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INTERIM PROCEDURES

1. During the period of final liquidation of SSU and the permanent establishment of the Office of Special Operations, there will necessarily be some "crossing of lines" and certain individuals will be required to function in dual capacities.

2. Whenever possible, sharp demarcation will be maintained to the end that when SSU records and files are completed for commitment to the archives, no SO material will be confused therewith. This is particularly applicable to administrative matters since the maintaining of intelligence files and records must necessarily be an uninterrupted process for the continued use and benefit of SO.

3. When dealing with outside agencies positive effort will be maintained to avoid inference that the Office of Special Operations is a conversion or continuance of OSS and/or SSU.

4. Regardless of the fact that in the past certain individuals, usually former employees of OSS, have secured access to records and documents for the purpose of journalistic exploitation, effective this date, no papers, records or documents of any kind, whether classified or unclassified, from the files of SO, SSU or OSS will be made avail-

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able to anyone except duly qualified representatives of government agencies for proper official information or use.

5. Appropriate action will be taken to acquaint all personnel of SO and SSU of this directive.

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