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OSS RECORDS WERE DIVIDED, 1 OCTOBER 1945, BETWEEN STATE AND WAR DEPARTMENTS. THEY ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, AS OF A FEW MONTHS LATER (MARCH 1946) BY THE FORBIER COMMITTEE:

The intelligence files of SSU naturally relate mainly to the Axis problem. They include carded information on individuals and organizations (deriving from British and Allied sources and from X-2 experience); studies and reports made by SI and X-2 personnel; cables and other communications of information; lists of names of foreign agents and suspects in the subversive field in foreign countries, and the like. Studies have also been made, and are being made, of such current problems as Soviet infiltration and regional political activities. The operational files include rosters of former employees of OSS here and abroad, with personnel and biographical data that may be useful for future recruitment and investigation.

While the Committee was not authorized by CIG Directive No. 1 to conduct an examination into the Research and Analysis and Presentation Branches of OSS transferred to the State Department, the Committee deems it desirable to note that the files of those branches bear an important relation to the usefulness and value of the files of SSU. This fact arises from two causes; (1) During the existence of OSS R&A was closely geared to the secret intelligence branches as their chief customer and their chief guide in the selection and pursuit of secret intelligence targets and the evaluation of secret intelligence information; the total of OSS information in this respect is, therefore, the sum of the files of SSU and of the files of R&A, at least as of October 11, 1945,

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are available to SI, under interchange of accession materials and to some extent mutual consultation continue between SSU and R&A personnel.

The committee notes further that files of other branches, now dissolved, of OSS including especially personnel rosters and reports on experience in clandestine operations are important and should be considered as among the valuable assets of SSU.

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