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Summary of OSS Records in the National Archives

The following three files on deposit in the National Archives were transferred by SSU, CIG, and CIA:

1. Five motion pictures, 1942-45, produced by the OSS Field Photo Branch, entitled: "December 7" (Hawaii before, during, and after the attack on Pearl Harbor); "Japanese Behavior"; "The Geography of Japan"; "Natural Resources of Japan"; and "Landing in Sicily" (35 reels in all). These films, which are described in detail in the National Archives public catalog (see excerpts, in Annex D), were all unclassified at the time they were offered for deposit by SSU, in November 1945, and they are so cataloged in the National Archives. It appears, however, that other prints of some of the same films (that is, those in the custody of Graphics Register/OCR) are variously classified "Confidential" and "US Official Use Only."

✓ 2. Property records of various OSS field installations, 1942-45; about 443 linear feet in bulk. This file contains requisitions, purchase orders, and similar papers relating to OSS procurement of property, equipment, supplies, and services. There have never been any public inquiries about this file, so it is understood from the National Archives official in charge of the file. Both the National Archives and the CIA Records Management Staff informally have favored the disposal of this file as useless records.

✓ 3. Correspondence file of the OSS Pictorial Records Section, including its Washington and New York Offices, 1942-45; 33 linear feet in bulk. The Pictorial Records Section was part of the OSS Research and Analysis Branch,

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and is apparently an "ancestor" of the present Graphics Register, OCR. This file was part of the OSS R&A archives which were inherited by the State Department in the liquidation of October 1945. Subsequently, however, the file was transferred by State to CIA, and in May 1948 it was in turn offered by CIA to the National Archives. For a more detailed description, see Annex B, pp. 3, 5.

(Note. Eight other OSS files on deposit in the National Archives were transferred by the State Department, and are under State control. For a detailed inventory of the entire deposit from both agencies, see Annex B.)

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INTRODUCTION

The Office of Strategic Services (OSS) was established by a Military Order of June 13, 1942 (7 F.R. 4469), as the principal successor to the Office of the Coordinator of Information. The latter Office had been established by Presidential order on July 11, 1941 (6 F.R. 3422), to collect and analyze information and data bearing on national security and to carry out, when requested by the President, supplementary activities to facilitate the securing of information important for national security that was not then available to the Government. The Office of Strategic Services was placed under the jurisdiction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and was assigned two basic functions: (1) Gathering, evaluating, and analyzing intelligence in support of the war against the Axis Powers; and (2) planning and executing operations in support of intelligence procurement. It also carried on military psychological warfare, including propaganda; incited and fostered resistance in enemy and enemy-occupied countries; and aided and directed open resistance groups in carrying out guerrilla warfare and in attacking selected targets. It was responsible for accomplishing sabotage in enemy and enemy-occupied countries, for organizing and supporting underground resistance movements, for conducting such operations as were not assigned to other Government agencies and not under the direct control of a theater or area commander of the Army and Navy, and for equipping and training individuals and organizations required for its operations. The military order establishing the Office of Strategic Services was modified by an Executive order of March 9, 1943 (8 F.R. 3021), which directed that certain activities involving the dissemination of propaganda abroad should be handled by the Office of War Information rather than by the Office of Strategic Services. The organization of the OSS included a Director: several Deputy Directors, in charge of specific activities, and their subordinate units in or near Washington; and a field establishment, both in the continental United States and overseas. The field organizations, which procured intelligence data, were known as "Outposts." By an Executive order of September 20, 1945, effective October 1, 1945, the Office of Strategic Services was abolished and its functions, personnel, and records were divided between the State Department and the War Department.

This is a preliminary inventory of the OSS records which had been transferred to the National Archives by July 1951. They constitute Record Group 226, Records of the Office of Strategic Services, and amount to about 1,300 cubic feet. Included are some records of the Office of the Coordinator of Information and some intelligence reports dated prior to the establishment of that office. The greater part of the records are classified secret or confidential.

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RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

RECORDS OF THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS BRANCH

This Branch originated in the Office of the Coordinator of Information. On January 3, 1943, after it had become a part of the OSS, it was placed under the OSS Office of the Deputy Director, Intelligence. It was responsible for the accumulation, evaluation, and analysis of political, psychological, sociological, economic, topographic, and military information required for operations or requested by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the armed forces, and other authorized Government agencies; and for the preparation of studies, maps, charts, and illustrations relating to such material. The Research and Analysis Branch had representatives at outposts throughout the world. It was organized both geographically and functionally, including geographic divisions for the European-African, Far Eastern, Latin-American, and Soviet Union areas and a Central Information Division. Of these divisions, the records of the Europe-Africa Division and the Central Information Division are described in this inventory.

SURVEYS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES. 1942-43. 1 ft.

1

These were prepared by the Research and Analysis Branch and contain data on population and social, political, and economic conditions in individual foreign countries. They are numbered but are unarranged. The file is incomplete. Confidential.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVED AND SENT. 1944. 2 ft.

2

Copies of cables and telegrams received from and sent to State Department and OSS officials regarding conditions and events in foreign countries, the movements of individuals, and OSS personnel. Arranged by post, then under the headings Incoming and Outgoing, and thereunder chronologically. Secret and confidential.

DATE FILE OF CABLES RECEIVED AND SENT. 1943-44. 1 ft.

3

Copies of cables received and sent. Arranged under the headings Incoming and Outgoing and thereunder chronologically. Secret.

TELEGRAMS AND CABLES RECEIVED. 1942-44. 1 ft.

4

Telegrams and cables received from State Department and OSS officials abroad regarding such things as military and political conditions in foreign countries, shipping, and the effects of air raids. Arranged by post from which sent and thereunder chronologically. Secret.

