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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM TO:

[Redacted] Chiefs of Security Office, X-2, SI, R&A, SO, MO, and Communications, Strategic Services Officers and Chiefs of Mission.

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SUBJECT:

Responsibility of X-2 Branch and the Security Office with respect to OSS Personnel.

I. Paragraph 1 a of [Redacted] Supplement #19, provides that the Security Office shall be responsible for "the security of all OSS personnel, property and records." Sub-paragraph (b) of [Redacted] Supplement 1, provides that X-2 Branch shall be responsible for "the institution of such measures as may be necessary to protect OSS personnel in operations from enemy espionage and counter-espionage activities."

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II. In order to eliminate any possible ambiguity in the foregoing language, the following shall be understood:

1. "OSS personnel" as used in Paragraph I is interpreted to include (1) all Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or civilian personnel regularly employed by or attached to the Office of Strategic Services, whether in the U. S. or in the field, and (2) persons who are employed by such regular OSS personnel in any capacity which permits them to have knowledge of OSS operations or intelligence plans or of personnel engaged or being trained to engage therein.

2. Security Office Functions

(a) The Security Office is responsible for initially certifying to the security of all prospective OSS personnel both in U. S. and in the field and for making necessary investigations in connection therewith.

(b) The Security Office is responsible for the continuing security of all OSS personnel in the U. S. and in the field.

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(c) The Security Office will make final recommendations to the Director, the Strategic Services Officer, or the Chief of Mission, as the case may be, for the continuance with or severance from OSS of such personnel on grounds of security.

(d) The Security Office will check with the X-2 Branch:

(1) In all investigations in the U. S. where there is any possibility of enemy affiliation;

(2) In all investigations in the field.

(e) The Security Office is under obligation to consult with the X-2 Branch and keep it fully informed regarding all OSS personnel suspected of enemy affiliation.

### 3. X-2 Functions

(a) The X-2 Branch is primarily concerned with the existence, identity and methods of enemy espionage, counter-espionage and saboteur agents and protection against them. It will, in all cases not imperilling special sources of information, promptly inform the Security Office of evidence of enemy affiliation or association of OSS personnel. It may conduct investigations either on its own initiative or when suggested by the Security Office.

(b) The X-2 Branch solely is responsible for coordinating and controlling the operations of double agents.

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Acting Director

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