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**SUBJECT:** The Strategic Services Unit at the Beginning of November.

**TO:** The Assistant Secretary of War

1. This letter covers developments during the last half of October in the situation of SSU as described in previous reports dated 9 and 23 October 1945.

2. The total personnel strength of SSU has been reduced from 7,640 to 6,417 in the fortnight from 13 October to 2 November. Of the latter figure more than 2,350 persons are in process of separation, either in this country, en route here or awaiting transportation from overseas. Details of SSU deployment are set forth in the table attached as Exhibit 1.

3. For details of liquidation of seven GCS operational branches see Exhibit 2. Of these branches, number of no more than nine persons from the Morale Operations Branch and three persons from the Special Operations Branch will be transferred to the Secret Intelligence Branch to process and study information on foreign developments, clandestine propaganda and sabotage and to preserve the techniques evolved by GCS in the past war. The other branches, viz. Operational Groups Command, Field Photographic

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