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SECRET**REPORT ON OSS ACTIVITIES
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944.**

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Attached are reports concerning OSS personnel, Washington appointments, the four theaters of operation, ETO, NATO, METO and FETO (SEAC and Detachment 101) and reports on the following Branches: Communications, Field Photographic, Foreign Nationalities, R & A, Security Office and Schools and Training.

Other Branches are not covered separately because it was believed their activities would more properly be treated under the respective theaters in which they operate. Reports will be available in January concerning FETO (China), and more fully concerning Washington.

The report for January, and also the forthcoming report for February, attempt to organize the material in a different manner than before. Because it is still experimental, therefore, any note of omissions or ways to improve presentation will be especially appreciated.

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Reports Officer.

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OSS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED BY THEATER

As of: 31 January 1944

TYPE OF PERSONNEL	GRAND TOTAL	Continental U.S. TOTAL (2) *	TOTAL (4)	OVERSEAS THEATERS					OTHER (9)	
				ETO (5)	NATO (6)	METO (7)	FETO (8)			
A. ARMY:										
Officers	1083	447	636	279	144	149	64			
Enlisted Men	3824	1888	1936	695	573	561	107			
TOTAL	4907	2335	2572	974	717	710	171			
B. NAVY:										
Officers	228	148	80	28	15	23	11		3	
Enlisted Men	370	219	151	66	14	38	24		9	
TOTAL	598	367	231	96	29	61	35		12	
C. COAST GUARD:										
Officers	0	0	0	-	-	-	-		-	
Enlisted Men	20	20	0	-	-	-	-		-	
TOTAL	20	20	0	-	-	-	-		-	
D. MARINE CORPS:										
Officers	38	19	19	6	7	4	2		-	
Enlisted Men	50	36	14	8	3	3	0		-	
TOTAL	88	55	33	14	10	7	2		-	
E. TOTAL SERVICES:										
Officers	1349	614	735	313	166	176	77		3	
Enlisted Men	4264	2163	2101	769	590	602	131		9	
TOTAL	5613	2777	2836	1082	756	778	208		12	
F. CIVILIAN:										
Vouchered	1930	1719	211	191	3	8	1		8	
Unvouchered	685	308	377	73	138	112	46		8	
TOTAL	2615	2027	588	264	141	120	47		16	
G. TOTAL SERVICE AND CIVILIAN	8228	4804	3424	1346	897	898	255		28	

* (2) Includes individuals in training for overseas duty.

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APPOINTMENTS

SIGNIFICANT APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL CHANGES
DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944.

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Commander R. Davis Halliwell, USNR,
Special Assistant to the Director;

Lt. Col. William P. Davis, III,
Deputy Chief, SO;

Colonel M. Preston Goodfellow,
President, Board of Officers;

Colonel Sherman I. Strong,
Member, Board of Officers;

William F. Talbot,
Acting Chief, R & D;

William O. Brown,
Acting Chief, Africa Section, R & A;

J. Donald Earl,
Chief Management and Analysis Division,
Budget and Procedures Branch;

Henry Conrad,
Assistant Chief, Management and Analysis
Division, Budget and Procedures Branch;

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(The program in this Theater focussing on preparation for a specific day, the monthly report will be devoted to a discussion of how far each activity is approaching a state of readiness.)

I. GENERALII. SIA. Personnel

As of the end of January, the total required were 459 with 277 on hand, 36 recruited but not transferred and 146 to be recruited.

B. Sussex Plan1. Administration

On 1 January 1944, Commander Kenneth H. S. Cohen succeeded General Sir Marshall-Cornwell as the British officer responsible for Sussex. One of the principal weaknesses of the joint enterprise had been the failure

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to provide any joint procedure for making policy and for controlling activities. On 4 January of this year, the Sussex Tri-partite Committee was organized consisting of: Commander Cohen (SIS), Chairman; Lt. Col. Miller (SI); and Lt. Col. Roulier (BRAL). An administrative sub-committee was also established.

2. Adaptation of Sussex Plan

In view of the changing circumstances, it was deemed advisable to submit an adaptation of the Sussex Plan. This was prepared after consulting with G-2, First Army Group and chiefly concerns the utilization of personnel in the field. The revised plan as submitted provided for: one detachment each at First Army Headquarters, Third Army Headquarters, and First Army Group Headquarters; also one base section (for training and despatch).

3. Limitations on Operation and Relationship with British

According to the report of Lt. Col. Miller, dated 4 February 1944, our operation under this plan is limited to strategic and tactical intelligence. Furthermore, the "adaptation of the Sussex Plan" confines us to 30 officers and 46 enlisted men in the field. In general, our situation seems to be one of subservience to Broadway; General Whiteford has consistently refused to recognize us as an independent service functioning

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on a plane of equality. Recently they suggested having central and uniform control rather than a territory for which each service was to be responsible in France. Also, Broadway some time ago decided to use "Ascension" (telephone communication between the ground and a plane) and advised us of it only recently, saying that plans were already at an advanced stage and that the British would provide 2 or 3 Mosquito planes, using "Ascension" to make daily flights over both the British and American zones collecting information from our agents as well as their own.

4. General Progress

As of 31 January, the plan was to have 60 agents and 60 operators of which there were 43 agents and 24 operators on hand and in training. Of 162 candidates for Sussex and Jedburgh who arrived from Algiers, the screening board found 18 observers and 2W/T operators for Sussex. Additional recruits are at the point of leaving North Africa for London. It is stated to be increasingly evident that most of the remaining recruitment will have to be done in the European Theater.

Most of the equipment is already on hand with the exception of a truck and a few other items.

5. Preliminary Mission

The Pathfinder Mission provided for 2 men to

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go to France during January and choose safe houses and landing fields for the first Sussex agents. A description of the mission was prepared and approved by the sub-committee of the Sussex Tri-partite Committee.

C. Miscellaneous Activities

1. New Communication Chain

An agent of the BRAL who has recently returned to France has succeeded in establishing contact with OSS Switzerland. This is the second independent chain for communication of intelligence via Switzerland.