CABLES RECEIVED. 1942-44. 1 ft.

5

Copies of cables from State Department officials abroad relating to activities (except shipping) and events in foreign countries. Arranged alphabetically by foreign service post from which sent and thereunder chronologically. Secret.

CABLES RECEIVED REGARDING SHIPPING. 1942-43. 5 in.

6

Copies of cables from State Department officials abroad regarding vessels sailing from foreign ports. Arranged alphabetically by foreign service post from which sent and thereunder chronologically. Secret.

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CABLES FROM THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE. 1942. 4 in. 7

Weekly cables entitled "Notes of Economic Intelligence" regarding economic conditions in foreign countries. Arranged chronologically. Confidential.

Records of the Central Information Division

The Central Information Division was the repository for intelligence documents from its own units, from all other branches of the Office of Strategic Services, and from other intelligence agencies, with the exception of documents requiring special security safeguards. Within the Central Information Division was a Pictorial Records Section, which collected photographs and motion pictures relating to foreign countries from private individuals and other sources.

INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS (REGULAR SERIES). 1941-45. 580 ft. 8

Reports prepared by the War and Navy Departments and other agencies, captured enemy documents, interrogations of prisoners of war, maps, sketches, and photographs, regarding political, military, social, and economic conditions in various countries and biographical information. Early documents were collected by the Office of the Coordinator of Information. Many documents were withdrawn from the regular series and transferred to the Division of Library and Reference Services of the Department of State, as shown by cross reference sheets. Arranged numerically (1-145,317). Occasionally the letter C, S, R, or F appears after the number. The last 6 boxes contain scattered numbers from 2,407 to 145,192, which apparently belong in the regular series. There are no cross references to them in the places where they should be filed. Following the last box are 91 packages of oversized documents bearing numbers in the regular series. There are cross references to these and there is a finding list showing inclusive numbers of the documents in each package. For the index to this series, see entry 12, and for incomplete accession lists, see entry 9. Secret and confidential.

INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS (XL SERIES). 1938-46. 204 ft. 9

Documents similar in nature and content to those described in entry 8. The reason for their separation into two series is not apparent. Many documents were withdrawn from the main file and transferred to the Division of Library and Reference Services of the Department of State, as shown by cross reference sheets. Most of the documents are dated during the World War II period but there are a few of earlier and later dates. Arranged numerically, as follows, with accession lists: XI, 1-51,500 (165 ft.), the main file; XL, U.S.S.R., 1-36 (4 ft.), consisting of documents in German; XL, Miscellaneous (19 ft.), consisting of documents, evidently belonging in the main file, which are numbered but not arranged numerically.

The accession lists consist of processed and photostatic copies of accession sheets, showing accession number, source number, subject or title, date, and source. Some are stapled in binders and others are loose sheets. Within the lists the arrangement is by document number, but the binders and loose sheets are in no particular order. In addition to the XL documents, the lists include publications and documents

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in the Regular Series (entry 8). Following the lists are a few unboxed documents, some of them oversized, which are numbered, but unarranged, and apparently belong in the main file. All of the XL Series, including the lists, is classified secret and confidential. For the index to this series, see entry 12.

INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS (L SERIES). 1942-45. 147 ft. 10

Documents similar to those in the XL Series (entry 9) but distinguished from them by the fact that they originated predominantly in the Office of Strategic Services. They are processed copies of original reports which are scattered in other files. Arranged numerically (1-58,678), with accession sheets also arranged numerically. For the index to this series, see entry 12. Secret and confidential.

INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS (ORDER OF BATTLE SERIES). 1942-45. 70 ft. 11

Military intelligence documents consisting of reports on military situations, activities, and events in foreign countries. Arranged numerically (1-28,752), with accession lists also arranged numerically. For the index to this series, see entry 12. Secret and confidential.

INDEX TO INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS. 1938-46. 650 ft. 12

A card index to the records described above (entries 8-11), showing subject or name, abstract of document, and file number. Arranged according to a subject-numeric classification scheme in four sections: general subjects; countries, except XL and L documents; countries, XL and L documents; and names of individuals. The main headings of the classification scheme are General, Political, Economic, Military, Naval, Aviation, Psychological and Sociological, and Subversive and Countersubversive. Each main heading is broken down into subheadings, to which subnumbers have been assigned. A copy of the classification scheme accompanies the index.

The index cards for the documents in the Regular Series (entry 8) bear letters (chiefly C, S, R, and F) after the file numbers, but on the documents themselves these alphabetical symbols are frequently absent.

SURVEY OF FOREIGN EXPERTS' REPORTS. 1942-43. 4 ft. 13

The Survey was under the joint direction of the Office of Strategic Services and the Board of Economic Warfare (later the Foreign Economic Administration) and had its headquarters in New York City. The records include reports of interviews with persons who had recently returned from abroad, showing country, name and background of person interviewed, and information obtained. The information consists of data on such matters as collaboration with the Nazis, food, communications, political attitudes, minorities, health facilities, industries, and production. Copies of the reports were sent to the Central Information Division. Arranged numerically. Following the reports is correspondence on the administration of the Survey and indexes to the reports. The reports, however, are not now filed according to the numerical system shown in the indexes. Confidential.

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Records of the Pictorial Records Section

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, WASHINGTON OFFICE. 1942-45. 8 ft. 14

Letters and memoranda regarding photographs and microfilm, equipment, personnel, and procedure; interoffice correspondence; daily reports of staff members containing a résumé of business transacted; minutes of meetings of analysts; analysts' work sheets; daily absence reports of personnel; railway express receipts; and requisitions. Arranged in two series, one for 1942-43 (2 ft.) and one for 1943-45 (6 ft.), and thereunder alphabetically by name or subject. Filed under "M" in the series for 1943-45 is a master file of copies of outgoing communications arranged chronologically.

