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STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT, WAR DEPARTMENT

Country: USSR

Subject: Administrative Changes

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Date of Information: Prior to 29 June 1946

Organizational Changes in Ministries

1. In connection with the reorganization of the "Peoples' Commissariats" into "Ministries", the Peoples' Commissariat of Internal Affairs (NKVD) has become the "Ministry of Internal Affairs" (MVD). In addition, a "Ministry of State Security" (MGB) has been created to take the place of the former NKGB. Many of the central administrations of these Ministries have also been changed.

2. In May and June 1946, the divisions and administrations of the Ministry of State Security were assigned numbers. The first seven listed in Appendix A are sections one through seven respectively. Number designations for the other sections are not yet known.

3. A merger of several divisions and administrations was also carried out during June.

4. With the exceptions noted below, the present organization of the MVD and the MGB is duplicated in the organization of the corresponding Ministries of the Republics and in the regional (Oblast) administrations of the MGB and MVD.

   a. The Ministries of Internal Affairs of the Republics (Ukraine, Byelorussia, etc.) do not have Frontier-Troops Administration, Internal-Troops Administration, Administration of Prisoners-of-War and Repatriates, or Administration of Academic Institutions.

   b. The Ministries of State Security of the Republics do not have Administration for the Control of the Maintenance of State and Military Secrets (since this control is made on an all-Union basis) or Foreign Division.

5. In the Ministries of Internal Affairs and State Security of the Republics, the "chief administrations" become simply "administrations", and the "divisions", "sections".

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Appendix A

Departments of Ministry of State Security (MGB) as of end of 1945.

1. Operational Administration
2. Chief Intelligence Administration
3. Chief Counter-Intelligence Administration
4. Chief Administration "Smersh" (intelligence and counter-intelligence agency attached to the Armed Forces Ministry)
5. Intelligence Administration in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
6. Administration of Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence in the Ministries of Foreign and Internal Trade
7. Administration of Travel Control

Chief Administration in the Ministries of Heavy Machine Construction

Chief Political Administration

Chief Personnel Administration

Chief administration for the Protection of the Kremlin of the Communist Party

Chief Administration for the Control of the Purity of the Communist Party

Chief Administration for the Control of the Maintenance of State and Military Secrets

Chief Administration in the Armaments Ministry

Chief Administrative and Supply Administration

Foreign Administration

Chief Administration in the Ministry of Internal Affairs

Appendix B

Departments of Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) as of end of 1945.

- Chief Administration of the Frontier Troops
- Chief Administration of the Internal Troops
- Chief Administration of Prisoners-of-War and Repatriates
- Chief Administration of Camps
- It is reported that these two sections are directed by a headquarters staff.

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Chief Administration of the Militia (police)

Chief Administration of Local Air-Raid Defense

Chief Administration of Fire Protection

Chief Administrative and Supply Administration

Personnel Administration

Chief Political Administration

Chief Manpower-Control Administration

Chief Administration for Complaints of the Civilian Population

Chief Administration of Airport Construction

Chief Highway Administration

Chief Administration of Archives

Chief Administration for Records and Registration of the Civilian Population

Chief Censorship Administration

Chief Administration of Academic Institutions

Chief Administration for the Control of State Funds and Valuables

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