2. Labor Section

a) Trade Unions

A report is being prepared concerning the trade unions before 1940, their role in the resistance movement, and suggested methods of approach to trade union problems by an army of occupation. The manuals on the trade union movement and the Social Democratic Party designed for the training of Faust B recruits have been completed. (Faust B provides for the penetration of men with labor background into Germany)

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SECRETb) Polish Radio

An attempt is being made to make contact with the Polish labor radio station. It has been sending messages regularly but the British receiving station in operation with the Poles has asserted that it has been unable to receive the messages. Work is being done in cooperation with the British.

c) Mission Varlin (a mission designed to send men with labor contacts into France to work with resistance groups)

After a prolonged delay, two persons have been transported to their destination, before departure receiving additional instructions concerning vital military missions.

3. New Intelligence Source

With respect to the low countries, an arrangement has been made with the Dutch military intelligence whereby they will furnish us with W/T reports on German order of battle.

4. Future Plansa) Norwegian Sussex

Negotiations regarding a Norwegian Sussex are continuing. An agreement has been reached for a limited tri-partite plan with the British and Norwegians. The agreement calls for an American contribution of

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instruction personnel and supplies in return for all telegraphic intelligence received except purely Naval intelligence.

b) Air Transport - Sweden

A proposal has been put up to us regarding our developing air transportation to Sweden with the Norwegians and the matter is being investigated.

III. X-2

X-2 is in charge of the SCE Plan, which provides for teams of experts with OSS background in counter-intelligence, operating with Army units in radio-equipped jeeps. According to the report of 13 December, the SCE Plan required 35 men of which only 2 were then on hand. By the end of January, however, 34 out of 35 had been secured. The plan is to have one unit of this X-2 Group be attached to the 1st Army Group, another unit to the 1st Army. Both of these will be French. A 3rd unit, for Germany, will be ready in about 90 days.

All equipment has been requisitioned and is expected to be on hand in the immediate future.

IV. R & A

During January, information was supplied MO for use in a soldier's handbook on France. General Intelligence Unit work in captured enemy equipment and documents has produced a handbook setting forth

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its methodology, with examples. Reports distributed consisted among others of a weekly political report to Mr. Winant and also the weekly political annex for the periodic intelligence report of G-2.

A big task may come to R & A in helping to staff the civil intelligence work of the PWB in this theater. Brigadier Sachs suggested that R & A was the suitable opposite number to PID in providing political survey officers under PWB. Tentatively R & A's contribution would be about 40 people, to serve COSSAC, Army Group Hq., Army Hq. and in smaller field units. The expectation is to integrate the work completely with that of PWB so that a minimum of duplication occurs and a joint Anglo-American center of political intelligence at Supreme Headquarters is set up.

C. Future Plans

The chief fields in which R & A is still trying to work out concrete plans of action are: (1) R & A contribution to the intelligence side of PWB operations; (2) finding markets for the work of our newly installed large map-information and map-production center; (3) R & A's share in planning for civil affairs work in ETO.

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VI. SO

A. Personnel

Recruitment for SO is fairly well completed,

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required personnel for SO being 288 of which 199 were on hand at the end of January and only 32 more to be recruited.

B. Jedburgh Plan

This plan involves the introduction of teams of officers with radio operators to work with French resistance groups on D-day.

1. Personnel

Of the Jedburgh agents, there were a total of 50 required with 40 actually on hand plus the 7 instructors, all of whom have volunteered for the operation. Of the W/T operators, 48 out of 50 were on hand. Among the additional officers which the French will supply, only 34 out of the 80 promised were on hand at the end of January.

2. Difficulty with Personnel - IMPORTANT

To date, the W/T group has proved to be a most difficult detachment. The men are inattentive and fail to apply themselves to the work. Morale is low and complaints about broken promises in regard to promotions and parachute pay are numerous. There is a general complaint from the men that they are unable to work their wireless sets satisfactorily. The chief instructor is most discouraged and doubts whether the men will progress to the point of perfection

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necessary to operate in the field. According to the Theater Officer, the more recent information is that parachute pay has been provided and that the personnel allotment committee has provided a better T/O. Even so, this will not allow for the promotion of all the men, as they were led to expect.

C. Special Operations

1. Westfield Mission (SO operations out of Sweden)

Notice has been received of the safe arrival of all four members of this mission.

2. Maquis Mission (liaison with French resistance elements)

As of the end of January, the 2 members of the Maquis Mission were successfully despatched.

W/T communications have now been established with the members of this mission.

3. Supporting Resistance Groups

During this period, one agent was successfully placed in the field as second in command of a large existing network.

American planes delivered successfully 36 containers to this particular network (see AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAM).

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SECRETVI. AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAMA. General Progress1. Personnel

According to the December report, the basic requirements for this activity were 332 men of which 20 were for staff work and roughly 309 were for the packing station. On hand at 31 January were 62 men. 16 February is still the planning date for the arrival of 260 enlisted men and 2 officers from the United States. Actually, according to the Theater Officer, 213 did arrive in mid-February. A training period of 2 weeks should be required to learn packing.

2. Supplies and Aircraft

According to report on supplies from the Theater Officer to Colonel Richards dated 3 February the British will supply resistance groups until 1 March, at which time a three months' supply of all items to be sent from the United States will be delivered. A two months' reserve will thereafter be held in England to provide for urgent demands if the invasion should take place early in 1944. Joint storage with SOE is to be adopted to eliminate administrative work.

Delivery will be made by a joint plan of OSS with SOE, and thirty-two Liberators will

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be provided by the 8th Air Force for this purpose. Training of flight crews is being conducted each night including cross-country flights ending with delivery of dummy containers to reception parties. U.S. aircraft will operate from Alconbury beginning 31 January.

Beginning 1 March 1944 2400 containers per month will be dropped with a total of 21,600 containers for 1944. This of course will necessitate a similar number of parachutes.