CORRESPONDENCE, WASHINGTON OFFICE. 1942-45. 16 ft. 15

Correspondence with individuals offering photographs and motion pictures of foreign countries and with persons to whom the Office wrote requesting photographs and motion pictures. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, NEW YORK OFFICE. 1944-45. 3 ft. 16

Master file containing copies of outgoing communications, interoffice correspondence, miscellaneous correspondence, weekly and monthly reports on work performed, data on the assignment of personnel, and lists of sources already approached for photographs. Arranged under the above headings. The master file is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent from March to August 1944, and chronologically from September 1944 to July 1945. Some documents in this file are security classified.

CORRESPONDENCE, NEW YORK OFFICE. 1944-45. 6 ft. 17

Correspondence with individuals regarding their photographic collections. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

RECORDS RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL, WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK OFFICES. 1942-43. 4 ft. 18

Correspondence with staff members, other offices of the Office of Strategic Services, and Government agencies regarding organization and administrative matters; daily absence reports; time reports; daily reports of acquisition of photographs; and correspondence regarding personnel applications, recruitment, and war savings bonds. Arranged alphabetically by name, office, or subject. The greater part is correspondence with or about individual staff members and is filed by name.

Records of the Europe-Africa Division

The Europe-Africa Division included a unit known as the Outpost Desk, which acted as liaison for the Division in all relations concerning outpost matters.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FILES, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF. 1942-45. 3 ft. 19

Correspondence, memoranda, and reports regarding the organization, administration, personnel, and work of the Division. Arranged by Government agency or other organization, subject, and, in a few instances,

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by name of correspondent. For a list of folder titles, see Appendix A. Secret and confidential.

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE FILES, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF. 1941-45. 3 ft.

20

Correspondence and memoranda on the organization, administration, personnel, and work of the Division. There is no apparent difference between the content of these records and those described in entry 19. The material dated prior to the establishment of the Office of Strategic Services is that of the Mediterranean Section, Office of the Coordinator of Information, the Chief of which subsequently became Chief of the Europe-Africa Division, Office of Strategic Services. Arranged in part alphabetically by name of correspondent, organization, or subject and in part unarranged in unlabeled folders (apparently to be filed). Under the letter "R" in the alphabetically arranged part are a number of folders entitled "Reading File," which contain copies of outgoing communications arranged chronologically. For a list of folder titles, see Appendix B. Secret, confidential, and restricted.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF. Sept. 1943-June 1945. 5 in.

21

Reports on the work of the Division in which achievements, difficulties, and recommendations are stated. They were compiled from reports of section heads, which are generally attached. Arranged chronologically. Secret and confidential.

CONTACT FILE, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF. 1945. 5 in.

22

Summaries of conversations of staff members with representatives of foreign groups in the United States and with foreigners, chiefly delegates to the San Francisco Conference, regarding postwar problems, opinions, and conditions in foreign countries. Arranged by country and subject. Secret and confidential.

CIVIL AFFAIRS GUIDES AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE. 1944-45. 4 ft.

23

Correspondence and memoranda regarding the preparation and clearance of guides, drafts of guides, criticisms of the drafts, and copies of guides which were completed and issued. The correspondence is between units of the Europe-Africa Division and between the Division and other agencies, such as the Foreign Economic Administration, the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department, and the School of Military Government at Charlottesville, Va.

The guides were prepared by the Office of Strategic Services and the Foreign Economic Administration for the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department and are on such subjects as housing, the rubber industry, transportation, utilities, communications, economic planning, economic evaluation, de-Nazification of Germany, elimination of Nazis and Pro-Nazis from positions of power, ownership and control of property, trade and financial institutions, and manpower and labor relations institutions. Arranged by subject. Material on guides for Germany predominates, but there is also material on guides for France, Austria, Belgium, and the

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Netherlands. The greater part of the records relate to specific guides and are arranged by country and thereunder by subject of guide. Confidential.

MISCELLANEOUS EUROPE-AFRICA REPORTS. 1942-45. 1 ft. 24
 Reports on the military situation, enemy capabilities, political and economic conditions, with some miscellaneous correspondence. Partially arranged numerically and partially unarranged. Secret.

OUTPOST MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE. 1943-45. 1 ft. 25
 Letters and memoranda regarding publications, intelligence documents, contributions to outpost letters, and outpost problems. Arranged by subject or by name of correspondent. Secret, confidential, and restricted.

OUTPOST LETTERS. 1943-45. 5 in. 26
 Processed letters issued by the Division on work and events. They contain, for the various geographical areas (Africa, Western Europe, and the Near East), information regarding projects initiated and reports in progress and completed, acknowledgments and comments on letters and reports received, abstracts of replies to letters from outposts, and requests and questions. Arranged chronologically. Secret.

OUTPOST CABLES AND POUCH LISTS, ALL THEATERS. 1943-45. 5 in. 27
 Copies of cables sent to outposts ("Cables Out"), cables received from outposts ("Cables In"), lists of documents sent to outposts by pouch ("Pouch Lists Out"), and lists of documents received from outposts by pouch ("Pouch Lists In"). Arranged under the following headings: Miscellaneous Cables In, Miscellaneous Cables Out, Miscellaneous Pouch Lists In, Miscellaneous Pouch Lists Out (thereafter chronologically); Cables In, Cables Out, Pouch Lists In, Pouch Lists Out (under city, such as Paris, London, Italy, and Ceiro; thereafter chronologically). A few documents are unclassified but the majority are secret.

