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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wilson

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FROM : Lou Benson

SUBJECT: Outline of Research at Marshall Library  
 19 and 20 May 1976

1. I worked at the Marshall Library all day on 19 May and until noon on the 20th. My objectives were these:

a. information on circumstances of General Marshall's selection and replacement of the Assistant Chiefs of Staff G-2 1940-45. These officers were Sherman Miles, Raymond Lee, George V. Strong, Clayton Bissell

b. information on Marshall's sudden decision to replace (summer 1941) the Chief Signal Officer, General Mauborgne

c. background material about Marshall's letters to Governor Dewey during the 1944 presidential campaign

d. General Marshall's whereabouts on particular days in 1943 at which time Comint negotiations with the British were critical

e. general information on General Marshall's attitude toward intelligence

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f. information for [redacted] and Jerry Coates from the Friedman collection

2. I made the above requests of Tony Crawford, the Marshall Library archivist. I worked at a desk in the general reading room and Tony brought to me numerous items: boxes of official and personal correspondence, diaries, Pogue research material. I obtained extremely useful information on every item of interest to me. While we did not find what Jerry wanted, Tony identified material that should interest Virginia and he photocopied the appropriate entries from the card catalog.

3. Some of the highlights were:

a. a candid appreciation of Marshall's understanding of intelligence (in letters by retired Brig. Gen. Louis J. Fortier to Pogue).



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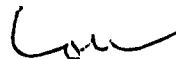
b. opinions concerning General Sherman Miles, his relief and replacement by Raymond Lee; and opinions of the latter (in the 1940-42 diary of Colonel Paul M. Robinett, G-2)

c. a Marshall letter to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Jul 1941) in which Marshall describes conversations with Mauborgne. This letter makes it clear (in the light of subsequent events) that General Marshall should have listed to Mauborgne re who should replace the latter as Chief Signal Officer.

d. interesting observations on the Army Comint shakeup conducted after Pearl Harbor by John J. McCloy through Al McCormack

4. Results of my research will be included in my study. I will make detailed notes of individual topics for Hank's archives.

5. Tony Crawford was most helpful to me as were other members of the staff. He welcomed future visits and will do all he can to fulfill any written requests we might make.



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