It was anticipated that the British would furnish the radio receivers for resistance groups. According to the report to Colonel Richards, the original plan called for 2200 to be available on 1 March with 350-400 units per month thereafter. By December it became obvious that British production had fallen so below expectations that they would not be able to supply them. The Communications Branch in Washington therefore learned of 12,000 RBZ receivers which had been manufactured by Emerson for the Marine Corps. It has been possible therefore ~~for~~ for the Navy to supply more than 5800 of which 35 were ready for delivery on 1 February and an additional 2465 are to be delivered during March.

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3. Packing Station

The packing station located at Holme was to have been completed by 1 February but is now scheduled to be completed on the 15th.

B. Achievements

The number of sorties flown was 18, all before 15 January. 8 were completed. The gross weight of cargo dropped was 30,400 pounds; number of containers dropped 96; number of packages dropped 20.

VIII. MO

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X. OG

A. Personnel

There are approximately 86 enlisted men and 19

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officers who are training in the northern part of Scotland.

B. Norwegian Coup de Main

Approval for an OSS Norwegian "coup de main" operation has been received and detailed plans are being prepared by SOE-SO, Norwegian Section in consultation with the Norwegian High Command.

C. Danish OG's

Recruitment of these men has been frozen pursuant to cable advice from Washington. This project is not going to be carried out, and no allotment will be given for it.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Personnel

According to the reports at the end of January, personnel required were 459 with 281 now on hand and 32 recruited. This left 146 estimated to be recruited. (67 of them within the Theater. The Theater Officer says the remainder are in training and awaiting transport)

B. Station Charles (for SO, including Jedburgh)

This station is ready to start operations on 1 February. The first commitment to be handled will be the training schedules with the special forces unit of SOE, which are now in the field on maneuvers. 20 operators are standing watches at the British stations working the circuits that we will take over

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on 1 February and thus gaining experience.

C. Station Victor (for SI, including Sussex and X-2)

Construction work here is still very far behind schedule. The station should be ready late in February.

D. Mobile Units

Our Mobile Section will be sent out on training exercises to prepare for the large scale rehearsal planned for mid-February.

E. Supplies and Equipment

As early as 11 December, the equipment was on hand except for 2 radio equipped jeeps for the X-2 Plan. There is an adequate supply of Sussex sets and the British agreed to make Jedburgh sets of which there is an adequate supply. The supply of radio sets for resistance groups has been discussed under AIR OPERATIONS above.

XII. SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

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SECRETNORTH AFRICAN THEATERREPORT

January 1944

I. GENERALA. New Organizational Set-up in Theater

A new Mediterranean organization has been proposed for activities in aid of the Partisan forces, as follows:

1) There will be a Special Operations Section at Allied Forces headed by an American officer and directly under the Deputy Chief of Staff. Each organization will have a staff officer attached who will sit on the Special Operations Committee;

2) Headquarters Force 133 will be established at Caserta alongside that of Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, and with an advance echelon of the Special Operations Section;

3) Military operations in support of the Partisans will be directed by Advance Force 133 directly under AFHQ, and SOE operations will remain temporarily under Cairo. Cairo remains responsible for Greece, Bulgaria, etc.;

4) There is still much discussion regarding the status of the MacLean Mission. General Donovan stated that he could not accept a joint Anglo-American mission unless it is responsible to The Combined Chiefs of Staff through AFHQ, the only alternative being a separate American mission on purely military basis.

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SECRET**B. Personnel Reorganization**

A reorganization of personnel was effected, with changes as follows: Colonel Rodrigo as Senior Intelligence Officer responsible for SI, R&A, and X-2; Major Reid, Chief of SI, responsible for the French Desk, Spanish Desk, German Desk, and also the Reporting Board; Captain Hughes, responsible for R&A; and Captain Miller, responsible for X-2.

The Operations Officer is Lieutenant Colonel Gamble, with Captain DePolenc as Assistant, and Major Brooks as Assistant for Air Operations.

C. Movement of Operational Bases

Out of a total personnel of 879 in the Theater as of the end of January, over 325 were reported to be at advance bases in Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica. Personnel and activities involving Italy have been gradually moved forward into Italy from Algiers. At Headquarters in Algiers, Colonel Glavin is now examining the possibility of securing three villas with a view to concentrating most of the activities there.

D. Relations with Other Agencies

At the request of General Donovan, the R&A Branch at Naples wrote a brief memorandum on the attitude of other agencies toward OSS. The writers indicated that their relations with G-2, PBS, have been amicable. However, certain opinions concerning OSS have been

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expressed. For what it may be worth, Count Sforza in an interview expressed bewilderment at the lack of OSS discrimination in meeting people and discussing serious matters with them, saying any scoundrel may get their ear and further that two members of the Badoglio Government have been in contact with OSS though they are of doubtful character.

E. Classification Tables of Missions

Classification Tables of Missions reported upon during January have been prepared and are attached. They furnish all the information presently available with respect to all the missions referred to (particularly SI, SO and OG). For this Theater especially it is difficult to determine from information available in Washington whether missions itemized are to be classified as SI, SO or otherwise.

IIa. FIFTH ARMY DETACHMENT

According to Colonel Glavin, the OSS G-2 detachment on duty with the Fifth Army and additional personnel sent forward this month for special operations linked with the amphibious landing on the beaches below Rome have been playing an increasingly important role in the campaign.

Two dozen agents per week are despatched on short range combat intelligence missions directly from forward echelons operating with the Fifth Army. The OSS Fifth

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 Army detachment was reported to have produced from 2 December to 9 January 365 separate items of strategic intelligence disseminated to seven local agencies.

Four known operations were concluded early in January during the moon period. All of these were in collaboration with the Fifth Army. One constituted a sea pick-up of several men including an Italian General; another a landing of six agents to obtain intelligence in North Italy; a third landing agents and bringing out other agents, together with a British prisoner of war; and a fourth an investigation made by sixteen men concerning enemy strength on the Island of Pianosa.

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II. SI

SI operations in NATO may be divided into four general geographical classifications, i.e., operations in Northern Italy, France, and Spain, and finally a group of operations by the Labor Desk into Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia and neighboring areas.