OUTPOST CORRESPONDENCE, LONDON. 1944-45. 3 ft. 28
 Copies of letters sent to London, letters received from London, progress reports of the Research and Analysis Branch in the European Theater of Operations, copies of cables sent to London, cables received from London, and lists of documents sent to and received from London by pouch. Arranged in the above series and thereunder chronologically. Secret.

OUTPOST LETTERS AND REPORTS, FAR EAST. 1944-45. 5 in. 29
 Processed outpost letters on work and events, with some miscellaneous material scattered among the letters, and progress reports of the India-Burma Theater. Arranged in a series of letters, a miscellaneous series, and a series of progress reports. Secret.

OUTPOST CORRESPONDENCE, FRANCE. 1944-45. 1 ft. 30
 Copies of telegrams, cables and letters to France, and progress reports and letters received from France. Arranged chronologically in the above series. Secret and confidential.

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OUTPOST CORRESPONDENCE, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER. 1943-45. 2 ft. 31

Copies of letters sent to and letters received from outposts, copies of cables to and cables received from outposts, progress reports received from outposts, lists of documents sent to and received from outposts by pouch. Arranged in the above series under Mediterranean Theater, Italy, and Algiers. Secret and confidential.

OUTPOST CORRESPONDENCE, BALKANS. 1944-46. 1 ft. 32

Copies of letters to and letters received from outposts, copies of cables to and cables received from outposts, and log sheets of letters and cables received, showing date of document, date received, name of addressee, name of writer, description, date sent out, and to whom sent, and correspondence about and lists of enemy documents captured by the Research and Analysis team in Rumania. Arranged in the above series under the capital of the Balkan country (includes Warsaw, Poland). The records dated in 1946 are those of the Strategic Services Unit, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War. Secret and confidential.

OUTPOST CORRESPONDENCE, NEAR EAST (CAIRO). 1944-45. 1 ft. 33

Copies of letters to and letters received from Cairo, copies of cables to and cables received from Cairo, progress reports received from Cairo, lists of documents sent to and received from Cairo by pouch. Arranged in the above series and chronologically thereunder. Secret and confidential.

OUTPOST CORRESPONDENCE, GERMANY. 1945. 5 in. 34

Letters received, copies of cables sent, cables received, lists of documents sent by pouch, and progress reports received. Arranged in the above series and thereunder chronologically.

FIELD RECORDS

These records consist of small groups of records received from Stockholm, Sweden, and New Delhi, India, relating to the work of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications. This Committee was apparently a unit of the Office of Strategic Services and was composed of representatives of that Office and of the Departments of State and Agriculture. In Washington it had an Outpost Desk, and it had representatives at various outposts abroad, who secured foreign publications.

Records of the Stockholm, Sweden, Outpost

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND SENT. 1942-45. 5 in. 35

Incoming and outgoing correspondence with firms, Government agencies, and individuals regarding publications; copies of letters sent to London regarding publications; and copies of letters sent to the Budget and Finance Division in Washington. Arranged by name of firm, agency, individual, and place, and thereunder chronologically. For related incoming correspondence, see entries 36 and 37.

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- CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. 1942-45. 4 in. 36
Letters received from Washington, Paris, and London regarding publications. Arranged by place and thereunder chronologically. For copies of replies to the letters received from London, see entry 35. Secret and confidential.
- LETTERS RECEIVED FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D. C. 1943-45. 2 in. 37
Letters regarding salary payments, payments for living expenses, appropriations, surety and savings bonds, and income tax payments; pouch lists; and personnel action sheets. Arranged chronologically. For copies of replies, see entry 35.
- AIRGRAMS. 1943-45. 1 in. 38
Copies of airgrams regarding publications. Arranged under headings To London, To Washington, and From Washington, and thereunder chronologically. Confidential.
- MONTHLY REPORTS AND OUTPOST LETTERS RECEIVED. 1945. 1 in. 39
Outpost letters and monthly reports issued by the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications containing information on its work and activities. Arranged chronologically within each group. Secret and restricted.
- INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS OF WAR. 1944-45. 5 in. 40
Copies of interrogations of friendly prisoners of war by the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications containing information on the German book trade and publishing industry. Information on the damage and destruction of or relocation of national and provincial government offices and public and private libraries and archives, and some lists and indexes of foreign publications are also included. Arranged chronologically. Secret.
- LISTS OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS MICROFILMED. Undated. 2 ft. 41
Lists of books, periodicals, and newspapers microfilmed by the Anglo-American Microfilm Unit of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications, showing country, title and type of publication, and roll number. Arranged by roll number.
- LISTS OF PUBLICATIONS TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON AND LONDON. 1943-45. 2 in. 42
These show date, packet number, and title of publication. Arranged chronologically under Washington and London.
- REPORTS ON POUCHES RECEIVED FROM STOCKHOLM. 1944-45. 1 in. 43
Weekly reports to Stockholm from the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications showing pouch number, date pouched, and date received. Arranged chronologically. Confidential.
- RECORD OF PUBLICATIONS TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON AND LONDON. 1943-45. 7 ft. 44
A card file of publications transmitted to the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications in Washington and

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London showing author's name, title of publication, and date and place of publication. Arranged alphabetically by author's name under the following headings: Germany (4 boxes), European Countries Except Germany, Scandinavia, and Finland (2 boxes, arranged alphabetically by country), Denmark and Norway (1 box, arranged by country), Sweden and Finland (1 box, arranged by country).

