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SUBJECT: Suggested Rockefeller Foundation Project for the Writing of Textbooks in History for the German Schools.

The extreme importance in the teaching of history objectively, so as to counteract any tendency toward militarism or toward an inordinate nationalism, makes it necessary to give special training to those people who will be responsible for the preparation of the necessary textbooks. On the theory that the function of historians is to discover the truth, it is recommended that five promising young German historians be sent for six months to do research at the League of Nations Library in Geneva, Switzerland, preliminary to the writing of an objective history of the world to be used in German schools. Such a study should be taken with the aim of promoting international understanding and the elimination of militarism and extreme nationalism from history text books.

Length of study: 6 months.

Persognel: 5 young historians.

Estimated cost: \$2,000 per person; \$10,000 for project.

US administrator of project: Chief, E&RA Branch, OMCUS.

Controller: Director, League of Nations Library, Geneva, Switzerland