A. SI - ITALY

Italian SI now has a total of sixteen long-range missions, including those planned and still in preparation. A total of 26 missions is definitely assured for a period from January to March.

1) Policy Considerations - Operations Differ from Assigned Program. According to a special report from

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Mr. Scamporino (to Brennan, dated 2 January) the chief function of Italian SI is stated to be obtaining intelligence in enemy occupied territory. However, the comment has been made that they are not carrying out this as their chief function. A substantial part of their personnel has been used in obtaining local information in Sicily for AMGOT, and other personnel performed a similar service covering Sardinia. Another job requested went beyond the scope of OSS in furnishing for the chief intelligence officer of the Army Force information for the security of American airports in Italy, Sardinia and Corsica. Other men have been loaned to the British as interpreters, etc. A substantial number of SI men, in fact, were recently assigned to act as interpreters with a company of Italian prisoners of war, who were engaged for packing containers, etc.

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The complaint has therefore been made that a large portion of the personnel and energies of the section is occupied with operations not the basic mission of SI.

2) General Progress. Apart from intelligence missions treated under the Fifth Army Detachment (IIa) above) it is reported that six OSS men are being assigned to participate in the "S" force to gather intelligence in Rome. The "S" force constitutes the combined efforts of all intelligence

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organizations in the Theater. The six men have been assigned to G-2, 15th Army Group at Bari.

There are also at the present time intelligence missions operating on islands off the coast of Italy, including the Isle of Gorgona and of Monte Cristo. Gorgona actually is less than 30 miles from Livorno on the North Coast of Italy, and has only 180 inhabitants. Our mission, commanded by a lieutenant, totals seven men. The reports from the Island indicate that observation is limited because of the weather but on clear days one can see from LaSpezia directly across to Livorno, and far to the south beyond Elba.

3) Future Plans. Five intelligence projects were being contemplated for the latter part of January, to work specifically in the areas of Milan, Trieste, Bolzano, Brenner Pass, Bologna-Ravenna and Venezia-Padua-Treviso. Insofar as information is available with respect to these activities, it has been included in the attached classification tables.

B. SI - FRANCE

The report at the end of January is that there are 13 men in France, and plans are completed for the departure of four more men. Sixteen others, including 6 radio operators are in various stages of training.

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1) General Progress. During the month of January, four intelligence missions were accomplished in France, ranging from Southeastern France to the Rhone Valley, as far as the Southern Coast. In all cases, they consisted of dropping one or, in most instances, two men (one agent and one wireless telegraph operator) with the general objective of radioing back the information they secure. In one instance, the purpose was to organize a mail pick-up system of all French SI networks and handle transmission of the bulk of intelligence.

In addition to the persons dropped, information has been coming in regularly from three stations already in operation, giving excellent battle order material concerning units around Marseilles and in Southern France, and in one case answering specific questions that had been asked four weeks before concerning the fortifications and mines around Marseilles. Also, French SI has organized a radio station near Cape Creus south of the French Border and the Pyrenees in Spain, which will report the passing of German planes, especially Dorniers carrying radio bombs. One supply drop was successfully completed in January by a B-17.

2) Political Intelligence. Besides the projects above, a special political intelligence report with respect to conditions in France is being prepared for Ambassador Wilson.

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3) Future Plans. Projects now in contemplation consist of several additional teams to operate radios along the Southern Coast of France, and also air operations to provide supplies for stations presently operating.

4) Procurement of Agents for France. Visits are anticipated both to Casablanca and Oran in an effort to recruit radio operators and possible agents for use in France before and immediately following D-Day. The recruits will be Spanish Republicans, and it is proposed to use them in the parts of France where there are a good many Spaniards -- generally speaking between Toulouse and Avignon.

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C. SI - SPAIN

No new agents have been reported as going into Spain except for the observers at Cape Creus to watch German bombers from France.

At the present time, information from Spain is coming out satisfactorily. The pouches recently received from there, one containing 105 reports and the other 43, show substantial improvement, which may be attributed in large measure to "directed intelligence." Questionnaire instruction sheets are now reaching agents in the field. Moreover, answers are being received in a number of instances to inquiries sent forward to Spain from four to six weeks ago at the request of G-2 Allied Forces Headquarters. Forms are also now being used for the purpose of obtaining comments and ratings on the information.

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In order to establish closer liaison with Spain, the plans are to establish the first direct contact by a meeting soon to be held at Gibraltar.

D. Labor Desk

The projects of the Labor Desk based in North Africa are still in preparation. They range all over the area of Yugoslavia, Austria, Hungary, and Northern Italy near Switzerland. The project closest to completion is one involving transportation by air into the North Balkans. The personnel is waiting in Bari to go in, if Tito approves. Investigation is also being made to introduce agents into Germany via neutral countries, particularly Switzerland in the area near Lake Lugano.

E. Methods to Improve Flow of Intelligence

In order to establish a better flow of intelligence plans have been developed for 1) more frequent pouches from our chains in France over the Pyrenees into Spain, and sending several copies by different routes; 2) the parachuting of "S" phones for ground-to-plane communications; 3) a simple device for "automatic" as distinguished from "keyed" radio traffic to increase the output of intelligence; 4) the use of carrier pigeons which will be parachuted; 5) picking up by plane some pouches containing intelligence.

F. Reports Office

During the month of January 407 original reports, consisting mainly of military information on France, Italy

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and the Balkans were edited and distributed. The total number of disseminations to interested agencies amounted to 3,872, the great bulk of which went to G-2, Allied Force Headquarters and A-2, Mediterranean Allied Air Force and A-2, 15th Air Force. This compares with December where there were 318 OSS reports processed and 2,464 copies distributed.

During the first week of January, distributees evidenced considerable interest in the reports. G-2 AFHQ requested three copies of each, one to be retained for their files, the second to go to A-2, Mediterranean Allied Air Force Branch located in Allied Forces Headquarters, and the third to be sent to the Naval Intelligence Branch at Allied Forces Headquarters. G-2 ALSOS has recently shown its appreciation by saying: "Such reports are of great interest, and the continuing cooperation in sending them is greatly appreciated."