RECORD OF GERMAN BOOKS ORDERED AND NOT RECEIVED. 1942-45. 3 ft. 45

Cards showing author's name, title of book, and date and place of publication. Arranged alphabetically by author's name.

RECORD OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS DISPATCHED TO WASHINGTON. Undated. 1 ft. 46

Card record of newspapers and periodicals sent to the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications in Washington, showing title of newspaper or periodical, dates of issue, and reference to the dispatch number ("P" followed by a number, possibly indicating pouch number). Arranged by country and thereunder by title in two groups, one for newspapers and the other for periodicals. There is a notation that the file is incomplete.

RECORD OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS. 1945. 1 ft. 47

Card record of subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals showing title of newspaper or periodical. Arranged under the headings Calendar Year and Quarterly, Alphabetically by country and thereunder alphabetically by title.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS. Undated. 1 in. 48

An envelope containing photographs and negatives, chiefly relating to sabotage, and mimeographed and printed material in German.

Records of the New Delhi, India, Outpost

COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING PUBLICATIONS. 1944-45. 2 in. 49

Cables, memoranda, and letters exchanged between representatives of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications regarding publications and microfilm of publications. Arranged under the headings: Kunming, Cables Outgoing, Chungking, Calcutta, OWY, Cables Incoming, Washington Incoming, and Washington Outgoing. Secret, confidential, and restricted.

MOTION PICTURES

MOTION PICTURE FILMS. 1941-45. 250 reels, 35 mm. 50

Motion pictures produced by the Office of Strategic Services, entitled "December 7," "Japanese Geography," "Japanese Behaviour," and "Japanese Resources"; and motion pictures of approximately 200 German subjects, mainly newsreels, short subjects, documentary, and propaganda subjects, obtained by the Office of Strategic Services during World War II and used by that Office and other Government agencies for intelligence purposes. Most of the latter have a Portuguese sound track. Complete English translations and caption sheets are included.

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MAPS OF EUROPE. 1943-45 13 Maps. 51

Topographic maps of Europe with annotations showing plans for operations, particularly of a "Commando" type, along a beachhead and in association with the underground movement. No arrangement. Security classified.

MAPS RELATING TO EASTERN COUNTRIES. 1940-45. 32 Maps. 52

Maps compiled in the Map Intelligence and Cartography Unit of the Research and Analysis Branch of the OSS, showing terrain, transportation, and economic conditions in the Far East and the Soviet Union; and maps compiled in the Office of the Coordinator of Information, showing economic conditions in Asia. No arrangement. Security classified.

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LIST OF FOLDER TITLES IN THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FILES, OFFICE
OF THE CHIEF, EUROPE-AFRICA DIVISION (entry 19)

AAF School, Orlando Florida
Administrative Office, Research and Analysis Branch
Agriculture and Standard of Living Section
American foreign policy and peace terms
American relief administration after World War I
American universities and field intelligence
Army Liaison Office
Axis Capabilities Committee
Axis Capabilities Team, outlines, minutes, etc.
Balkan Section
Biographical records, Research and Analysis Branch
Branch editor
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British intelligence agencies
British Unit
C. D. Branch
C. E. Branch
Censorship
Central European Section
Central Information Division
CIOS (Combined Intelligence Objectives Subcommittee)
Citations Officer
Civil Affairs Division guides, planning and procedure
Civil Affairs Division Military Government
Civil Affairs Division, planning guides, Sept. 1943
Civil affairs, miscellaneous correspondence regarding Civil Affairs
Division, Editorial Committee minutes
Civil affairs, Research and Analysis Civil Affairs Committee
Combined Committee on North Africa
Commerce Department
Committee on North African Economic Accord
Coordinating Committee on Foreign Food Facts
Correspondence, [REDACTED] to Washington
Correspondence, Washington to [REDACTED]
Current Intelligence Staff
Department of Agriculture
Distribution Unit, Research and Analysis Branch
Donovan, Gen. William J., Director, OSS ([REDACTED] Deputy Director)
Economic
Economic Capabilities Subdivision, minutes of section heads' meetings
Economic subdivision
Enemy Oil Committee
Europe-Africa Division monthly reports
Executive Officer
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History
Hydrographic Office
Industry and Trade Section
Information Management Group
Insurance Intelligence Unit
Intelligence Advisory Board
Intelligence directives
Intelligence requirements
Intelligence to be obtained by S-Force operations on the Continent
Interdepartmental Committee
Interim Research Intelligence Service Director
Interior Department
Interviews
IPDP (Intelligence Photographic Documentation Project)
IPDP Project
Italian Section
JANIS Studies (Joint Army and Navy Intelligence Studios)
JICA (Joint Intelligence Collection Agency)
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Joint Intelligence Committee
Joint Intelligence Committee Report, estimate of the enemy situation in
the European Theater
Joint Target Group
Justice Department

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[REDACTED] Chief, Research and Analysis Branch
Latin-American Division

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[REDACTED] Deputy Director, Intelligence
Map Division
Memoranda for the American Delegation
Memoranda to division and section chiefs
Military Government handbooks
Miscellaneous
MO (The MO Project concerned the use of foreign labor for psychological
warfare.)
Navy Department correspondence
Navy Liaison
Near East Section

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[REDACTED]
North, West, and Equatorial African Committees
Obituary data, contract with Census Bureau
Office of Defense Transportation
Office of War Information
Oil Section
Organization charts, British intelligence agencies
OSS organization charts
OWI psychological warfare activities
Petroleum Administration for War
Photographic interpretation

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C O P Y

Planning Group Staff
Political subdivision
Population and Manpower Section
Posthostilities plans, Europe-Africa Division
Pouch Lists

