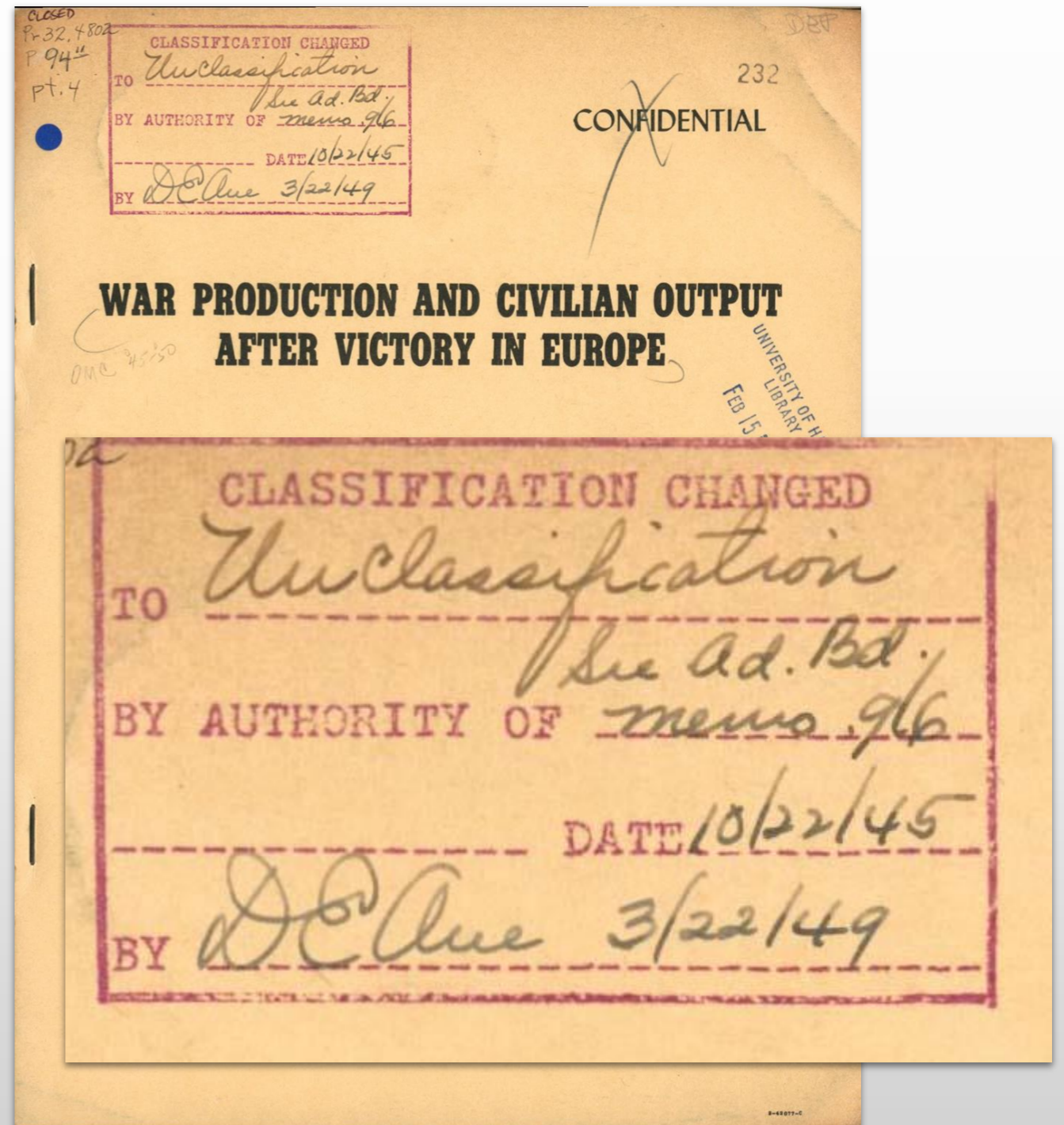


Mimeograph machine (Queensland Museum CC BY 3.0)

“World War II versus Public Documents”

- Wartime agencies produced large quantities of publications that were not printed or distributed by GPO
- Many documents were restricted and had to be declassified

War production and civilian output after victory in Europe. War Production Board, Bureau of Planning and Statistics, Planning Division, 1944.



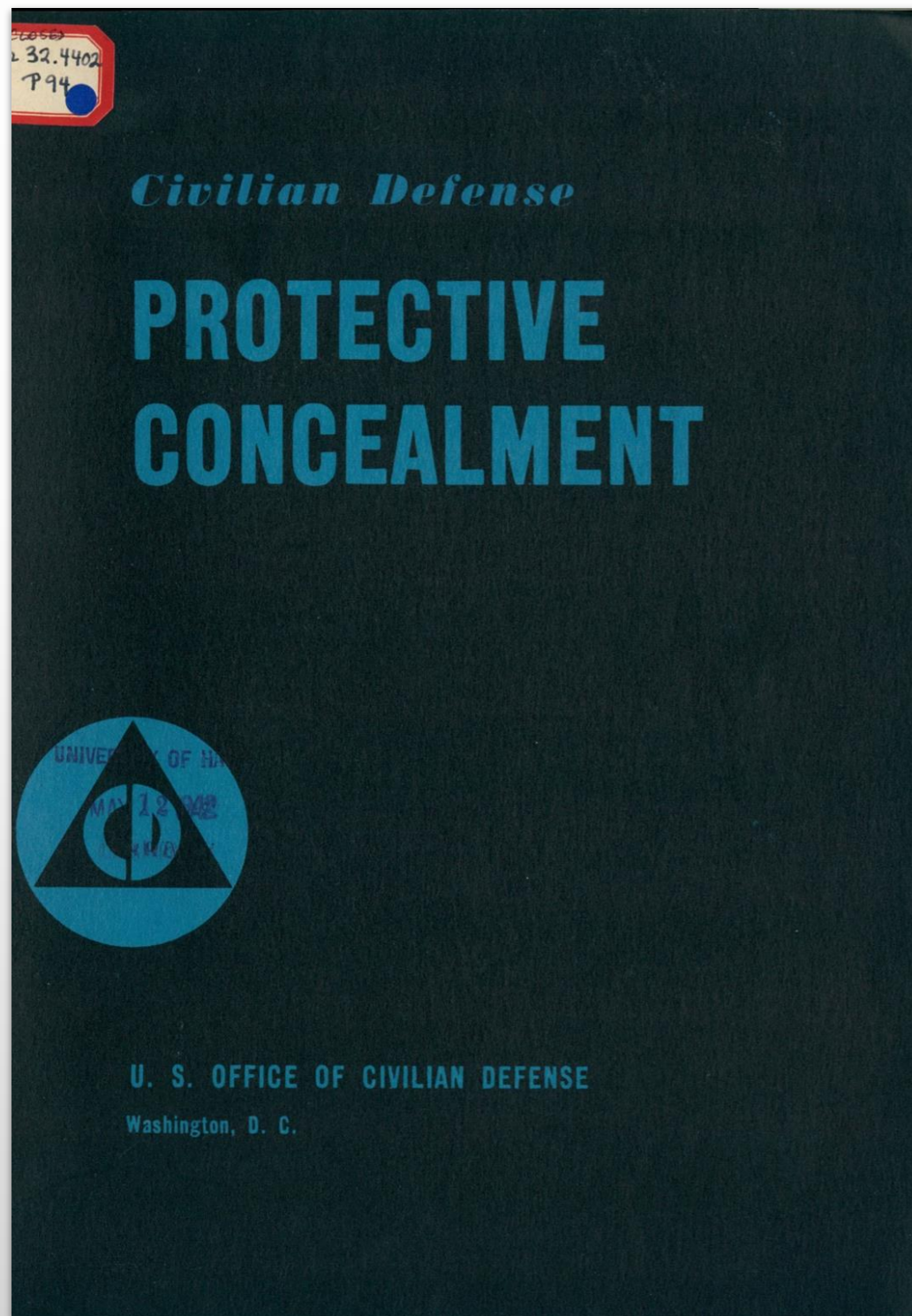
Luther Evans

- Librarian of Congress
- Sent letters to armed services and wartime agencies asking them to set aside 150 copies of documents for libraries



Luther Evans (Library of Congress)

The Joint Committee



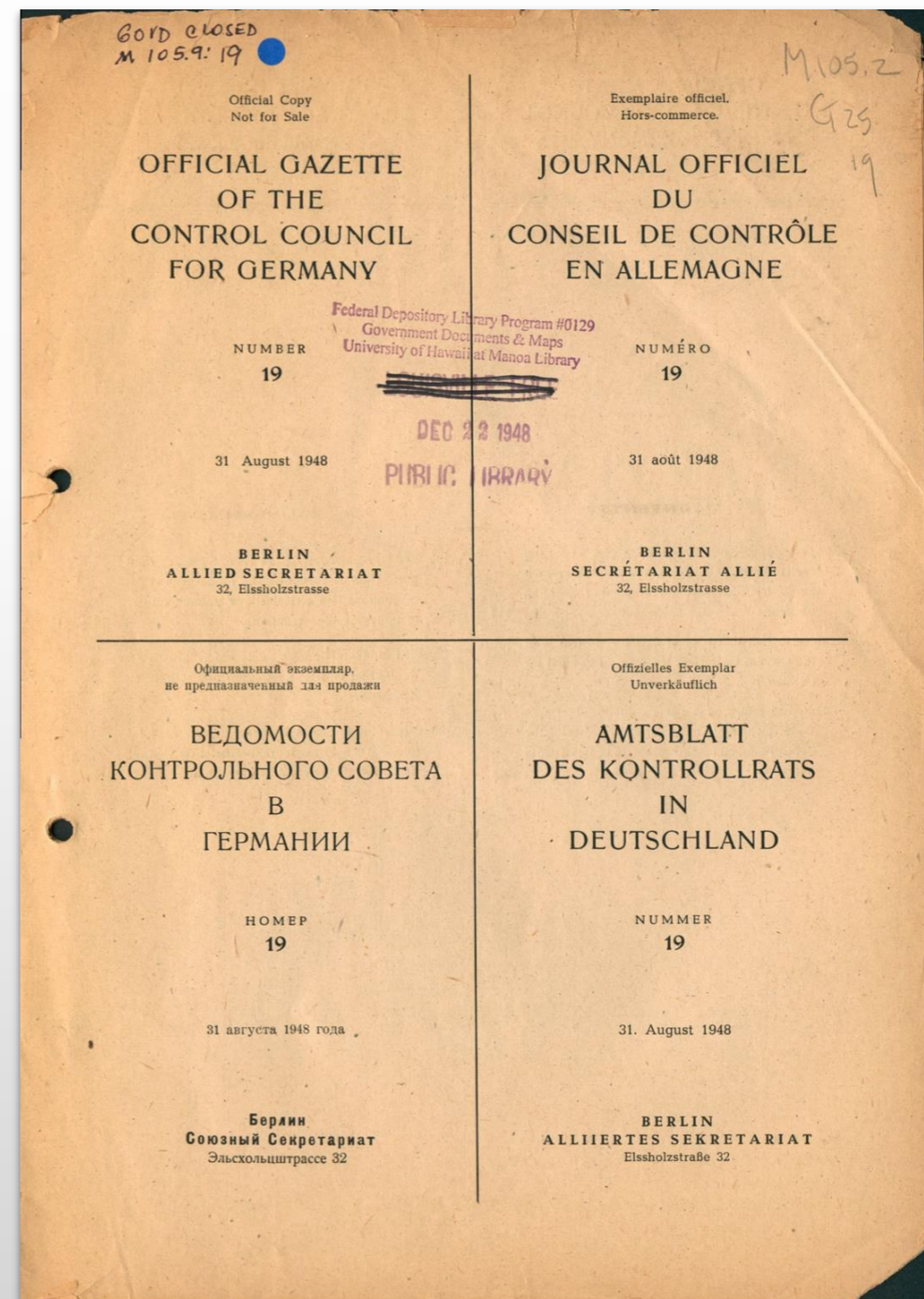
- Association of Research Libraries (ARL), Special Libraries Association (SLA), and American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) formed Joint Committee on Government Documents in 1945
- ARL proposed employing a “documents expediter”
- First chair: Homer Halvorson, Johns Hopkins

Civilian defense: protective concealment. U.S. Office of Civilian Defense, 1942.