III. X-2

IV. R&A

Principal work done by R&A was on operational planning. (For an Italian area, the Appenine area, and for Southern France). At the suggestion of General Donovan, the staff prepared a series of biographical studies of French generals. A better arrangement has been made with Mediterranean Allied Air Forces for integration of OSS with air forces target selection. Also a study of French food requirements for the coming year was prepared at the request of R&A, Washington.

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Complaint has been made up to this time that SO personnel has been used for other work after their arrival in this Theater. With an SO chief on the staff, the report is that SO activities will rapidly increase. In fact, several requests have already been received for purely SO missions.

A. General Progress

The principal part of the SO work thus far has been in joint operations with SOE in Italy. During the month of January, three such operations were completed. (For specific details see attached table under SO, sub-heading ITALY, sub-section OSS/SOE Joint Operations.) The missions successfully accomplished involved the delivery of containers of supplies to resistance groups in North Italy. In one case the delivery was principally of money for escaped Allied prisoners and Italian Partisans; in another, to establish communications with a group and also make an immediate contribution of food and money; in the third, to furnish a replacement wireless set as a substitute for one already received but broken.

Only one SO operation into France was accomplished by boat from Corsica into the French coast, landing an agent and a wireless telegraph operator.

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There appear to be very few French SO operations pending at present. However, it is planned to recruit civilians in this Theater, particularly French, to do SO work. The opinion of Lieutenant Colonel Gamble is that an individual in civilian clothes is much more useful in SO work than a man wearing a uniform. Most military men who come into the Theater assigned to SO work are unwilling to wear civilian clothes behind the lines.

Future SO plans known for Italy consist of approximately 4-6 missions to furnish contact with resistance groups, to make supply drops, and similar operations.

VII. AIR ACTIVITIES

(Most of the operations under this heading are being conducted in connection with SI, primarily, and SO projects; air activities, as such, therefore cannot be covered extensively.)

The only significant item noted under this heading is that the reconnaissance schedule is being given up, and in its place 20 planes, i.e., Flying Fortresses and Mitchells will be received, probably in February. However, a telegram of late February indicates that there will be only 3 B-17's, 1 C-47 for parachute training, and possibly 7 B-25's. Other B-17's have been refused.

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In an informal talk, the head of PWB had indicated that they would like to go into "black propaganda" with OSS personnel. However, at the first meeting of the new special operations section held at AFHQ, it was decided that the positive side of PWB (as distinguished from the passive side -- intelligence, news and censorship) was to be brought under control of the Special Operations Committee. OSS would undertake MO work within the PWB set-up in forward areas, and would have a hand in its direction through membership in the Committee, and through MO personnel loaned to PWB for that work.

IX. MUX. OPERATIONAL GROUPS

Operational Group personnel consists of approximately 170 officers and men. A French group is on the way, consisting of 96 men, and additional French speaking and Italian speaking groups have been requested. When these groups arrive, the OG allotment will be approximately filled.

Plans have already been approved by AFHQ to use this entire French group on an important operation.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

According to a special report from this Theater, an arrangement has been agreed upon by the X-2 Communications and DSM, approved by the Chief, SI Section, AFHQ, to improve counter measures against German clandestine agent

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transmitters operating in French North Africa and Morocco. The idea is to assist French radio installations by our direction-finding units. The arrangement is suggested that OSS will provide a number of villas some few miles from our present radio base at Cap-Malifou. The French (DSM) will provide 30 well-trained operators for the purpose of establishing a 24-hour intercept watch on 10 positions. They will also transfer four receivers. OSS will provide the balance of six receivers. Other details were worked out in the agreement. The area known as Area 17 will be under the command of an American officer.

XII. SERVICES - TRANSPORTATION

The transportation problem remains acute with every sign of becoming more so. At the present there are 52 GI vehicles with the prospect of no more being supplied. They have applied to the Deputy Theater Commander through G-4 for permission to have 15 civilian vehicles shipped from the States. Pending receipt, Washington is requested to locate suitable cars, preferably station wagons.

A regular convoy system is being run between Algiers and Oran at which port most of the shipments are unloaded. This is done in order to avoid delay and risk of loss, if shipments were made by train.

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Data on Missions mentioned or described in January Reports.

(This contains all information presently available concerning these missions)

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF MEN INVOLVED	IN PLANNING STAGE	PROGRESS DURING JANUARY	COMPLETED
<u>SI - INTELLIGENCE IN NORTH ITALY</u>						
GRAPE	Milan	Drop Plan			Attempted night of Jan. 17 - unfavorable weather forced aircraft to return	
PLUM	Trieste					
FIG	Bolzano - Brenner Pass	Intelligence Mission			Sea operation - transportation by sub arranged; left Brindisi on January 26th	
Prune	Bologna - Ravenna	Intelligence Mission			Sea operation - transportation by sub arranged; left Brindisi on January 26th	
Pear	Venezia-Padua-Treviso	Intelligence Mission			Sea operation - transportation by sub arranged; left Brindisi on January 26th	
Guava						
Apricot						
<u>SI - COLLABORATION WITH FIFTH ARMY</u>						
RICHMOND I	West Italy	Sea pickup	8 men		7 men, including 1 General was taken out	Jan. 2/5
RICHMOND II		Landing 6 agents to obtain intelligence re Shingle (Anzio operation)	6 men			Jan. 17/18
RICHMOND III		Landing 8 agents and bringing out P/W re Shingle (Anzio operation)	8 men		8 agents put in and 1 British P/W taken out	Jan. 20/21
RICHMOND IV				Planned for Jan.25		

