

## FOREWORD

The documents dealing with quadripartite administration of Germany have become both numerous and complex. They have been agreed upon over an extended period of time and have emanated from governmental, Foreign Minister, and Control Council levels.

As a consequence many of the documents are today difficult to obtain. Furthermore, there is no single reference work in which all of the materials have been organized according to subject matter.

Persons working with documents on Germany, therefore, find them in diverse, confused, and often an incomplete state. This volume has been published in order to assist in remedying this difficulty. While intended primarily for OMGUS Divisions, it may also be useful to Washington agencies concerned with the German problem. It is possible that it will also prove of some assistance to journalists and scholars who may also be working in this field.

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The final drafts have been reviewed by the appropriate functional Divisions of OMGUS, and have also been carefully reviewed by Mr. James Riddleberger, Director of the Office of Political Affairs, to the end that the completed document may serve the purposes of not only those Divisions but also the State Department.

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