Birth of DocEx (1946)

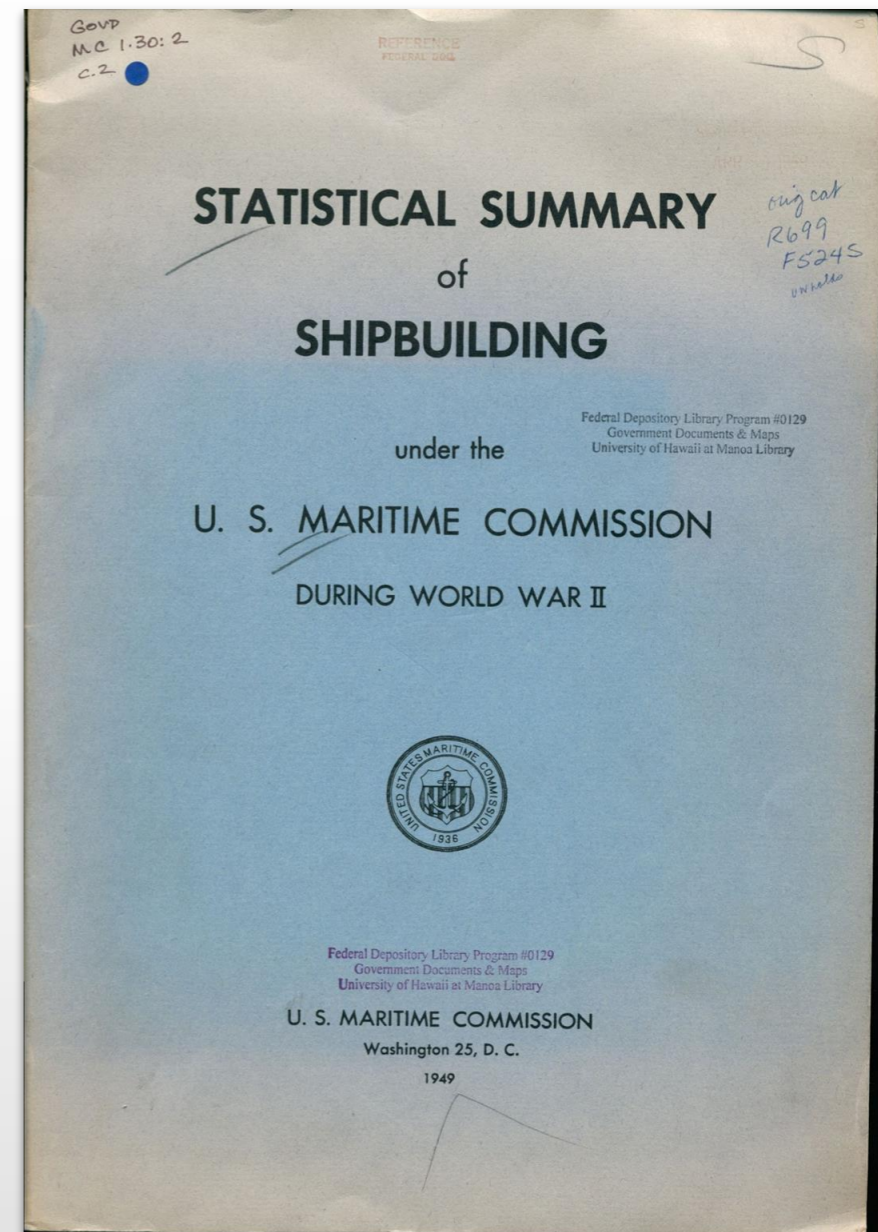
- LC and the Joint Committee joined forces to form the Documents Expediting Project
- Purpose: Distribute all documents not distributed by GPO
- Housed in LC's Gifts and Exchange Div.
- 1946 - 1954: DocEx operated under an agreement between the Joint Committee and the Librarian of Congress.

*Official gazette of the Control Council for Germany.
Allied Secretariat, 1948.*



Walter “Bart” Greenwood, First Documents Expediter (1946-1949)

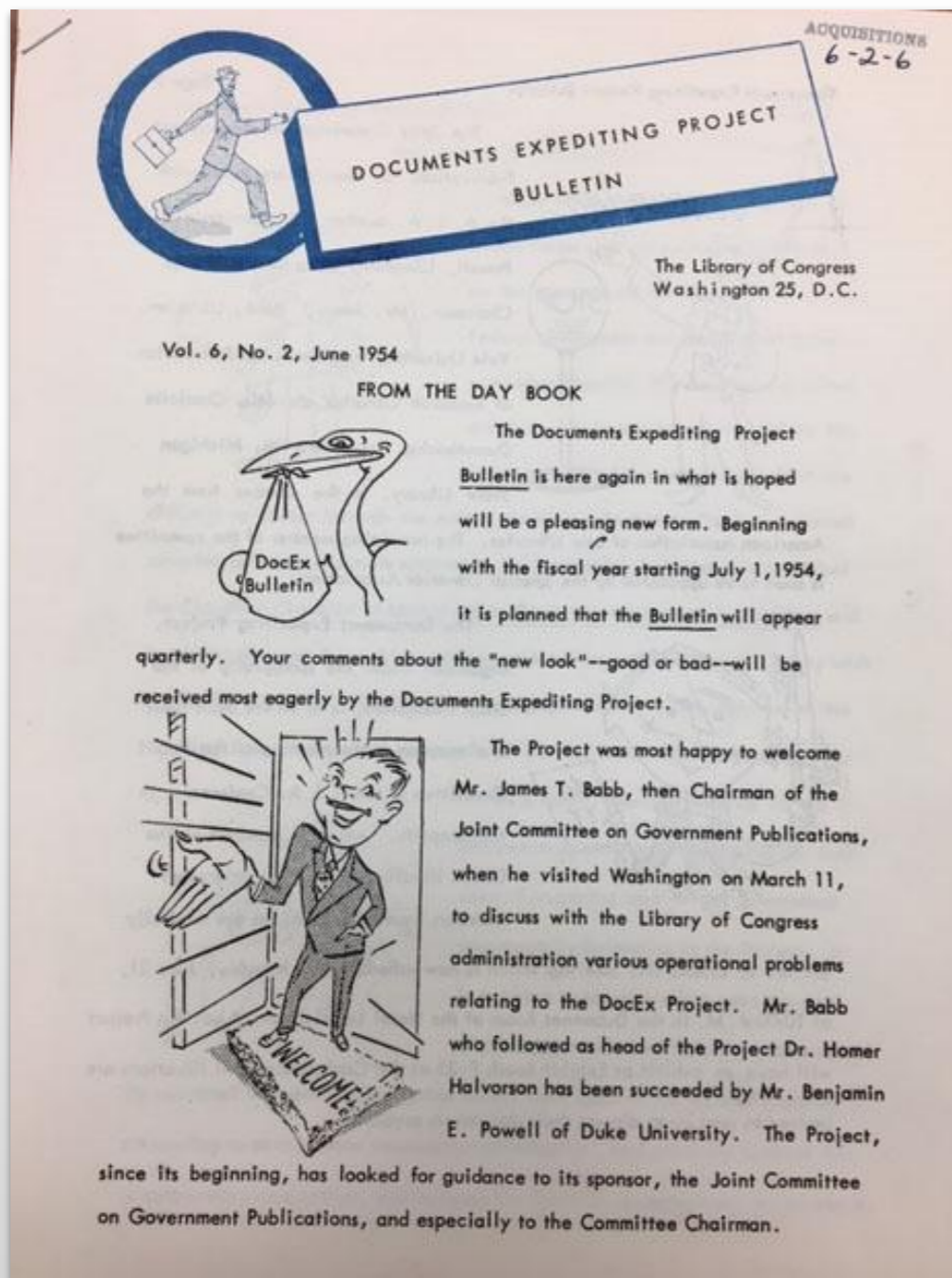
“The main function of the Documents Expediting Project has been to establish procedures through which the participating libraries would receive copies of all documents ... not distributed to depository libraries...”*



Statistical summary of shipbuilding under the U.S. Maritime Commission during World War II. U.S. Maritime Commission, 1949.

* *Report to the Joint Committee on Government Documents, June 3, 1947*

Duties of the Expediter



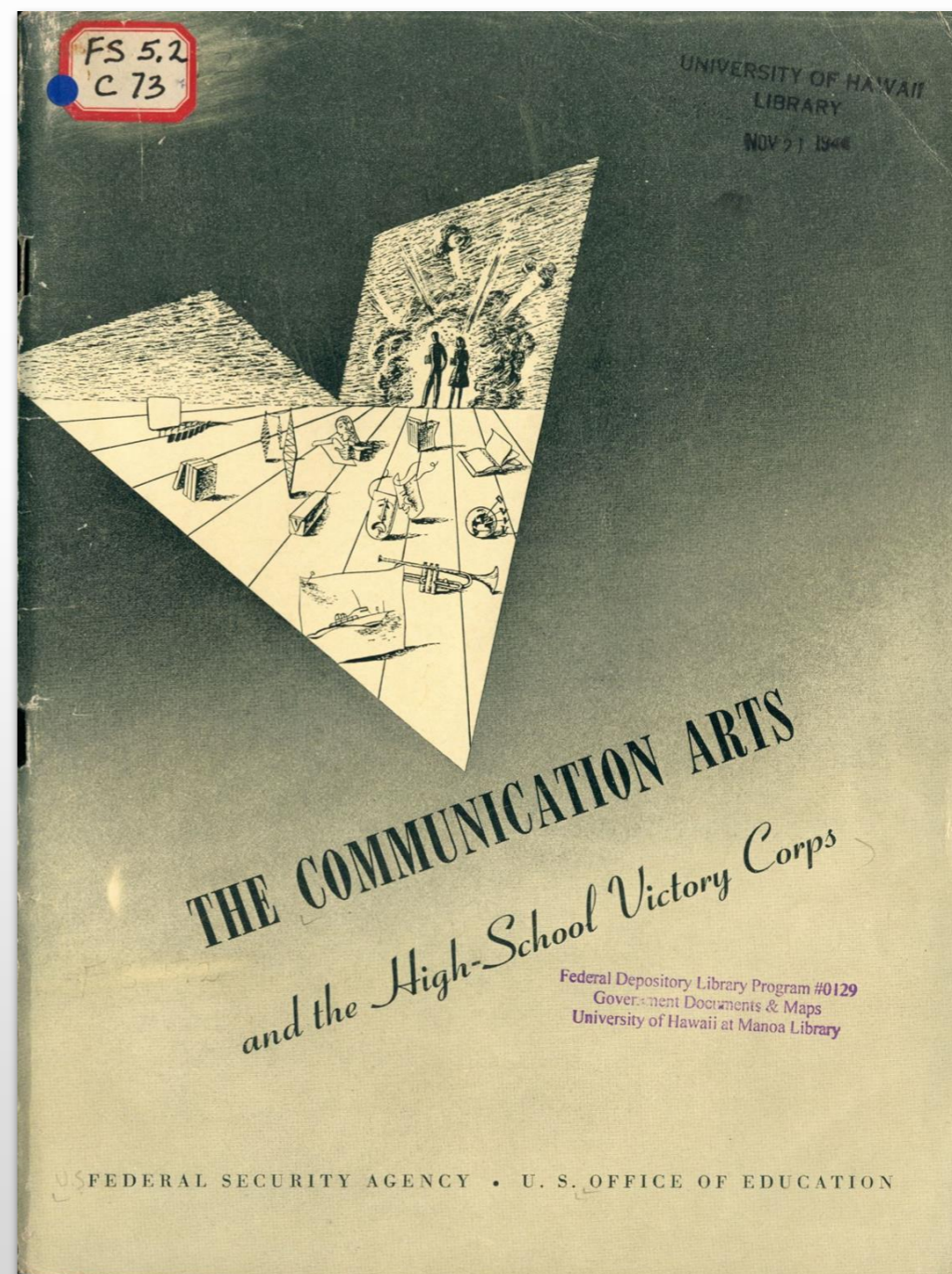
- Acquire fugitive documents from agencies
- Visit agencies to persuade them to set up mailing lists for libraries
- Solicit new DocEx members
- Supply copies of documents to the SuDoc for listing in the *Monthly Catalog*
- Produce *Documents Expediting Project bulletin* (1946-1959)

Documents Expediting Project bulletin, June 1954.

Membership

- In 1945, Halvorson wrote to 178 libraries to gauge their interest in supporting a Documents Expediter
- 44 libraries initially formed the membership
- Tiered membership, based on \$ amount of subscription and length of membership, determined priorities for documents

The communication arts and the High-School Victory Corps. U.S. Office of Education, 1943.