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF MEN INVOLVED	IN PLANNING STAGE	PROGRESS DURING JANUARY	COMPLETED
CHICAGO	Island of Pianosa	2 officers & 14 sgm. to investigate enemy strength on Island and attacking enemy communications	16 men			Jan. 18/19
<u>SI - INTELLIGENCE - FRANCE</u>						
ASPARAGUS	Southern France	Team will operate a W/T station to be called Idaho	1 agent 1 W/T		Left North Africa in January and completed first lap of infiltration.	
CROCUS	Southeastern France	To be handled by airplane; Alpina to furnish reception committee	1 agent 1 W/T			
TOMATO	Southern France		1 agent			Jan. 8
ARTICHOKE	So. Central France		2 agents		successfully accomplished by sea from Corsica	Jan. 8
PUMPKIN (LOYOLA)	So. Coast of France	Alpina to furnish reception committee	1 agent 1 W/T		two men dropped successfully	Jan. 8
MATHILDA	Southeastern France	Purpose to organize mail pick-up system of all French SI networks and handle transmission of bulk intelligence; Alpina will furnish reception committee; dropping of 2 men.	1 agent 1 W/T		Accomplished by air	Jan. 8
HOMEYSUCKLE		Infiltrating men				
POTATO	So. Coast of France	Infiltrating men; Alpina will furnish reception committee.	1 agent 1 W/T			

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF MEN INVOLVED	IN PLANNING STAGE	PROGRESS DURING JANUARY	COMPLETED
<u>OPERATING RADIO STATIONS</u>						
RAVINIA	S.E.France	An operating radio unit			Off the air, pending supplies	
CARTHAGE (ALPINA)		W/T			Has been on air and sent valuable B.O. concerning units at Marseilles and adjoining areas.	
STATION JEANETTE	Western France				Has sent in reports on aircraft activity at Blagnac, etc. and reported on troop movements in S.W.France	
STATION CHAMOIS					On air	
STATION DARTMOUTH			1 W/T operator		On air - indicated that Harrison has arrived successfully; has supplied specific answers to questions re fortifications and mines around Marseilles.	
	Near Cap de Creus in Mediterranean near Pyrenees N.E.Spain	To report passage of German planes from Toulouse carrying radio bombs				
<u>SUPPLY PROJECTS FOR RADIO STATIONS</u>						
PENNY FARTHING NO.1	Southeast France	To provide supplies for Ravinia group, using B-17's			Successfully accomplished	Jan. 8
PENNY FARTHING NO.2		Air operation; sending supplies to Carthage radio station.			Completed preparation for coming moon; will send more W/T sets, new signal equipment, etc.	

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF MEN INVOLVED	IN PLANNING STAGE	PROGRESS DURING JANUARY	COMPLETED
MUTTON-PORK NO. 1		Air operation			Completed preparation for coming moon; will send additional W/T set and concentrated foods to Sta. Jeanette	
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES - GERMAN LABOR DESK</u>						
STORK	Yugoslavia - No. Balkans		2 officers 4 e.m.		Personnel in Bari awaiting transportation by air to Partisan territory if Tito approves.	
HEINE	No. Italy				Waiting for W/T operator	
REDBIRD	Austria				1 U.S. officer chosen for job; ready to depart.	
SPARROW	Hungary					
QUAIL	Near Lake Lugano, Italy; Switzerland used as drop-ping point.	A "Swiss Project" combined operation from London and NATO; designed to use Lake Lugano anti-Fascists to establish physical contact with elements in Germany, Austria, Hungary, who have connections in Switzerland; 2 teams of 4 agents to go to Switzerland & establish legal residence at Zurich as advance agents; others to be brought in to infiltrate into Germany.				
ROOK						
FERRIS		Purpose to sabotage enemy transportation in No. Italy and obtain names of friendly				

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FERRO (continued)

German RR workers; method to
despatch 2 Italian RR workers
to region near Genoa with
leaflets giving sabotage
directions; transportation
by sea.

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		<u>OPERATIONS</u>		SECRET		
NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF MEN INVOLVED	IN PLANNING STAGE	PROGRESS DURING JANUARY	COMPLETED
<u>SO - OSS/SOE - JOINT OPERATIONS -- ITALY</u>						
ENTERPRISE		Delivery of containers, including supplies of lime to resistance groups for escaped Allied prisoners & Italian Partisans.	1 Off. 1 W/T		Containers dropped	Jan. 8
VALENTINE	North Italy	To establish communication; to make contribution of food and money.	1 Off. (OG) 1 British W/T		Successfully accomplished with delayed action parachutes.	Jan. 8
VALENTINE/CUNNINGHAM (VALENTINE/WAXLOW II)	North Italy	To contact resistance groups in Northern Italy and furnish replacement wireless set.	1 agent 1 W/T			Jan. 8
VALENTINE/WAXLOW III	North Italy	To make contact with resistance groups, using demolitions.	1 Off. 5 e.m.	x		
VALENTINE/WAXLOW IV	North Italy	To act as liaison with resistance groups.	1 officer speaking fluent Italian.	x - only after Waxlow III is ried out.		
<u>OPERATIONS FROM CORSICA</u>						
ARCTIC		Relief of Op. Crews				Jan. 18
NEPTUNE		Damaging pier and bridge			Air reconnaissance showed pier damaged.	Jan.
ICEBURG						
POLAR					Two missions accomplished	Jan.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	IN PLANNING		PROGRESS DURING JANUARY	COMPLETED
			INVOLVED	STAGE		
<u>OTHER SO - ITALY</u>						
ALPHA	So. Italy				Personnel and equipment transported to 15th Army Group, Naples by January 15th.	
ATLANTA I & IV	Central Italy	Supply drop				Out of date
ATLANTA V & VI	Rome area	Supply drops; on waiting list in late Dec.; no further news.				
GINNY	No. Italy	Movement by sea.	3 Off. 22 e.m.	Operation approved January 15 by AFHQ.		
<u>SO - FRANCE</u>						
JEFFERSON	Southwestern France		1 agent 1 W/T			
HARRISON	Southern France		organizer & 1 W/T		Mission accomplished by boat from Corsica	Jan. 8

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SECRETMIDDLE EAST THEATER OF OPERATIONSREPORTJANUARY, 1944I. GENERAL

An order was issued from Allied Forces Headquarters, dated January 17th, dealing with the control of operations in Yugoslavia. In general, it provides that Allied operations are confined a) to delivery of supplies by air and sea; b) Naval Operations in the Adriatic; c) air operations in support of a) and b) as well as enemy shipping and ground targets; d) the activities of light ground forces such as operational groups. Responsibility for the above are vested in the Commander-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, whose contact with the Partisan Forces will be maintained through the Allied Mission commanded by Brigadier MacLean. This mission, which is now a Joint SOE/OSS organization under Force 133, was ordered transferred to the 15th Army Group Command, as a military mission.

