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WAR DEPARTMENT
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

17 July 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, MIS:


With the reorganization of MIS the old "Current Requests for Information" was discontinued pending preparation of an "Intelligence Plan" and a new statement of "Essential Elements of Information."

The Research Unit, in collaboration with the several Specialists, has been working on such a plan. As the result of this work a tentative list of information desired by the research branches and Specialists has been prepared and is being submitted in draft form today to meet our immediate requirements pending completion and approval of the "Intelligence Plan."

This list was prepared in accordance with instructions from Gen. Osmun to accompany the revised SIMIS. It will go to all Military Attaches, Military Observers and Chiefs of JICA.

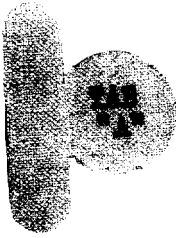
I recommend that this list be furnished to the Director of Intelligence of the Army Service Forces in sufficient number for such distribution as he may desire.

After the "Intelligence Plan" has been adopted, all current requests for information should pass through the Director of Intelligence for comment prior to being coordinated and sent out as a directive by the Director of Intelligence.

Supervisor

Wm. D. HOEHENTHAL,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Supervisor of Research, MIS.



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Tab "A"



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



350.09

SPINT 350.09

8 July 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, W.D.G.S.
(Attn: Brigadier General R. A. Osmun)

Subject: Foreign Positive Intelligence.


1. Reference is made to letter, 4 March 1944 to the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, above subject, file AG 350.09 (3 March 44) OB-S-B.

2. Paragraph 2 of this letter states that guidance in the collection of foreign positive intelligence will be provided by "Current Requests for Information" and priorities as established by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, W.D.G.S.

3. The "Current Requests for Information" has been superceded in part by supplements, only five of which have been distributed to date.

4. The current re uests list and supplements are the only guides our field agencies have for the collection of foreign positive intelligence. It is, therefore, requested that the issue of the remaining supplements be expedited, so th t the field may have up-to-date and complete information on which to base their collecting activities.

For the Commanding General:


J. M. ROAMER,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Director of Intelligence.



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Tab B

G-2

MID 350.09 (28 July 43)

3 March 1944

Foreign Positive Intelligence

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X S/W Directs

I. That a confidential letter substantially as follows be sent to the Commanding General, Army Service Forces:

1. The assistance of the Army Service Forces is requested in the gathering of foreign positive intelligence in the United States and the Northwest Service Command, excluding only the Military District of Washington; the Metropolitan Area of New York, New York; Miami County, Florida and the San Francisco Bay Area, San Francisco, California. In this connection, to avoid duplication, see letter MID 907, 28 February 1944, subject: "Directive for MID Branch Offices," which outlines the responsibilities of these offices.

2. Guidance in the collection of foreign positive information will be provided by current requests for information and priorities as established by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

3. It is desired that reports to be submitted to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, be prepared on OCS Form 17, and numbered in accordance with the "Index Guide for Military Information," Appendix B to "Standing Instructions to Military Attaches."

4. Nothing above is to be construed as conflicting with existing directives concerning counterintelligence and spot reports.

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5. Funds for this purpose, regardless of personnel involved, will be provided by the Directors of Security and Intelligence of the Service Commands concerned from confidential funds allocated to the Commanding General, Army Service Forces.

II. That copies of this letter be furnished to the Commanding Generals, Army Air Forces, Army Ground Forces, Defense Commands, Divisions of the War Department General Staff and the Collection Unit of the Theater Group, M.I.D.

CLAYTON BISSELL,
Major General,
A. C. of S., G-2

ACTION TAKEN: 4 March 1944.

I. Ltr. to CG, ASF, Attn:
Dir. of Intelligence.

II. Cys. to CG's, AAF;
AGF; Defense Commands;
Divisions of the WDGS,
G-2, WDGS, Theater Group,
Collection Unit. KDH/fm-2B-939

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AG 350.09 (3 Mar 44) Ob-S-B

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By order of the Secretary of War;

J.A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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Commanding General, Army Ground Forces
Commanding Generals, Defense Commands
Divisions of the War Department General Staff
A.C. of S., G-2, W.D.G.S. (Attn: Theater
Group, Collection Unit) (10)

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G-2 M.I.S.
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To the following in order indicated:

1	Col. Hohsel	(Initials) <i>HH</i>	(Date) <i>24</i>
2	Col Adams	(Room No.)	
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Remarks:

note, but haven't been able
to give it any proper attention.

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From

ALFRED McCOMACK
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Director of Intelligence

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(Telephone)