Membership

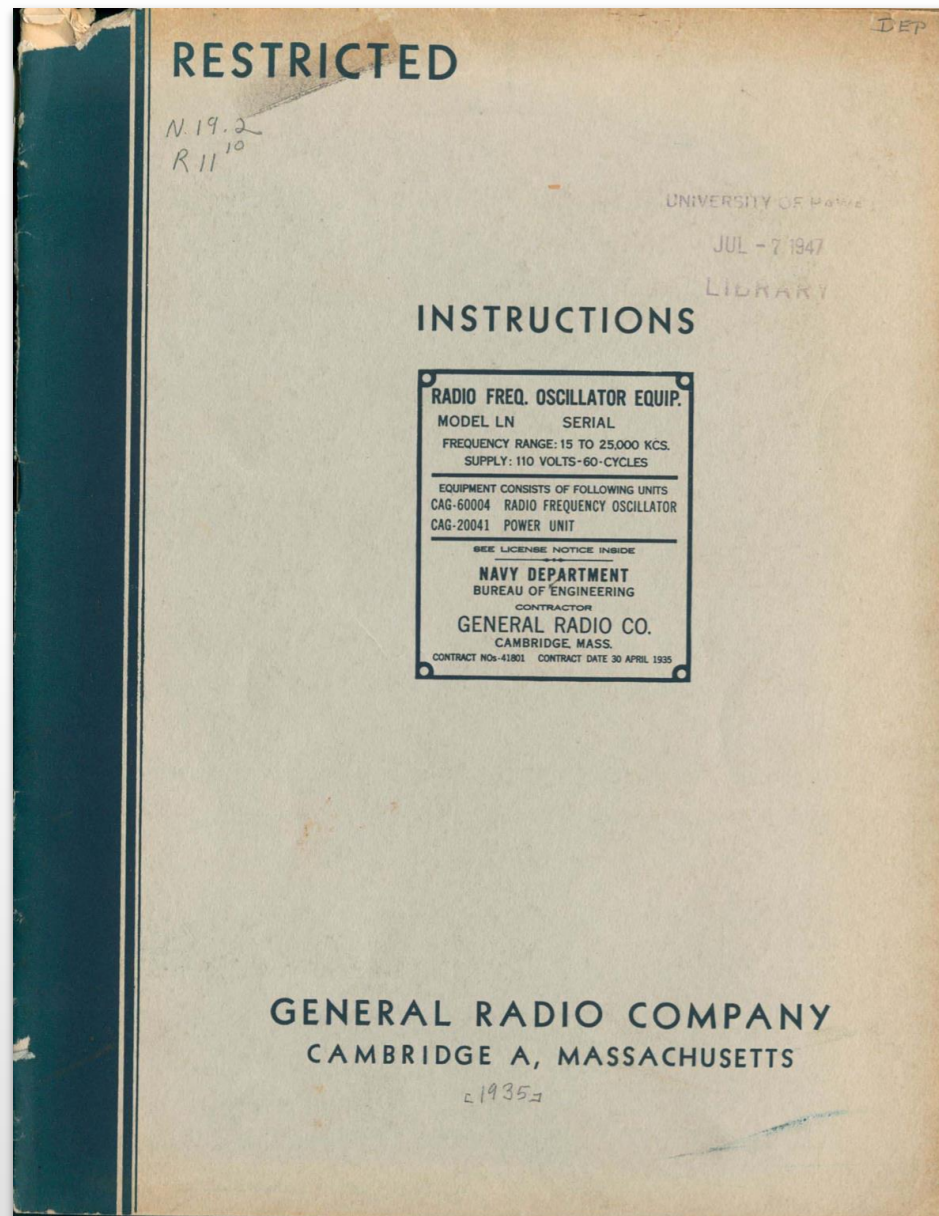
Peak: 144 members, 1975

Total: 220 members

Academic: 180

2004: 87 libraries

List: <http://go.hawaii.edu/GzA>



Instructions, radio freq. oscillator equip. General Radio Company for the Navy Department Bureau of Engineering, 1935.

UHM Library - 1947

Documents Expediting Project

February 27, 1947

Dr. Homer Halvorson, Librarian
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Dr. Halvorson:

A letter from Mr. Greenwood, Documents Expediter, Library of Congress, informs me that letters regarding participation in the Documents Expediting Project should be addressed to you.

The University of Hawaii would like to participate in the Documents Expediting Project, and I believe the Library Committee would approve a subscription to the extent of \$100 for one year. This library, however, being a Territorial institution, is unable to make a voluntary contribution. The only way that we could pay for a subscription would be to send a purchase order for the subscription and receive a certified bill for payment.

Would you kindly tell me whether this could be done? On receipt on information from you, I will present the matter to the Library Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Stroven
Librarian

COPY *Misc.*

THE LIBRARY
THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
BALTIMORE 18, MARYLAND

Documents Expediting Project

April 17, 1947

Mr. Carl Stroven
Librarian
University of Hawaii
P. O. Box 18
Honolulu 10, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Stroven:

I am in receipt of your purchase order of March 20th, 1947 covering a subscription to the Government Documents Expediting Project from July 1st, 1946. In accordance with the printed instructions on the purchase order, I am again submitting our invoice in triplicate. Mr. Greenwood has been informed of your order, and I believe has made arrangements to ship an accumulation of documents to you within the very near future.

He will be unable to comply with your instructions regarding address, but will send all packages marked "DOCEX", so that you should have no difficulty identifying materials obtained through this source.

With appreciation for your participation in our Project and assuring you that you will receive value for money expended many times over, I am

Sincerely yours,

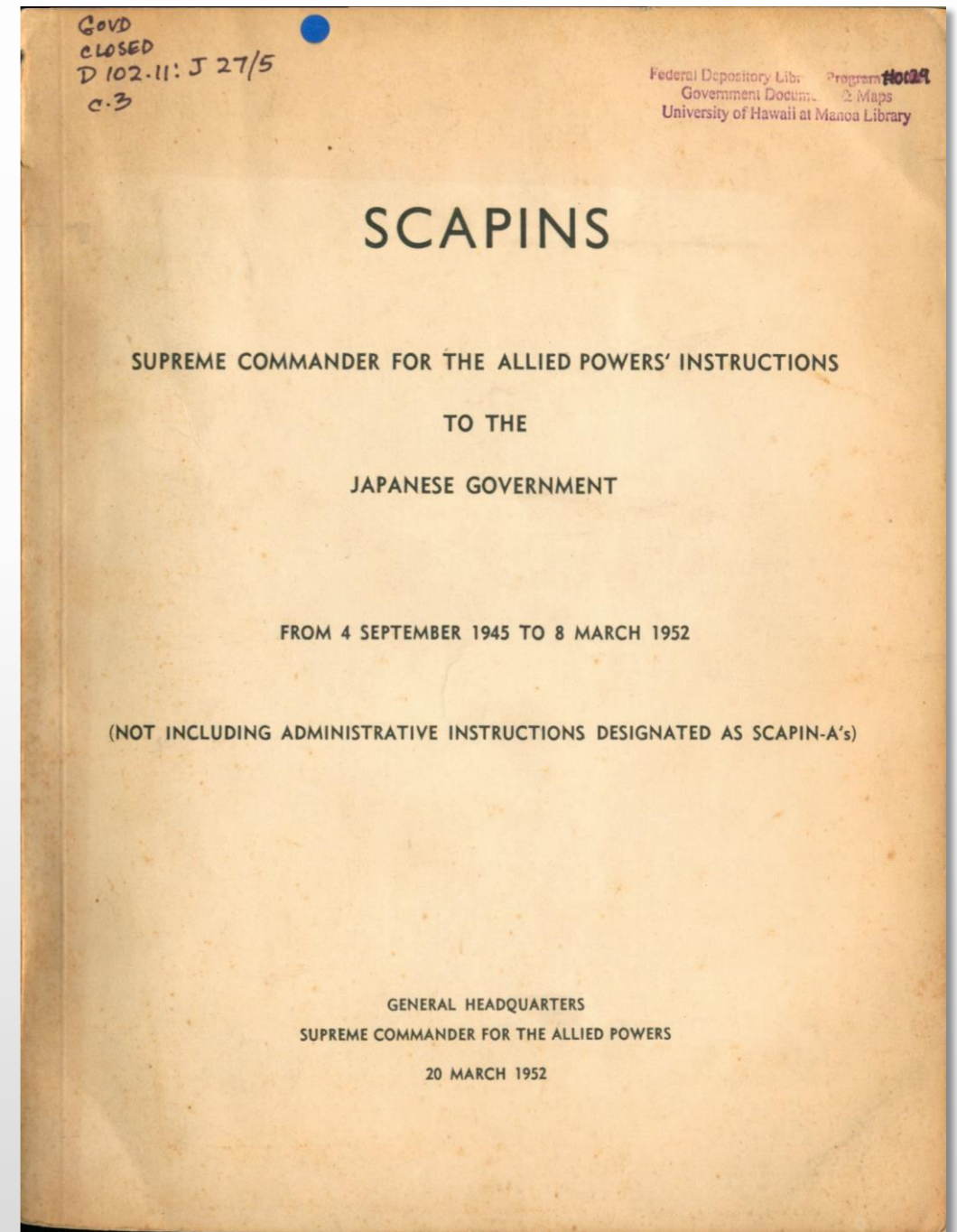
Homer Halvorson
Librarian

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Correspondence between Carl Stroven, University Librarian, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library, and Homer Halvorson, University Librarian, Johns Hopkins University Library, 1947.

Public Libraries

Boston Public Library
Brooklyn Public Library
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
Dallas Public Library
Detroit Public Library
Enoch Pratt Free Library
Free Library of Philadelphia
Kansas City Public Library
Los Angeles Public Library
Milwaukee Public Library
Minneapolis Public Library
Nassau Library System
New York Public Library
San Francisco Public Library



Scapins: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers' instructions to the Japanese Government.
General Headquarters, Supreme Command for the Allied Powers, 1952.

State Libraries

- California State Library
- Colorado State Library
- Illinois State Library
- Indiana State Library
- New York State Library
- Oklahoma State Library
- Pennsylvania State Library
- Texas State Library
- Washington State Library



Evacuation. War Department, Information and Education Division, 1945?

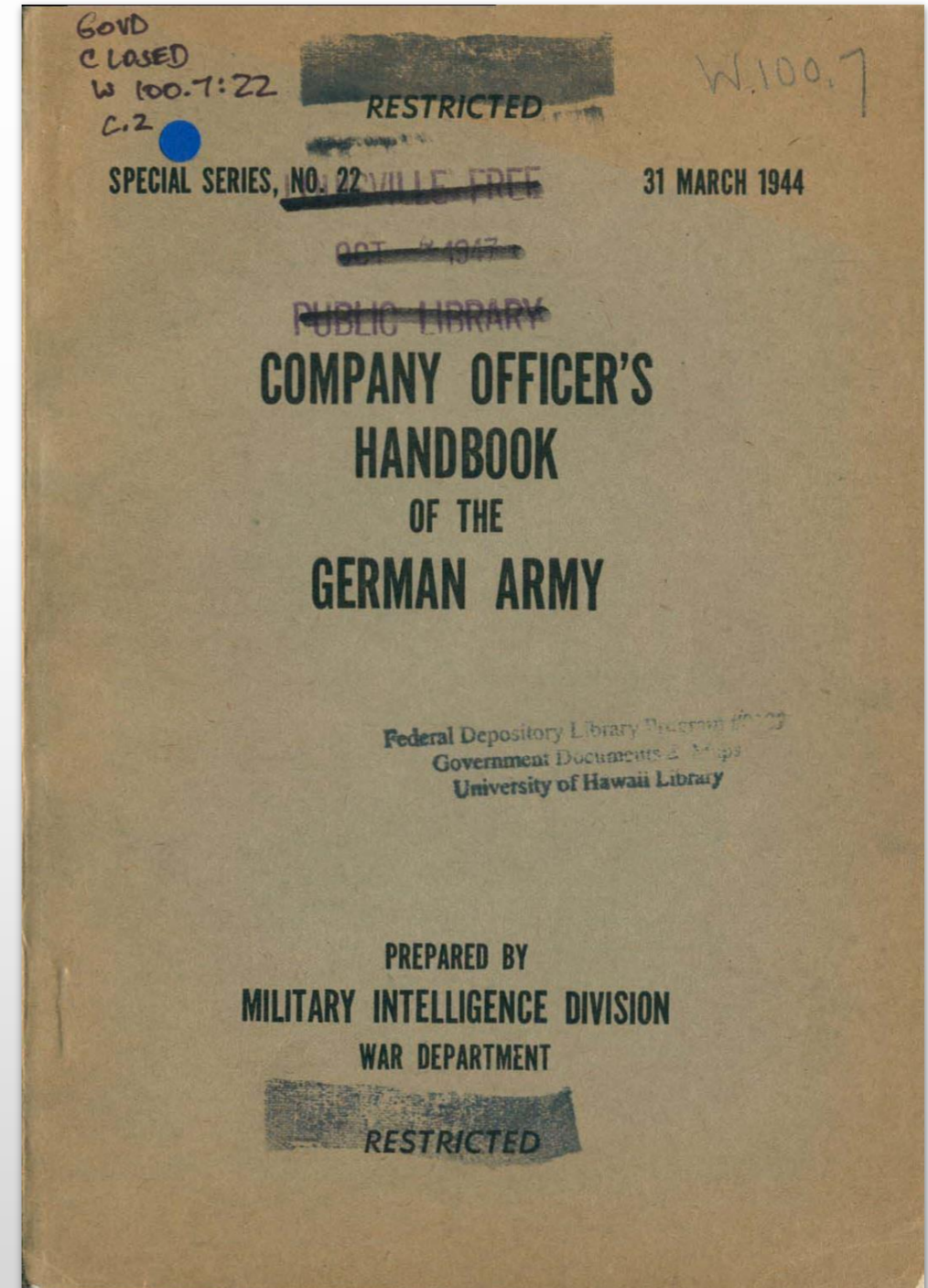
Other Members

- American Institute for Research
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Brookhaven National Laboratory
- Hoover Institution
- Linda Hall Library
- Midwest Inter-Library Center
- Montgomery County (Md.) Board of Education
- National Indian Law Library
- National Library of Medicine
- Oregon State Department of Education
- **Readex Microprint Corporation**
- U.S. Department of Justice Library
- United Nations Library
- United States Military Academy
- **University Microfilms**
- Wisconsin Historical Society

