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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE HONORABLE A. S. ALEXANDER
 UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
 Pentagon Building

1. Under date of 5 November 1948, the Under Secretary of the Army designated Colonel Knox P. Pruden as Director, Strategic Services Unit, Department of the Army, in addition to his other duties with the Central Intelligence Agency. The need for such designation was outlined in a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Honorable W. H. Draper, Jr., dated 4 November 1948.

2. Colonel Pruden was retired from active service 30 September 1950, and has severed his connections with the Central Intelligence Agency coincident therewith. Since there is still a continuing flow of correspondence and official actions relevant to OSS/SSU matters, it is deemed necessary that a successor be designated to carry on this function until the final liquidation is completed.

3. It is recommended that Colonel Robert A. Schow be designated by you, in addition to his other duties with the Central Intelligence Agency, to act as Director, Strategic Services Unit, Department of the Army, where necessary until final liquidation can be determined, unless earlier relieved. Colonel Schow is thoroughly familiar with the problems involved.

4. Copies of previous memoranda anent this subject are attached for your convenient information.

signed + deep sea ER 10/3

R. H. HILLENKOEYER
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Director of Central Intelligence

Attachments

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