It was further proposed that a mission rear headquarters should be established, with headquarters of the Advanced Force 133, at Bari, also to be under the command of the Commander-in-Chief of the 15th Army group as the Army agency to execute Allied tactical supporting operations.

II. SIA. Yugoslav Section

Reports were prepared by this section on the fol-

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lowing (from Bari base): a) partisan administration; b) appointment of Miha Krek to Allied Commission in Italy; c) Yugoslav Detachment in the Red Army; d) leading Partisan newspapers; (not Bari): e) Slovene political party alignments; f) Yugoslav situation in the Middle East; g) analysis of Sixth Axis offensive against Partisans; h) preparation of list of targets for Yugoslavia. Materials were also compiled on: a) Military operations in Yugoslavia; b) economic survey for Yugoslavia; c) movements and attitudes in Slovenia.

From Bari the report is that the first SI party for Tito's headquarters, consisting of three men, landed in Yugoslavia and were observed picking up their equipment. A second party for Croatia headquarters landed safely at Hundon, a point in Yugoslavia.

The proposal has been made to make arrangements with Tito by which we can use his secret intelligence services. According to Major Farish these services are well developed, particularly for securing battle order information.

B. Albanian Section

C. Greek Section

1. Cairo---

2. Smyrna---Miss Cox departed for Smyrna on 8

January. Her relief work among refugees is found to give opportunity for questioning on matters of intelligence. At her request, a letter was signed by the Director to Ambassador Steinhardt, requesting all possible aid to help

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her obtain permission for a storage warehouse, with immunity from Turkish customs for import and re-export of supplies.

Two boats have come from Greece, one of which arrived with a message from the leader of the EAM band in Evvia, offering safe conduct for informants. This will be used in the future.

Authorization has also been requested for a lieutenant to undertake dealings with the guerrillas at Evvia concerning safe passage of our agents going in and escapees and intelligence men coming out. This was agreed to and the man is going. There is a plan pending to discuss the setting up of a maritime base there with the guerrillas.

3. Adrianople.--Report has come in that after trouble among the Greek guerrilla band in this area it has split in two and SI men have been asked to mediate between the groups, which they have undertaken to do.

In addition, one man has returned to Adrianople from his fourth visit into Evros. He has produced a considerable amount of Battle Order material.

4. Istanbul.--

5. Bari.--From Bari it is reported that a mission probably to be put in by parachute has been assembled for EAM territory.

In the Operational Target Section at Bari, Lieutenant Stampedos has participated in conferences on target strategy with senior air officers in the Theater. The

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section has prepared a detailed photo interpretation on two towns, a target chart on two others, and done the briefing of intelligence for A-2.

D. Special Missions

One informant has organized a network to cover the railroads, airports, Pyraeus Harbor and the meteorological observatory in Athens.

A boat has brought out excellent intelligence reports from Athens, most of them unfortunately very old; also a number of identity cards, labels, signatures, etc.

An informant who made the trip through the Aegean Islands, returning to Smyrna, reported that Tinos is not occupied by the Germans and the local Greek authorities desired to be helpful. He and others have recommended the use of Tinos as a port of call where new and genuine identity papers can be obtained for persons going into Greece. He found there an abandoned radio set and a Greek operator capable of using it.

An operator came on the air in January and produced the first message from inside occupied Greece that has come to the Greek Section. He is returning to Athens now.

One man who had not been heard from since July has come through with a boat that can ply legally between Pyraeus and the islands off the coast of Turkey.

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A mission has arrived safely in Smyrna and radio contact was maintained with them while in Greece; another is on his second trip to Salonika, while a third has left Smyrna for Khalkidiki.

Three other missions have been reported in Greece during the month and four others are either in preparation or on their way and have not yet been heard from.

E. Near East Section.--The estimate now is that the total number of Partisan informants throughout the Near East will be somewhat above 241. A card index has been prepared including 205 of these.

A meeting was held on January 19 to investigate the possibilities of establishing an under-cover organization in Egypt with long-range objectives.

F. Labor Section.--The Labor Section came in contact with persons who represented underground organizations in Crete and would be willing to be sent there to organize an intelligence network.

Efforts are being made to secure another channel into Greece through the Greek Seamen's union in Cairo for contact with the main resistance groups inside Greece.

G. Cartographic Section.--The 15th Air Force, Bari, is an avid customer for intelligence. Two important documents have been reproduced. Three volumes of "Preliminary Pilotage Handbook for Coastal Navigation" published by the

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Royal Navy were microfilmed and negatives sent to Bari and Washington. Mosaics of aerial photos taken over Yugoslav airfields were copied to be relayed to the Bari base.

H. Africa Section.

A date has been tentatively agreed upon between the British and ourselves for a meeting on the German International Diamond Smuggling at Accra on 15 February.

III. X-2

Information is now available on enemy intelligence organizations and operational methods in the Balkans. X-2 informants in Egypt have been collecting information on a suspected enemy intelligence system operating in Egypt and Levant and consisting of citizens of a neutral country and of German agents travelling as such.

IV. R & A and REPORTS SECTION

A. R & A

Work completed included: 1) Russian activity in Egypt; 2) Russian activity in the Near East; 3) Delimitation of the regional and historical boundaries of Yugoslavia; 4) population of Greek cities; 5) list of principal generating stations and road map of the Balkans; 6) various reports on Egyptian and Near Eastern local politics; 7) Balkan air intelligence summary; 8) Balkan and Middle East intelligence summary; 9) a resume of the Germans' Sixth Offensive against the Partisans for November-December, 1943 ~~unprepared~~; also

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two reports were prepared and sent back to Cairo: a) helpful hints on Bari; b) a survey on the basic sources of information available to SBS. The latter included a list of basic handbooks and publications needed by SBS.