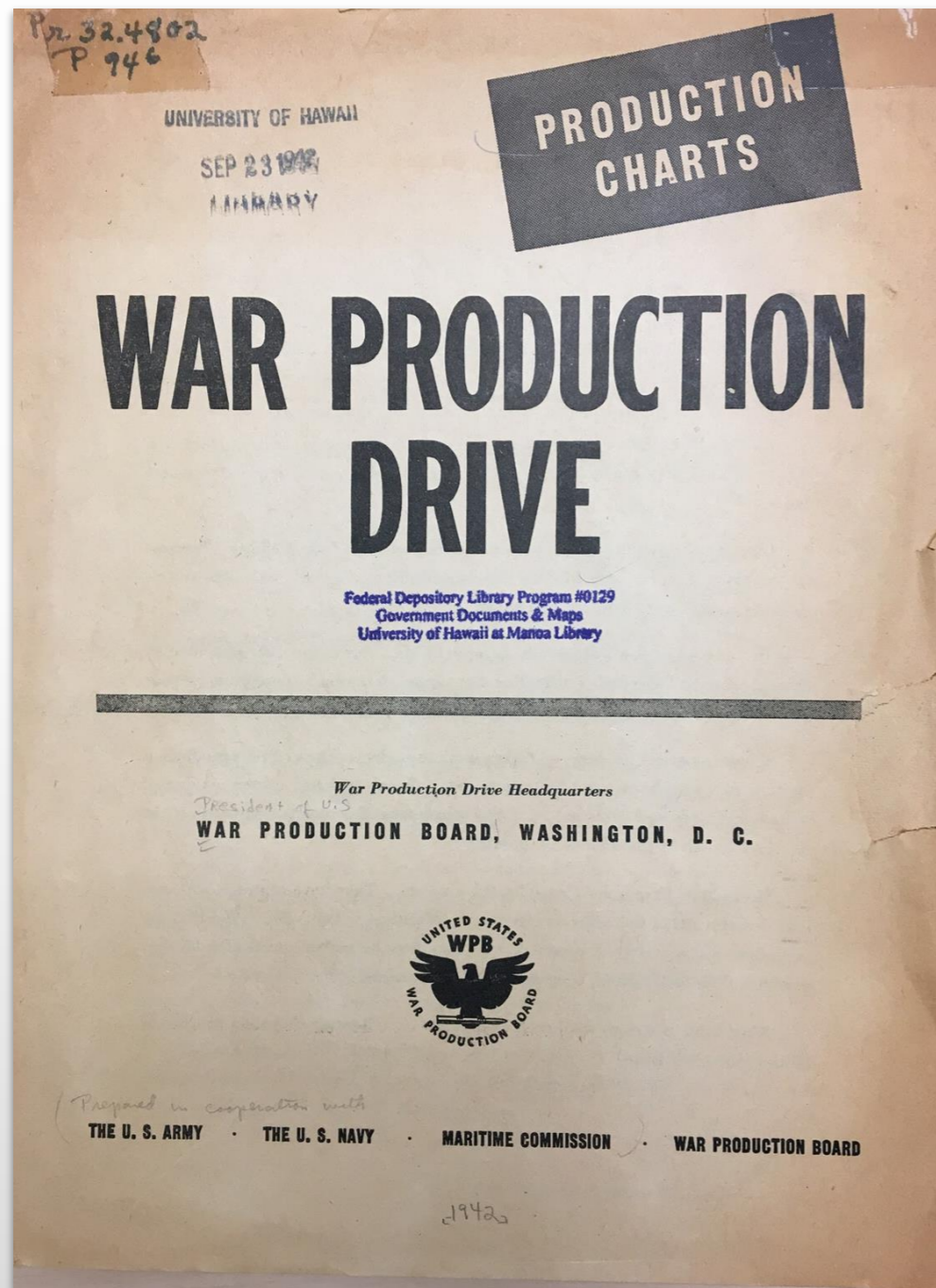
Wartime Publications

- Army technical manuals
- Army field manuals
- Civil Affairs handbooks
- Military technical bulletins
- Navy Bureau of Ships and Bureau of Aeronautics publications
- Army and Navy unit histories

Company officer's handbook of the German Army. War Department, Military Intelligence Division, 1944.



Some Wartime Agencies

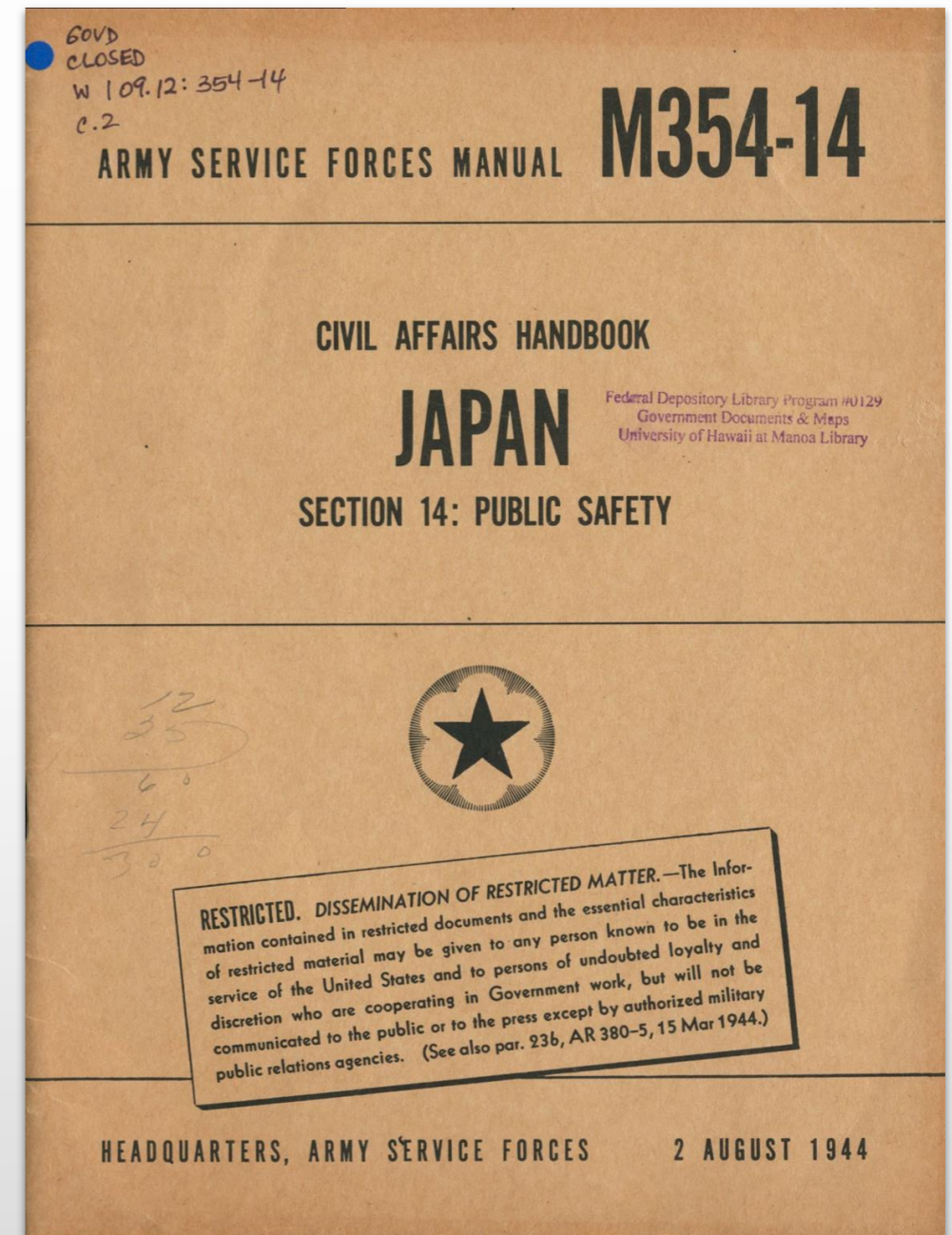


- Strategic Bombing Survey
- Office of Civilian Defense
- Office of War Information
- Office of Scientific Research and Development
- War Manpower Commission
- Office of Price Administration
- War Relocation Authority
- War Production Board

Production charts, war production drive. War Production Board, 1942.

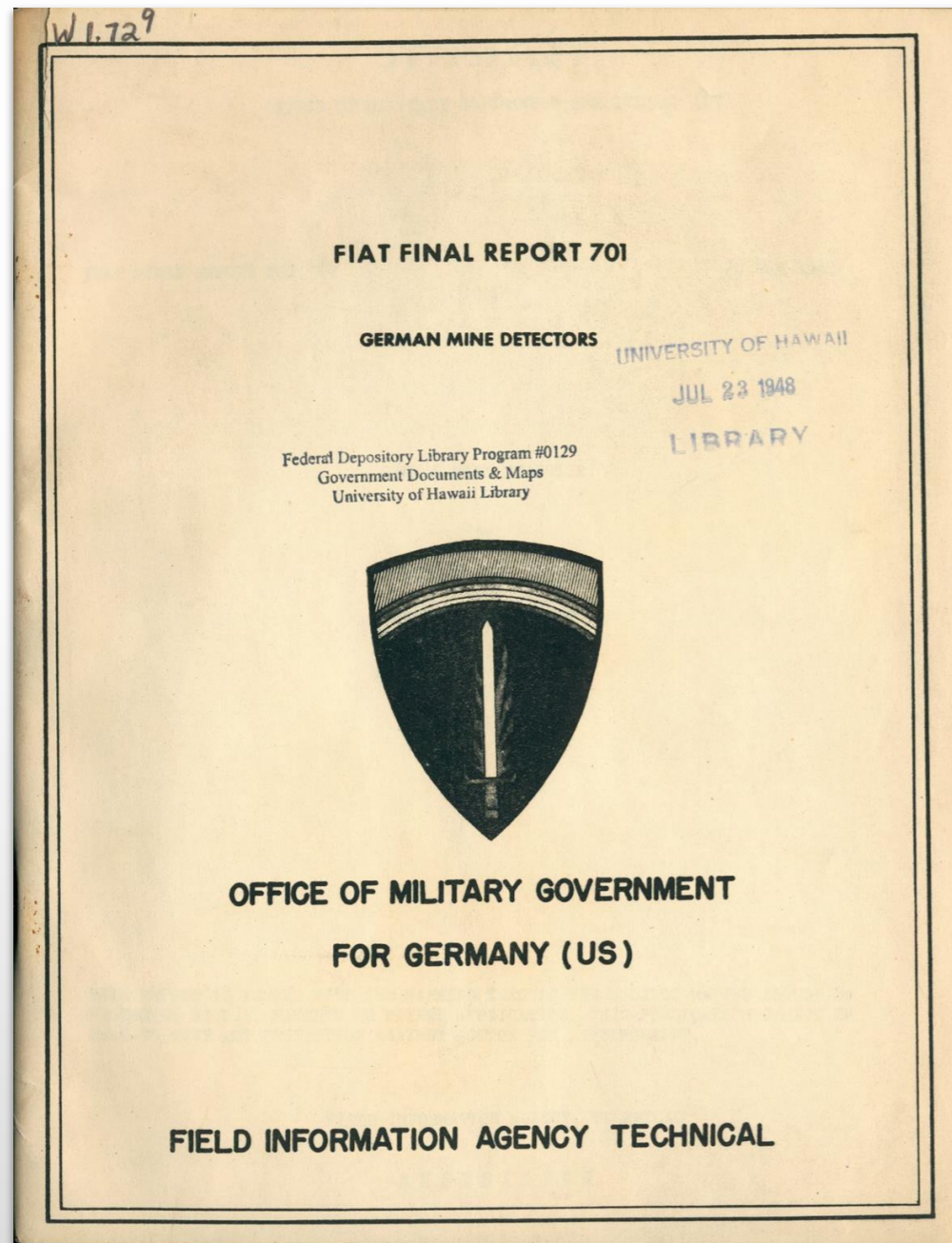
Military Government

- Office of the Military Government of the U.S.'s Military Government Regulations
- Official Gazette of the U.S. Army Military Government in Korea
- Weekly Report on Japan to the Far Eastern Commission
- SCAP Directives to the Imperial Japanese Government



Civil affairs handbook: Japan, section 14: public safety. Headquarters, Army Service Forces, 1944.