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Prisoner of War interrogations
Project Committee correspondence
Psychological Warfare Committee, Research and Analysis
Questionnaires, outlines of information required, etc.
Questions, M and A reports
R/A history, experiences, etc., analysis of
R/A of the future
R and A psychological warfare functions
R and A (Research and Analysis) teams to be dispatched to the Continent
Radio Advisory Committee

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Reports prepared [REDACTED]
Research and development
[REDACTED] development
[REDACTED] Conference
[REDACTED] Office

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Securities and Exchange Commission
SI (Secret Intelligence) correspondence
SI, R and A relations
SO (Special Operations)
State Department
Strategic Bombing Survey
Subdivision and Section chiefs, Europe-Africa Division (and secretaries)
Survey of foreign experts
Technical Industrial Armanent Committee
Telegrams and cables [REDACTED]
Tour of the U. S., Oct. 23-Nov. 4, 1944, with 3 French officers.
Transport Section
Treatment of Germany
United Nations Organization
UNRRA
USSR Division
War Crimes Program
War Production Board
War Refugees Board
War Shipping Administration
Western European Section
[REDACTED] Report, R and A work in field
Work in progress
X-2 (counterintelligence)

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Publicity Relating to OSS Records
in the Published Guides of the National Archives

Note. The excerpts below are taken from the three major guides published by the National Archives.

Guide to the Records in the National Archives
(latest edition, published in 1948, pp. 587 and 610)

The records of OSS in National Archives custody are described as follows (pp. 587-588):

"Classified outpost correspondence, 1941-44; correspondence of the Africa Section, 1941-45; documents relating to political, economic, social, cultural, and military conditions in various countries, 1942-45; 'Order of Battle' file, consisting of economic and military intelligence documents, 1942-45; property records of field installations, 1942-45; correspondence and other records of field offices at Stockholm and New Delhi, 1942-45; topographic maps of Europe with annotations showing plans for operations, particularly of a 'commando' type, along beachheads and in association with underground movements, 1943-45; and 'Civil Affairs Guides' for Germany, Austria, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands, 1944-45. 585 feet.

"Motion pictures entitled 'December 7th,' 'Japanese Geography,' 'Japanese Resources,' and 'Japanese Behavior,' 1941-44 (82 units); and German-produced motion pictures, chiefly with Portuguese sound tracks, obtained and used by the Office for intelligence purposes, together with English translations and caption sheets, 1942-45 (1,000 units). 181 feet."

The restrictions on these records are described elsewhere as follows (p. 610):

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"a. Outpost correspondence, 1941-44; correspondence of the Africa Section, 1941-45; documents relating to political, economic, social, cultural, and military conditions in various countries, 1942-45; 'Order of Battle' file, consisting of economic and military intelligence documents, 1942-45; records of the Stockholm and New Delhi field offices, 1942-45; and 'Civil affairs Guides' may be used only by permission of the Department of State.

"b. Property records of the headquarters office and of field installations, 1942-45, may be used only by agencies of the Federal Government or by permission of the Central Intelligence Agency."

Note. By implication, it would appear that there are no "restrictions" on the map files nor on the several motion pictures described on pp. 587-588 of this "Guide."

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Looseleaf Compilation, "Registrations of Record Groups"

Note. The statement on OSS records on deposit in the National Archives, revised as of Aug. 18, 1952, is as follows:

"The Office of Coordinator of Information was established by a Presidential order of July 11, 1941, to collect, analyze, and correlate information bearing on national security and to make this information available to the President and to such Government departments and officials as the President might determine. It also carried out at the request of the President supplementary activities to facilitate the obtaining of important information. By a military order signed by the President on June 13, 1942, this office was designated as the Office of Strategic Services and was placed under the jurisdiction of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff. An Executive order of the same date transferred certain foreign information activities of the Coordinator of Information, with related records, to the Office of War Information (see Record Group 208), and an Executive order of March 9, 1943, defined these to include 'all phases of the federal program of radio, press, publication, and related foreign propaganda activities involving the dissemination of information.' The duties of the Office of Strategic Services were to collect and analyze such strategic information as might be required by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and to plan and operate special services at their direction. The Office was terminated by an Executive order of September 20, 1945, effective October 1, 1945, and its records and some remaining functions were divided between the Department of State and the Department of War.

"Description of records in the National Archives: Economic and military documents in a file known as 'Order of Battle'; correspondence,

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memoranda, and other records of field offices; reports on political, economic, social, and military conditions in various countries; correspondence and other records of the Europe-Africa Division of the Research and Analysis Branch; topographic maps of Europe, with annotations, showing plans for commando and other operations; copies of maps showing terrain, transportation, and economic conditions in the Far East and the Soviet Union; property records of field installations; correspondence of the Washington and [REDACTED] offices of the Pictorial Records Section, and a card file of information about persons whose photographs were obtained by the Office of Strategic Services for various reasons; and motion pictures entitled 'December 7th,' 'Japanese Geography,' 'Japanese Resources,' and 'Japanese Behavior.'

"Inclusive dates: 1941-45. Quantity: 1,355 cubic feet, including 14 cubic feet of motion-picture film. Accessions: 2158, 2159, 2289, 2313, 2397, 2405, 2577, 2843, 3236, 3360, and 3388. Custody: War Records Branch, Audio-Visual Records Branch, and Cartographic Records Branch. These records were received from the Department of State, the War Department, the Central Intelligence Group, and the Central Intelligence Agency...."

