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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Survey of Facilities for Collecting Foreign Intelligence Information by Clandestine Methods

I have read your memorandum of 1 March 1946 to Admiral Souers on the above subject. Several suggestions come to mind:

1. That the directive be delayed until report of the ad hoc committee studying SSU is received. It is possible that recommendations might be made to set up an agency to perform many of the functions covered by your suggested directive. We would thus be in a position to define the scope of objectives of the study more accurately.

2. If the report of the ad hoc committee on SSU recommends the establishment of a separate agency under the direction of CIG, the projected study might well be in the nature of a directive to the agency and provide for the coordination or amalgamation of the services now performed by other agencies engaged in related operations.

3. I have been informed by my former officers of OSS that studies have been made by them outlining the projected functions for peacetime operations of such an organization, and these should be available in the OSS files.

4. When the study is made, I would suggest that some of the following former officials of OSS who have had positions of responsibility in that organization and who have prepared, or collaborated in the preparation of the studies for peacetime SIS programs might well be called to advise the committee. They are:

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[REDACTED], of the same firm

[REDACTED], Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED], who headed SIS operations during the war

[REDACTED], Harvard University

[REDACTED], associated with J. H. Whitney, in Radio City, NYC

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