Technical Reports



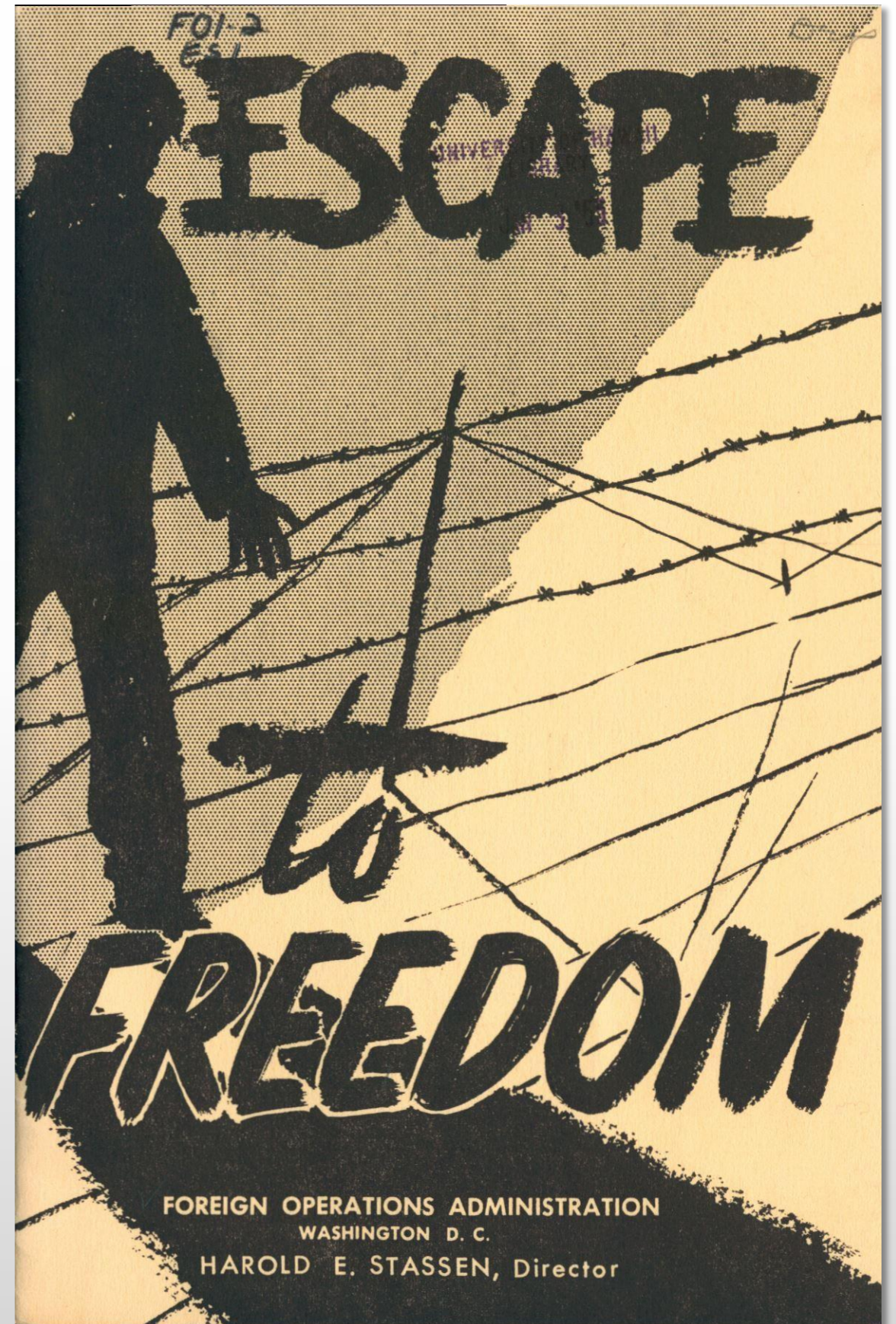
German Mine Detectors, FIAT Final Report 701, Office of Military Government for Germany (US), 1947

- British Intelligence Objectives Subcommittee (BIOS)
- Combined Intelligence Objectives Subcommittee (CIOS)
- Field Information Agency, Technical (FIAT)
- Distributed captured German and Japanese scientific and technical documents

Postwar Agencies

- International Cooperation Administration
- Office of Strategic Services Research and Analysis Branch
- State Department European Recovery Program
- Economic Cooperation Administration
- Munitions Board
- Foreign Operations Administration

Escape to freedom: the story of the U.S. escapee program. Foreign Operations Administration, 1954.



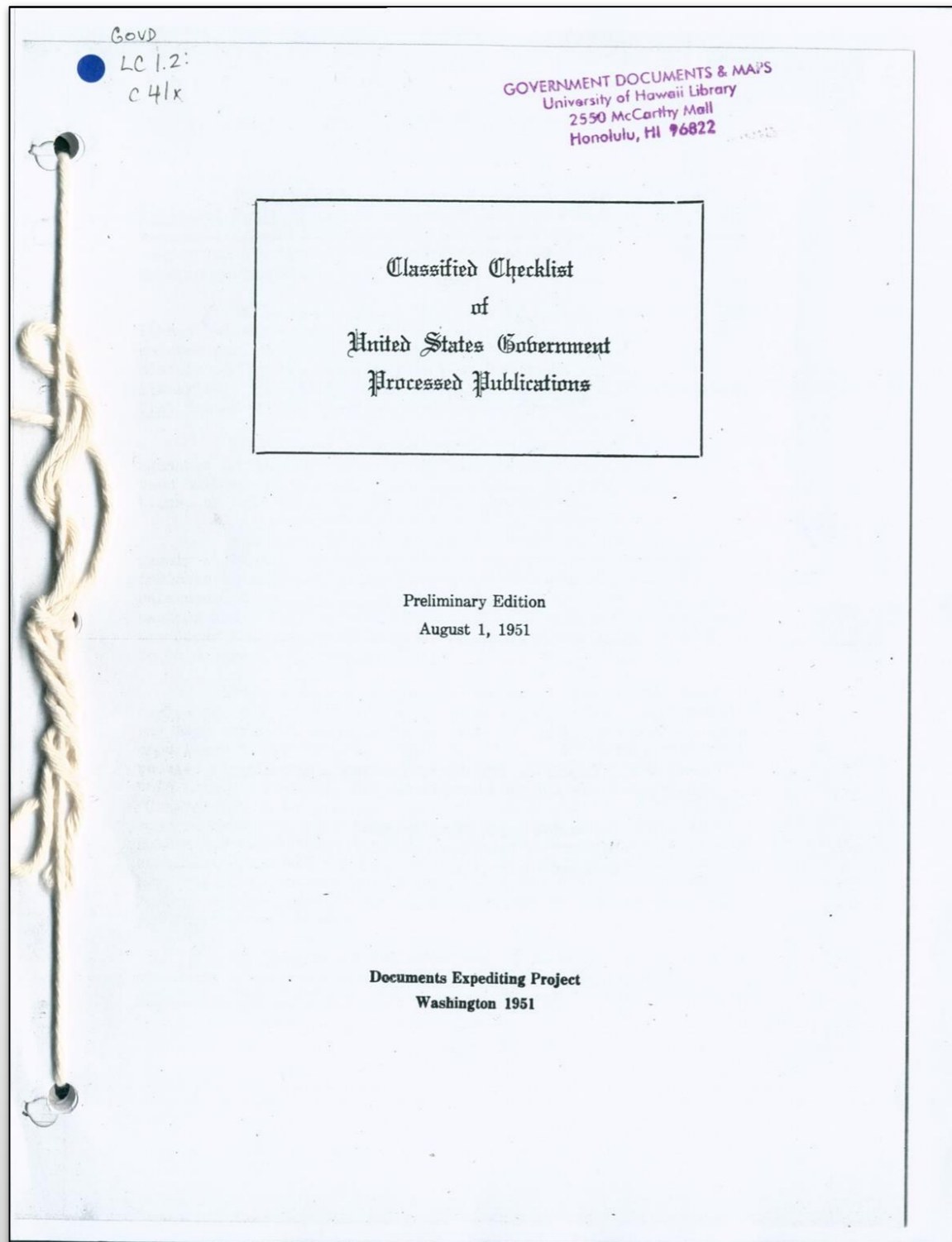
1950s

- Distribution of wartime documents complete
- State Department Office of Intelligence Research declassified OIR Reports
- U.S.-sponsored German language periodicals *Heute*, *Der Monat*, *Die Amerikanische Rundschau*, and *Neue Auslese*
- Proceedings of the Japanese and German war crimes trials
- Distributed Atomic Energy Commission reports before the AEC depository established



Heute. Information Control Division, United States Forces, European Theater, United States Army. 1950.

John L. Andriot (1949-1954)



- Succeeded Greenwood as Documents Expediter
- Best known for *Guide to U.S. Government Publications*
- Acquired requested publications on behalf of subscribers by allowing libraries to send a list of desired documents to DocEx
- Compiled *Classified Checklist of United States Government Processed Publications*

Classified checklist of United States government processed publications. Documents Expediting Project, 1951.

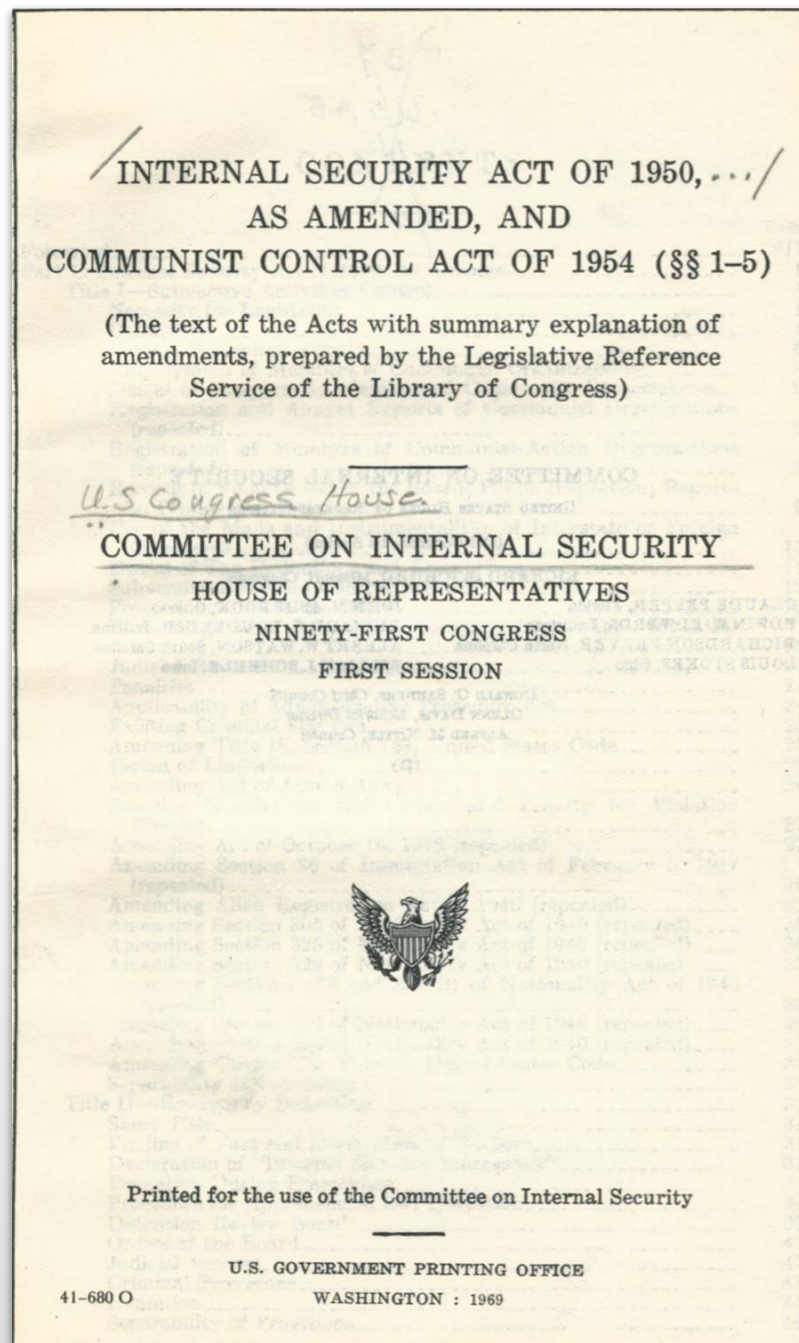
Methods of Acquisition

- 1953-1954 DocEx made 2,083 visits to federal agencies and congressional committees
- Read the *Congressional Record*, *PAIS*, *Public Management Sources*, *Recent Publications on Governmental Problems*, proof sheets of LC catalog cards, and proofs of MoCat to find additional material

We thank you = Wir danken Euch.
Mindelheim: Selbsthilfe-Verlag, 1949.