In an accompanying regulation on "restrictions" governing OSS records, issued by the National Archives on March 2, 1948, the deposited records of OSS are to be handled as follows:

"The use of accessioned records in this record group is subject to the restrictions stated in 'General Restrictions on the Use of Records in the National Archives' to the extent that any of these records are of the character described therein as restricted.

"Restrictions that are specifically applicable to this record group are as follows:

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"I. Records: 'Order of Battle' file, 1942-45; reference information file, 'L Series,' 1942-45; records of the Europe-Africa Division, Research and Analysis Branch, 1941-45; and records of the Stockholm, Sweden, and New Delhi, India field offices, 1942-45.

Restrictions: Unless express permission is obtained from the Department of State, these records shall be kept confidential and shall be withheld from examination and consultation by officials, private individuals, or any other persons.

Imposed by: The Secretary of State.

"II. Records: Property records of the headquarters office and of field installations, 1942-45.

Restrictions: Use of these records is restricted to agencies of the Government and to persons authorized to use them by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Imposed by: The Archivist of the United States."

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Federal Records of World War II: Volume II: Military Agencies
(published by the National Archives, 1951)

This guide (Vol. II, pp. 14-16) contains a general summary of the entire body of wartime records of OSS, as of "April 1947," including principally those in SSU, in the State Department, and in the National Archives, as well as fragments of OSS records known to be in other agencies. The summary is as follows:

"...In April 1947 the greater part of the records of OSS were in the custody of the Strategic Services Unit of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War, a unit that had inherited the work of the archives unit established within the Registry of OSS in July 1945. These records included policy papers, operational reports, and administrative files of OSS headquarters and records of the field establishments of OSS that had been shipped to Washington. A file of printed and processed military intelligence documents assembled by OSS, 1943-45 (24 feet), is in the Departmental Records Branch, AGO. A considerable quantity of records of the Research and Analysis Branch and the Presentation Branch, including material resulting from the work of the Office of Strategic Services in assembling, analyzing, and reporting on information to be used by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other agencies, is in the Department of State (chiefly in its Division of Library and Reference Services), many documents having been integrated with materials from other sources into new series.

"Some 800 feet of OSS records are in the National Archives, including military intelligence documents known as 'Order of Battle' documents, 1942-45 (50 feet); correspondence, memoranda, and other records of the

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field offices at Stockholm, Sweden, and at New Delhi, India, 1942-45 (6 feet); reports on political, economic, social, and military conditions in various countries, 1942-45 (110 feet); correspondence and other records of the Europe-Africa Division of the Research and Analysis Branch, 1941-45 (15 feet); topographic maps of Europe, with annotations, showing plans for commando and other operations, 1943-45 (13 maps); property records of OSS field installations, 1942-45 (443 feet); and correspondence files of the Washington and New York offices of the Pictorial Records Section and a card file of information about persons whose photographs were obtained by OSS for various reasons, 1942-45 (33 feet). Also in the National Archives are German documentary, propaganda, and other motion pictures used by OSS during the war and motion pictures prepared by OSS (approximately 250 reels).

"Some records of OSS field agencies are still abroad. In London, for example, among the records of the Office of the Geographer of the American Embassy are correspondence and other records of the Research and Analysis Branch's Map Unit, which was located in London, 1943-45 (8 feet), relating to its operations and activities; copies of maps received by the Unit, including copies of those prepared by OSS personnel in Washington (120 feet); and various OSS publications received by the Unit from Washington (2 feet). In Cairo, in a warehouse of the American Embassy, are records of the OSS field agency located there, containing information on the operations and activities of OSS personnel in the Middle East (50 feet).

"Papers relating to OSS are also among the records of other wartime agencies. See, for example, the central records of the War Department

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(in the Adjutant General's Office) especially index sheets filed under AG O2O Office of Strategic Services, Aug. 1941-Sept. 1945, and AG O2O Strategic Services Unit, Sept. 1945ff. A set of Accession Lists, 1942-45, prepared by the Research and Analysis Branch is on file in the Air Historical Group; and copies of 'Topographic Intelligence Studies' and 'Weekly Situation Reports' of the Research and Analysis Branch, as well as copies of the OSS serial, 'The War This Week,' are in the intelligence library of the Air Force Department. A number of Civil Affairs Guides and reports on economic problems, prepared largely by the Research and Analysis Branch, 1942-45, are in the central files of the Office of International Finance of the Treasury Department.

"Records of other agencies outside the United States contain documents relating to OSS. Records of the Economic Warfare Division of the American Embassy in London include reports of OSS personnel in Europe relating to Safehaven projects, 1945 (less than 1 foot). Among the records of the United States Mission for Economic Affairs in London are reports of the Research and Analysis Branch in Washington and in London on various economic topics, including food and agriculture, and reports prepared jointly by OSS personnel in London and by personnel of the Economic Warfare Division of the American Embassy in London on various European political and economic topics (2 feet); and copies of reports prepared by OSS personnel in Europe for inclusion in Civil Affairs Guides to Germany, Italy, Japan, Greece, and Eastern European countries."

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B. Records Transferred by the State Department

Seven of the eight accessions of records of the OSS Research and Analysis Branch are restricted as follows, according to the following restriction imposed by the Secretary of State and approved by the National Archives on March 2, 1948: "Unless express permission is obtained from the Department of State, these records shall be kept confidential and shall be withheld from examination and consultation by officials, private individuals, or any other persons." From time to time selected items from these files have actually been opened for use, on specific requests approved by the State Department, so the CIA Records Management Staff has been told by the National Archives.