Committee Prints

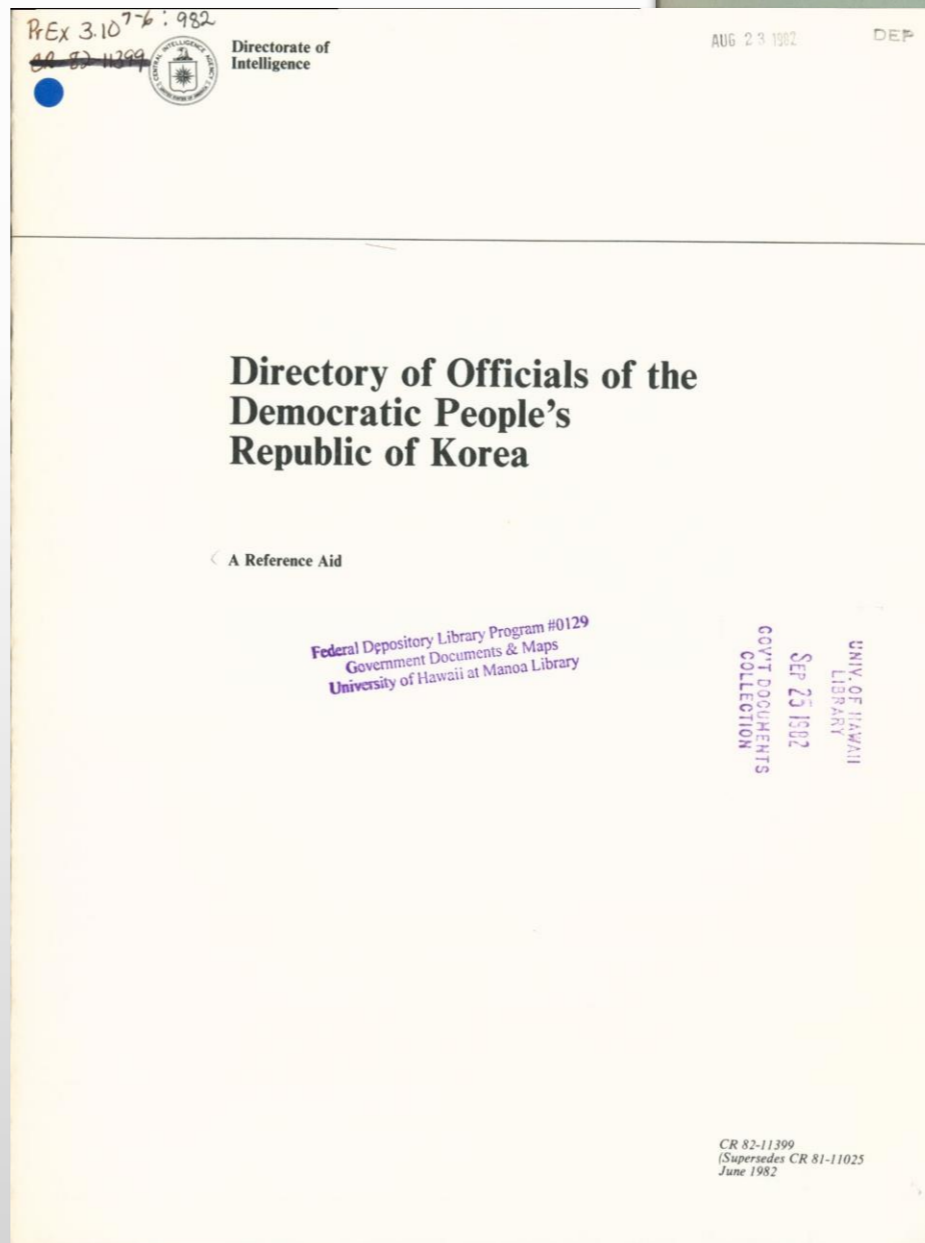


- Efforts to collect began in 1951
- Insufficient number of prints for distribution
- Gave one copy of each to University Microfilms, Inc. (UMI) for microfilming
- GPO began to distribute prints in 1976, causing some libraries to withdraw from DocEx

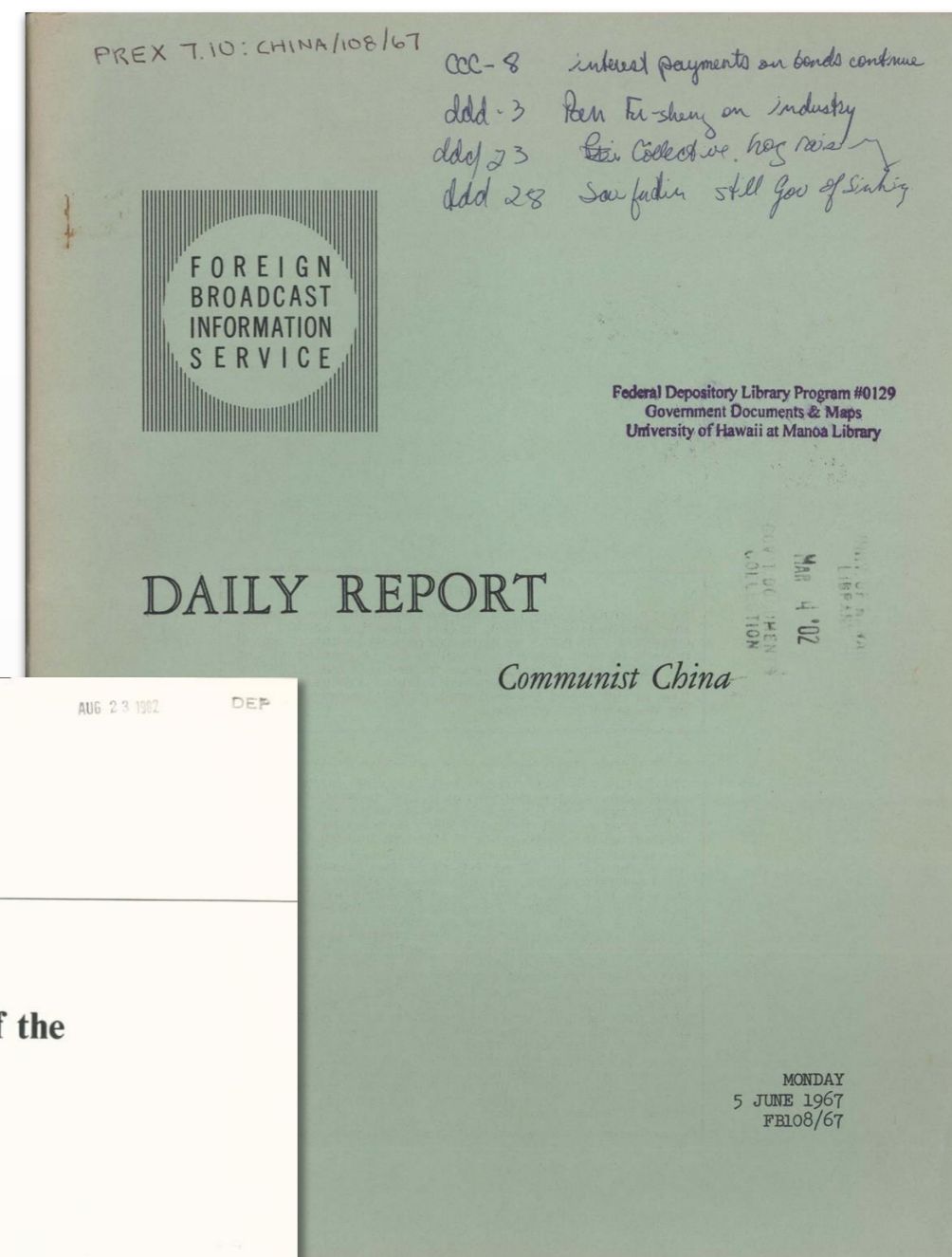
Internal Security Act of 1950, as amended, and Communist Control Act of 1954. Committee on Internal Security, House of Representatives, 1969.

CIA Publications

- Reference aids
- Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) *Daily Reports and Foreign Radio Broadcasts*
- Maps

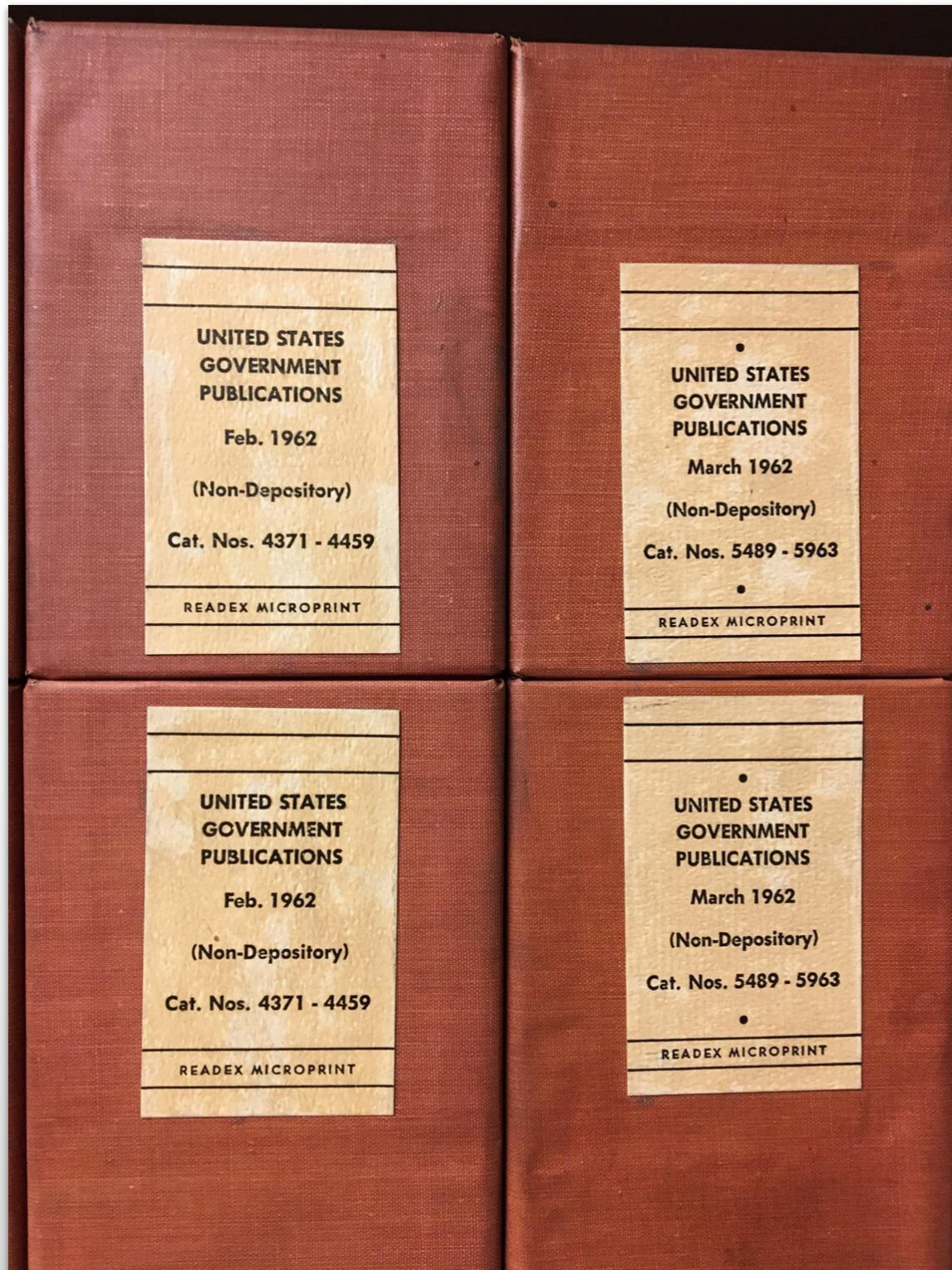


Directory of officials of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. National Foreign Assessment Center, 1982.