The eighth State-controlled accession contains certain OSS "topographic maps of Europe, with annotations, showing plans for commando and other operations, 1943-45 (13 maps)." For unexplained reasons, no restriction is specifically mentioned for this apparently sensitive file, either in the restriction-policy statement published by the National Archives (quoted in the preceding paragraph), nor in the published "Guide to the Records in the National Archives" (1948 ed.), p. 610. Despite this omission, this map file is doubtless handled under the same blanket State Department restriction cited above.

Publicity Relating to OSS Motion Pictures
in the National Archives' Public Catalog

Note. The following five films, produced by the OSS Field Photo Branch, were deposited by SSU in 1946 (as National Archives accession no. 446-132). They are described as follows, in the master card catalog, which is available for public inspection in the Audio-Visual Records Branch, National Archives.

"December 7." 1942. 83 minutes, sound, black-and-white, 35mm.
Summary: Shows, mostly by dramatization, life in Hawaii before, during, and after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Reel 1 explains the business structure of the island. Shows sugar cane and pineapple cultivation. Reel 2 shows Japanese working in the sugar cane fields, operating businesses, and attending their national schools and churches. A Shinto priest explains that Hirohito is God. Reel 3 shows Japanese sending information to Japan by short wave radio and diplomatic pouch. Includes shots of Hawaiian scenery, hula dancing, and surfboard riding. Reel 4, Japanese observers relay intelligence to their consul in Honolulu who maintains contact with Tokyo and Berlin. Reel 5, the attack on island installations commences. Reel 6, the battleships Oklahoma, California, Pennsylvania, and Nevada are bombed. Reel 7, the attack abates, the wounded are carried to ambulances, and funeral services are held at various sites. Reel 8, the California, Nevada, and West Virginia are salvaged. The Oahu civil defense committee sets up barbed wire, sandbags, tunnels, and air raid shelters. Children are issued gas masks. Reel 9, disloyal Japanese are taken into custody and a blackout engulfs the islands.

"Japanese Behavior." 1945. 53 minutes, sound, black-and-white, 35mm. Summary: On the psychology and living habits of the Japanese people. Reel 1 shows Tokyo street scenes and planting, cultivation, and harvesting of rice. Reel 2 shows entertainment; sports (wrestling, jiu-jitsu, horse racing, etc.), night clubs, and traditional Japanese dances and drama. Reel 3 describes the precision in household operation and in the Japanese theater. Explains the hierarchy of social strata. Reel 4, a Japanese melodrama exemplifies the duties which each person owes to others in the prescribed scheme. Reel 5 describes the geisha girls' place in society and shows recreational pastimes: a steeplechase, sports events, holiday parades, and a cherry blossom festival. School children are indoctrinated in military history. Reel 6 explains the psychology of the Samurai and Bushido codes. Shows atrocities committed by the Japanese troops in China. Secretary of State Hull lands in Tokyo and President Roosevelt speaks on December 6, 1941, outlining diplomatic efforts to keep the peace.

"The Geography of Japan." 1944. 19 minutes, sound, black-and-white, 35 and 16 mm. Reel 1 explains the geologic formation and the geographic placing of the Japanese islands. Shows forest and mountain scenery, terraced farm lands, active volcanoes, earthquake and tidal wave scenes, and hydro-electric plants. Reel 2 describes the effect of the Japanese current and the monsoons on the islands' climate. Shows bamboo forests, snowcapped mountains, Shinto shrines, rice fields being worked, modern streets in Tokyo, elevated electric railroads, and narrow-gauge railroad equipment.

"Natural Resources of Japan." 1945. 22 minutes, sound, black-and-white, 35 and 16mm. Summary: Reel 1 describes Japan's textile and

lumber resources. Cotton and silk fabrics are woven. Cotton fields and mulberry plantations are cultivated. Shows bamboo, cypress, and coniferous forests. Trees are felled and transported. Reel 2, rice is planted, cultivated, and harvested. Tea is picked. Shows surf and deep-sea fishing. Fish is processed on a floating cannery. Iron ore is mined and smelted. Reel 3, copper bauxite, manganese, and coal are mined. Shows hydro-electric installations. Analyzes Japan's ability to wage modern war.

"Landing in Sicily." 1943. 5 minutes, sound, black-and-white, 35mm. Summary: US troops draw equipment, land on the beach, and set up a plan for stockpiling materiel. Half-tracks and trucks are landed from LST's over pontoon bridges, but mistakes in technique cause some wreckage of equipment. An LST burns from enemy shell fire and a Liberty ship's ammunition magazine explodes; the commentator notes these occurrences as "incidental costs of landing."

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Restrictions on Public Access to
OSS Records in the Custody of the National Archives

A. Records Transferred by SSU (CIG or CIA)

No restrictions were imposed at the time of transfer, either on the five OSS motion pictures (transferred by SSU in 1946) or on the records of the OSS Pictorial Records Section (transferred by CIA in 1948); see "job" folders relating to these two accessions, on file in the National Archives. Nor did the "restriction" policy on OSS records, published by the National Archives in 1948, specifically restrict these two files. The five motion pictures are, in fact, unclassified. In practice, however, all inquiries on these records are referred to CIA for decision.

The property records of OSS field installations (transferred by CIG in 1947) were to be "restricted to use by CIG personnel," so Colonel [REDACTED] SSU/CIG, wrote to the National Archives on April 10, 1947; see his letter, in "job" folder on this accession, on file in the National Archives. The restriction policy statement, as published by the National Archives in March 1948, reads slightly differently: "Use of these records is restricted to agencies of the Government and to persons authorized to use them by the Central Intelligence Agency." In practice, however, any inquiries about these records would be referred directly and solely to CIA for decision, so it is understood by the CIA Records Management Staff. Up to the present time, there have been no public inquiries about this file at the National Archives.

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