Daily report, communist China. Foreign Broadcast Information Service, 1967.

Readex Non-Depository Microprint



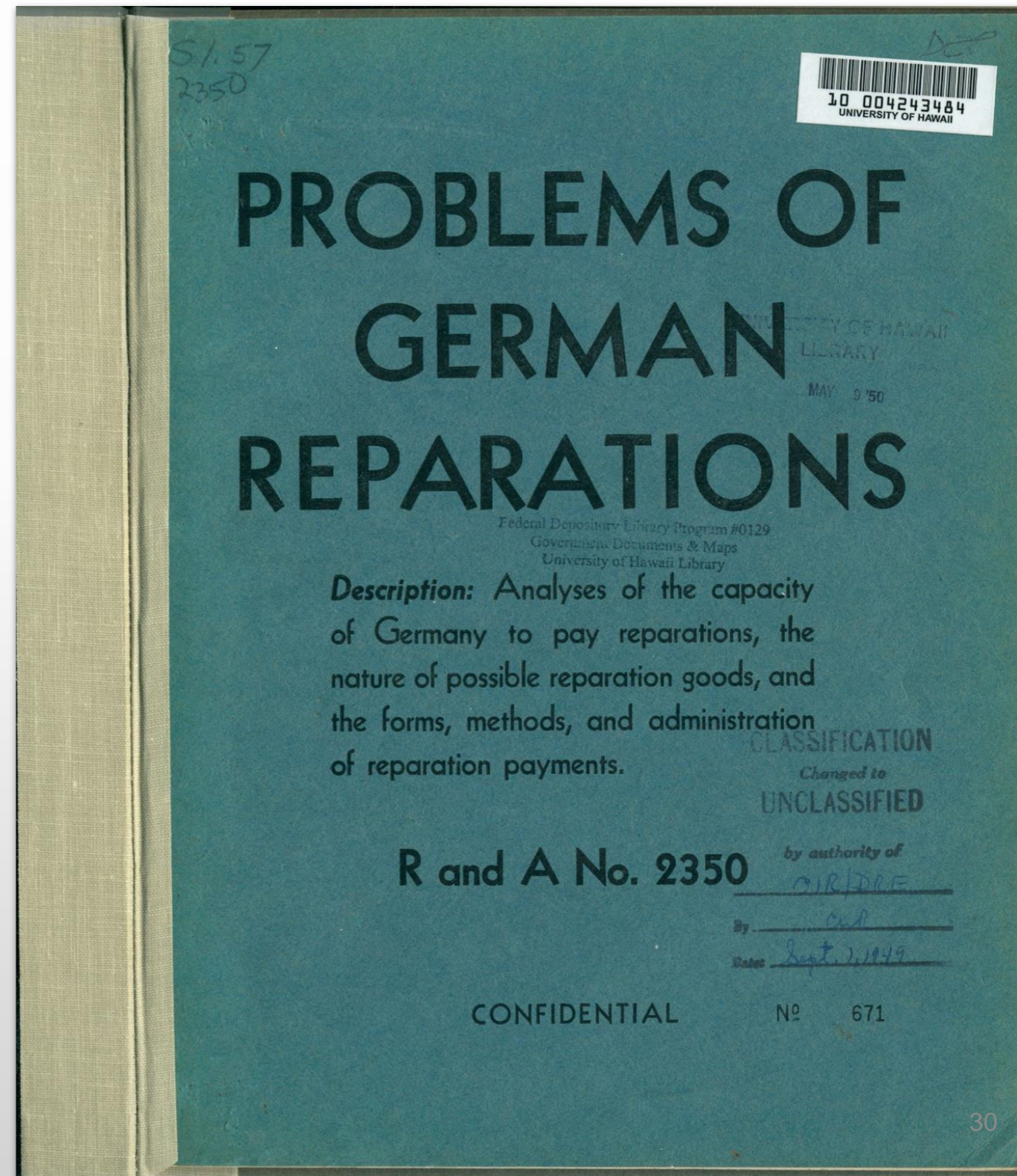
- DocEx provided copies of documents to the Superintendent of Documents for Readex's microprint set of non-depository documents
- Some DocEx libraries canceled their memberships in favor of Readex microprint

*United States government publications, non-depository.
Readex Microprint Corp., 1962.*

LC and DocEx

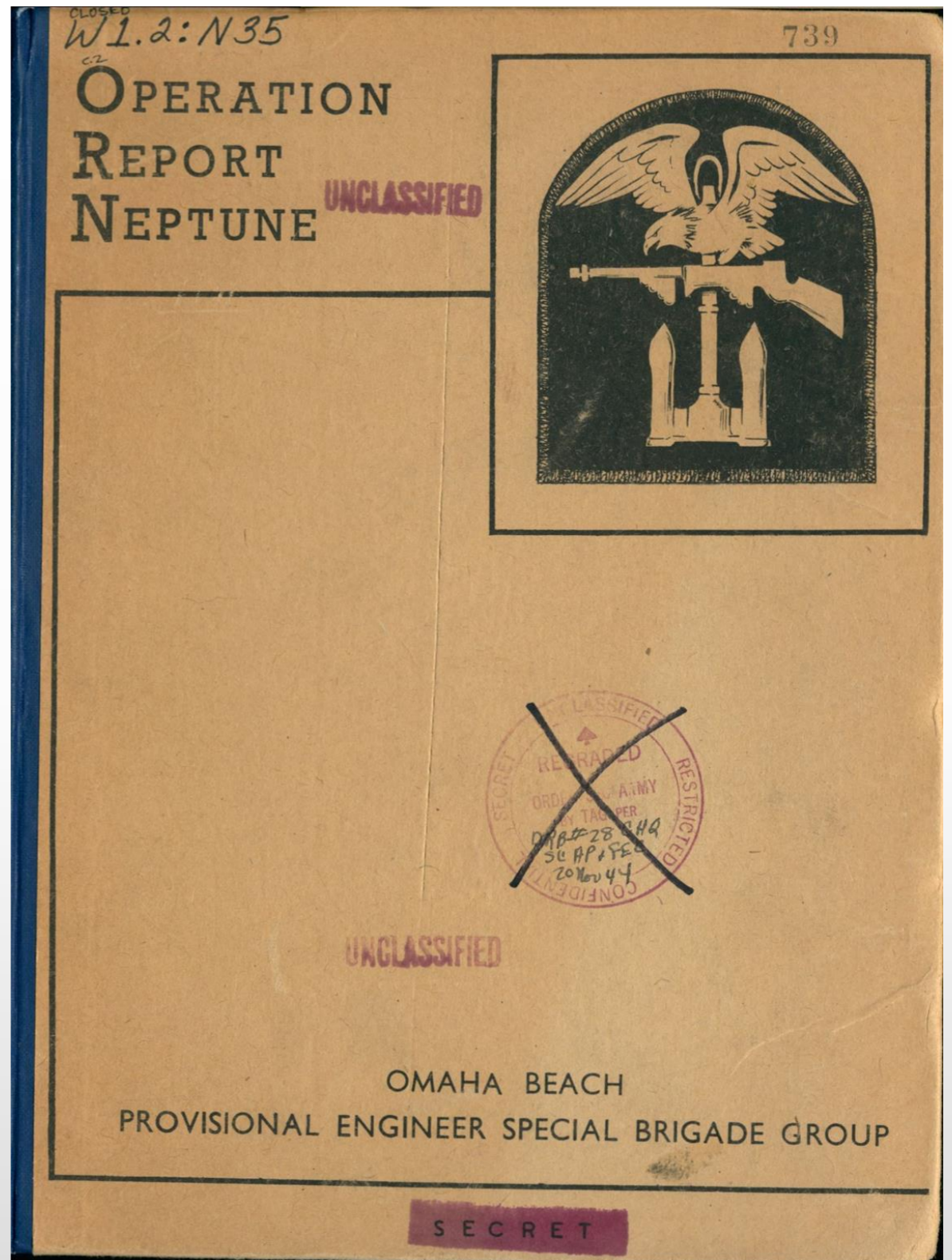
- 1954: agreement between LC and Joint Committee formalized in a contract signed by Ben Powell, chairman of the Joint Committee, and Luther Evans
- 1981: DocEx officially became a separate section in the Acquisitions and Overseas Operations Division
- 1998: reorg placed DocEx in the Government Documents Section of the Anglo-American Acquisitions Division

Problems of German reparations. R and A report no. 2350. Office of Strategic Services. Research and Analysis Branch. 1944.



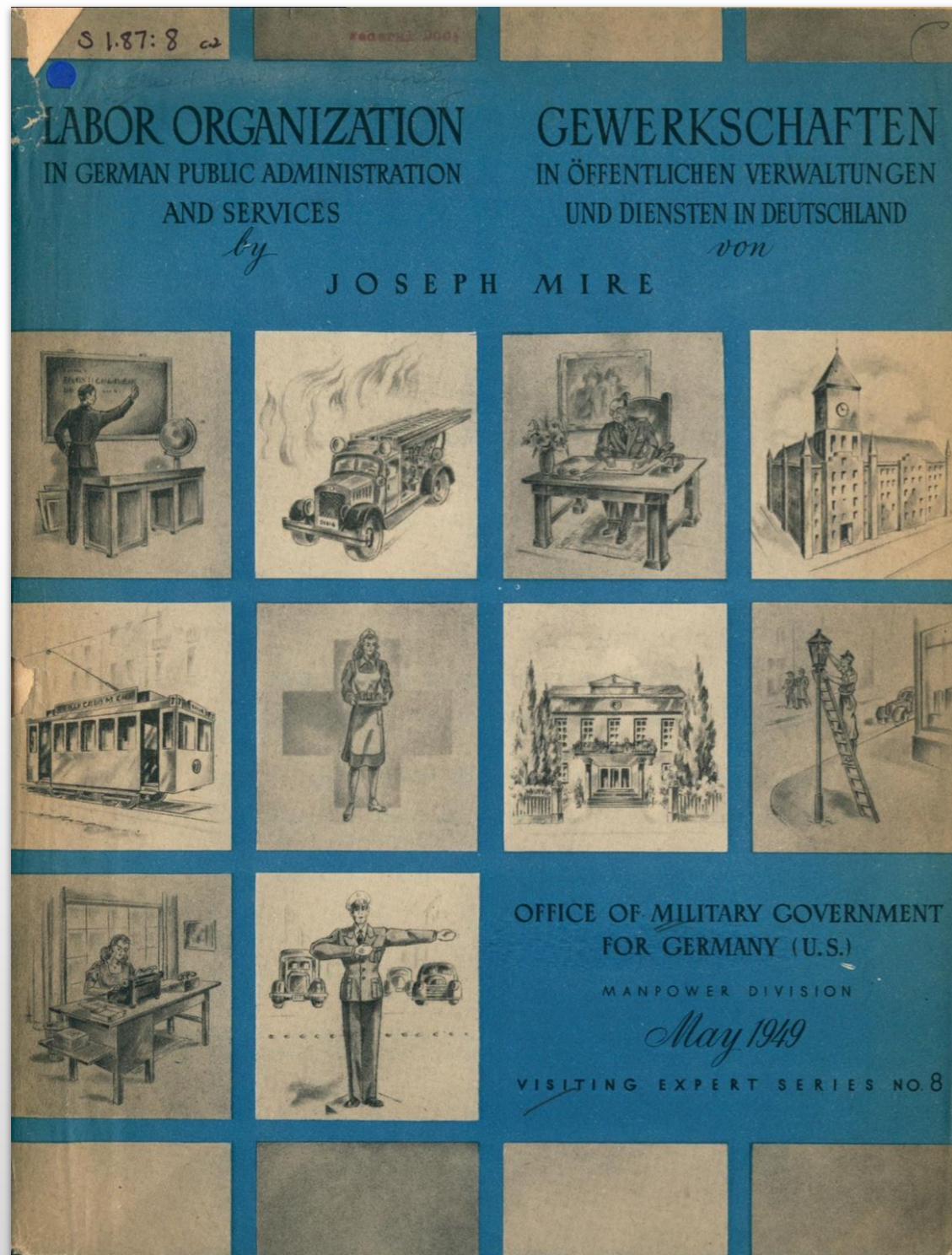
1960s-2000s

- DocEx distributed LC's unneeded duplicates
- Emphasis on obtaining documents requested by members
- Requested duplicates of popular titles from GPO
- DocEx useful for obtaining duplicate copies, print of materials only distributed in microfiche, and documents not received on claim



Operation Report Neptune. Army Corps of Engineers, Provisional Engineer Special Brigade Group. 1944.

DocEx Folds



- By 2003, membership declining
- No longer self-supporting
- More and more titles available from GPO
- Increasing availability of documents online
- 2004: official discontinuation

Labor organization in German public administration and services = Gewerkschaften in öffentlichen Verwaltungen und Diensten in Deutschland. Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.), Manpower Division, 1949.

DocEx's Legacy



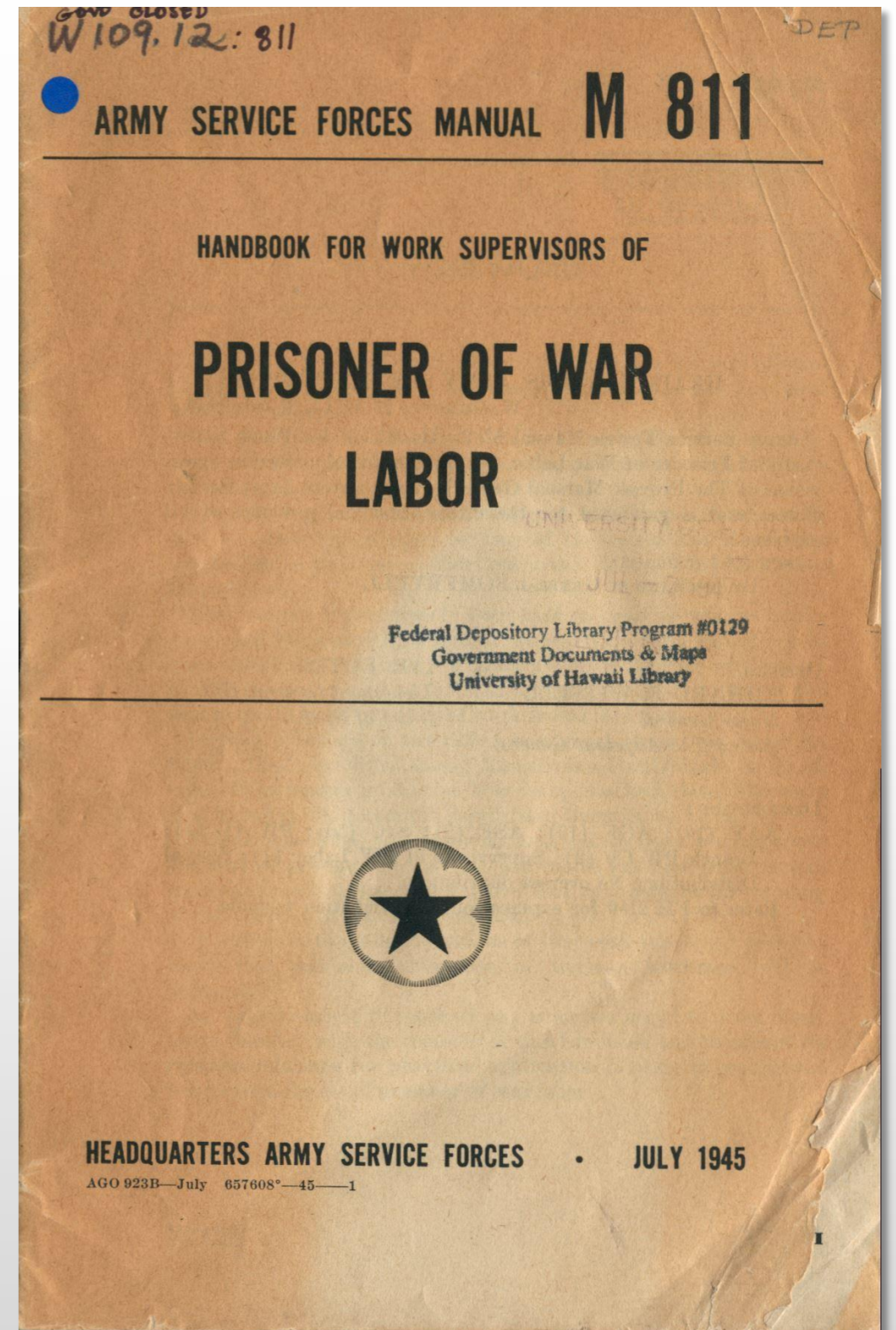
- Increased awareness of what the government published
- Enabled distribution of fugitives
- Facilitated the acquisition of material to fill gaps
- Extended depositories' acquisitions
- Demonstrated the value of public-private partnerships

In Time of Trouble. International Cooperation Administration, Office of Public Reports. 1955.

DocEx Today

- Many libraries still have extensive collections of DocEx material
- Some publications have been digitized and can be found in HathiTrust and other repositories
- Mostly cataloged in OCLC, but a few missing

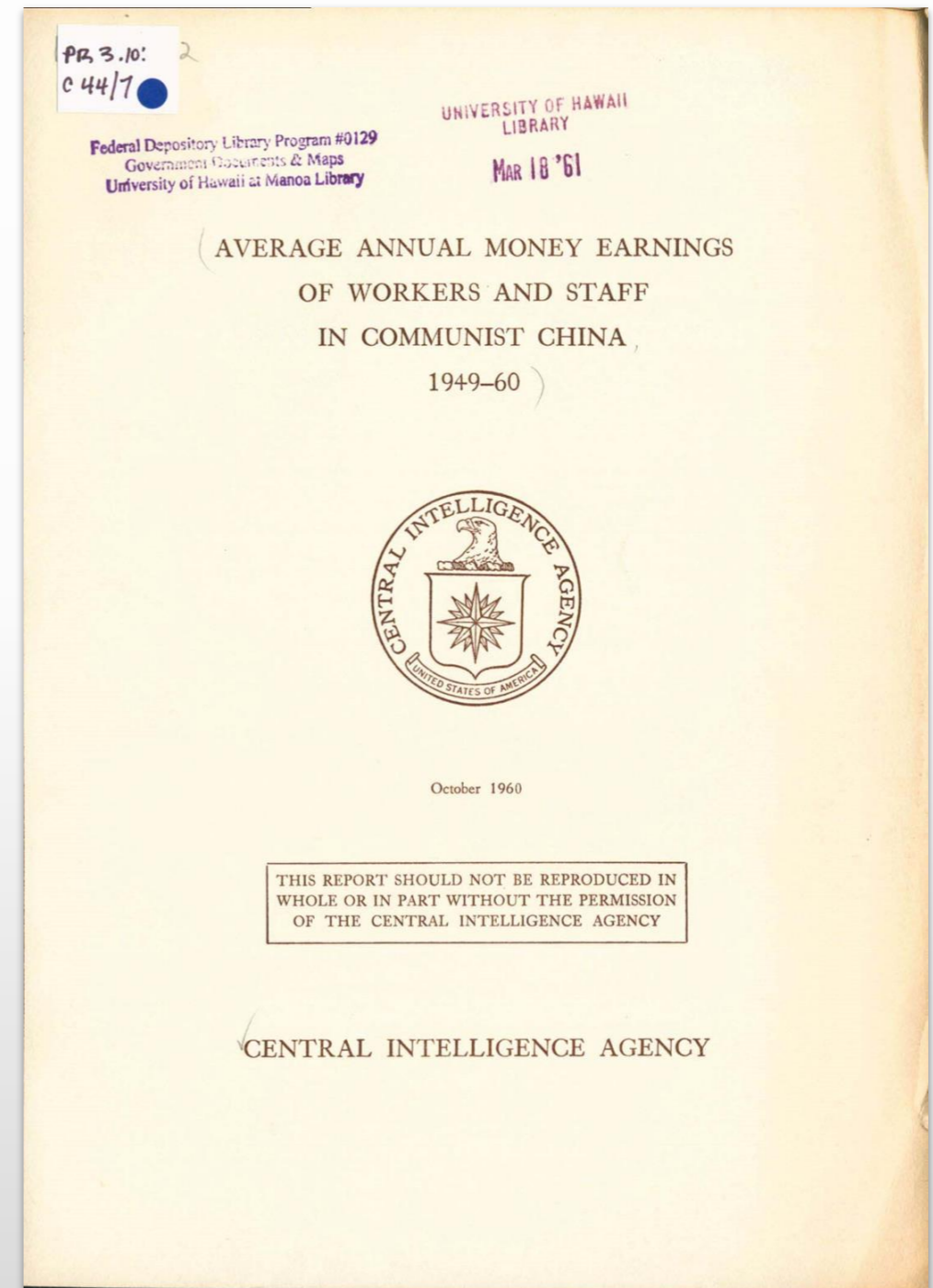
Handbook for work supervisors of prisoner of war labor. Headquarters, Army Service Forces, 1945.



DocEx in Your Libraries

- How many of you work in libraries that were members of DocEx?
- How did your library identify DocEx material?
- Do you still have DocEx documents?

Average annual money earnings of workers and staff in communist China, 1949-60. Central Intelligence Agency, 1960.



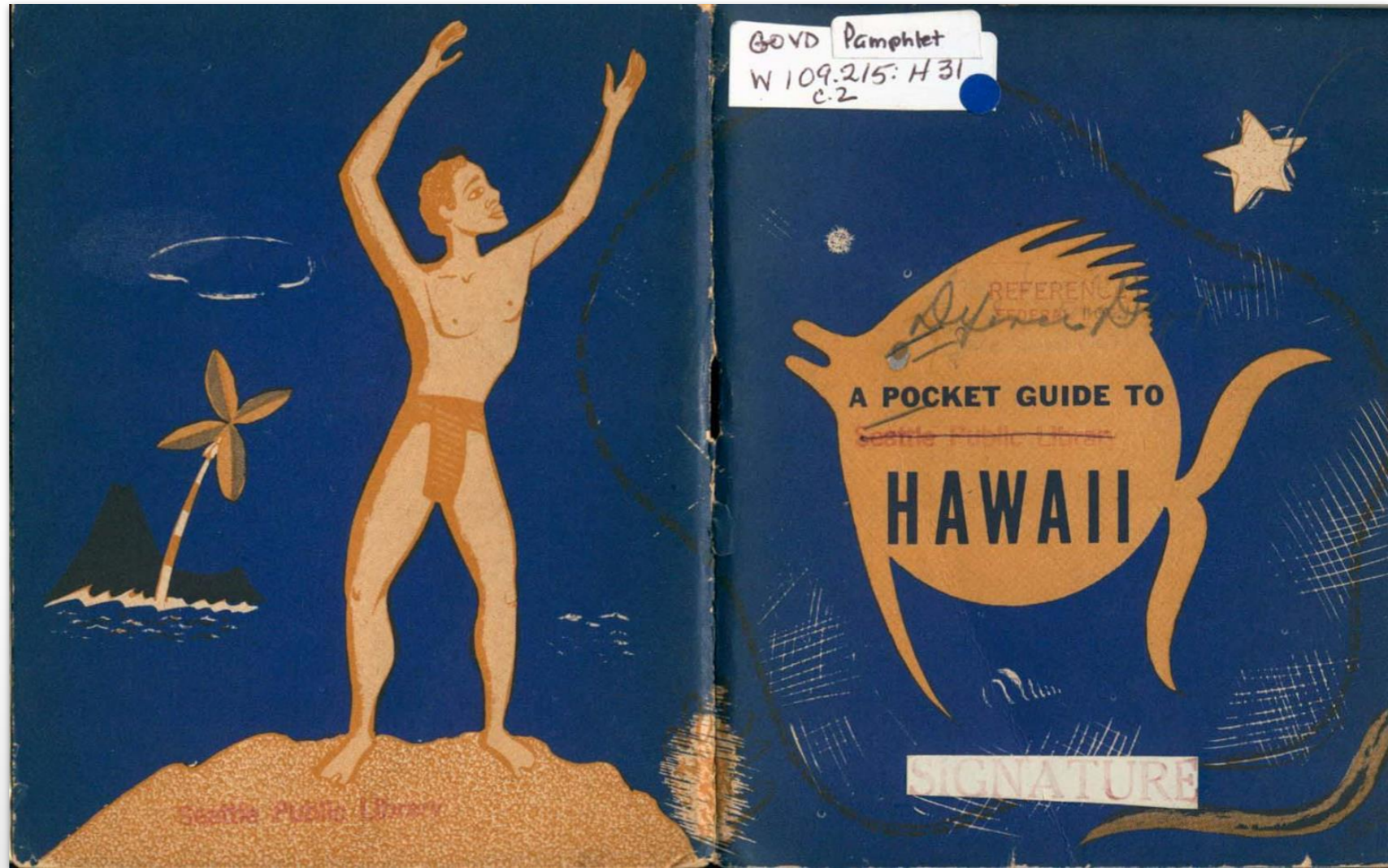
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A pocket guide to Hawaii. Office of Armed Forces Information and Education, 1944.