In addition, two intelligence summaries were completed, together with a special map of the historical regions of Yugoslavia, statistics on industrial diamond export and import in Egypt and a draft memo on "British View of the Greek Situation."

B. Reports Section

There has been a notable increase in the number of reports prepared on the basis of information exclusively of OSS origin. This welcome increase is attributable to a number of factors, the most important of which are the improvement and production of Bari reports and the receipt of a considerable quantity of intelligence from SI in Slovenia. The Greek and Middle East Sections have maintained their output at a very satisfactory rate.

Total OSS reports accessioned for preceding months were as follows: October 353; November 270; December 282. The largest number in December dealt with Greece (49); Germany (27); Bulgaria (22); Iran (19); Syria (18); Palestine (17). The principal sources were Istanbul (80); Albania (80); Greece (62).

Though not specifically stated, the number of January reports based on information of exclusively OSS

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() origin is far in excess of the number in any preceding month.

The Reports Section has been assuming the responsibility of cabling to Bari and Algiers the most valuable operational intelligence. Requests have already been received for more of this type of material.

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VI. SO

A. General Progress

The report is that the Partisans are enthusiastic over the prospects of Allied aid. They have been greatly encouraged by the recent sorties and the supplies which they have received.

() Three men, including Farish, were dropped by parachute into Partisan-held Yugoslavia. They landed safely and were seen picking up their equipment. (See SI, page 2)

Following instructions to leave Mihailovitch territory, Dutch, the senior American liaison officer, and Sproc have made their way safely into the Partisan-held area of Yugoslavia and will attempt to reach the coast for evacuation and return to Cairo.

The party of ten American nurses, fifteen enlisted men, pilot and co-pilot of the plane which made a forced landing in Albania last November have been successfully evacuated.

One man was transported to Northern Italy via converted Italian motor fishing vessels; 4 officers and

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8 men were despatched to Northern Italy via submarine;
1 man to Vis; 1 man to Hundon via parachute.

Lieutenant MacLean was dropped into Greece and landed safely. The first message has been received from him. Another man is on tour in the Agrinion area of Greece together with an American seaman. His reports contain details of the ELAS Army strength. A third person is reporting on the present situation between the ELAS and the EDES in Greece. Seniw is making a tour of certain areas of Greece with the British head of the Allied Military mission.

B. Future Plans.

Washington reports that on January 5, 1944, a reply was received from Cairo to the effect that no further efforts were to be made to procure personnel of Albanian, Greek or Yugoslav backgrounds. As a consequence, all recruiting of such persons was stopped.

VII. AIR ACTIVITIES

VIII. MO

A. Achievements.

Encouraging reports have been received from Bulgaria through Force 133 confirming the value of subversive material emanating from this office.

PWE advised us that an Austrian soldier had surrendered with six Italians from Crete giving as his reason

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editors by short wave will be presented to Marshal Tito by Farish on his arrival at Partisan headquarters.

Under discussion with PWE is the establishment here of a "Free Germany" similar to the one now operating from the USSR.

IX. MU

Maritime operations in this Theater have been devoted principally to the operation of the Aegean Caique Ferrying Service, ferrying SI agents and supplies to and from the Greek Islands and mainland and along the Turkish coast and in Cyprus. Fifteen caiques are being operated to and from the four MA bases in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean.

Evacuation of wounded and refugees to Italy increased by January 17, approximately 2,000 wounded and 25,000 refugees arriving. LCI vessels bore the major load. However, because the Royal Navy recalled LCI vessels in that service for operations, the Shipping Operations Section was called upon to assume most of the burden of evacuating 16,000 additional refugees from Vis. Five steamers capable of evacuating 3,500 persons weekly were assigned to the refugee service. The schooners will continue to carry cargo over and bring back refugees.

Two partisan officers were installed at Manfredonia to speed up the movements of our vessels to and from Vis. Also a lieutenant was sent to Vis Island where he will represent SO as a liaison officer and supervise shipping operations.

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Ten Partisan ships arrived; seven were loaded with 651 cargo tons and despatched to Vix. Also, late in January, four ships were despatched to Vis with 394.1 tons of cargo. Bad weather, etc. prevented still further shipments.

After complicated negotiations, the full cooperation of the British has been secured in building a slipway for OSS vessels in Alexandria. Vessels are being converted with new Diesel engines, and the request has been sent to Cyprus to secure five new vessels, ten tons and under, and send them to Alexandria for reconversion.

Because of the hazardous weather during the winter months, plans are under way to stock pile quantities of marine supplies, food, etc. in the Island of Cyprus.

Respecting the project "MA IN TURKEY" four operatives have succeeded in setting up a base on the Turkish Island of "Miami" in the Aegean.

X. OG

Lt. Col. Churchill was engaged in reconnaissance by motor patrol boat of certain Yugoslav islands and immediately upon his return detailed operational plans were laid down.

There were three OSS operational groups established to carry out these plans in cooperation with the British. One of these, the second OG's, embarked for a Dalmatian Island for the purpose of holding it against possible enemy attacks and to establish the Island as an advance base from which at-

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tacks against the enemy on adjacent islands can be planned. They will report directly to Lt. Col. Churchill who is commanding officer of the combined force, which includes a commando unit.

It is anticipated that the other two groups will embark for the same island later at the end of the month, leaving a small detail at the rest and training area at Manfredonia.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. New Transmitter

The Communications Officer accompanied the party in the nurse rescue job on 8 January in order to try out a new transmitter and receiver combination for contact from ship to shore at the time of landing. The ship was guided ashore by voice, thus avoiding flashing a light.

B. Africa Project #101

A suspect station in Rio de Oro has now been located to the limit of accuracy of long-range direction finders and additional hearings have been secured on the station in South East Africa making the determination of its location much more definite than at the time of the last report.

XII. SERVICES

Bari has been unable to draw supplies from the Adriatic base depot for the reason, among others, that there is a Force 133 directive preventing it. Efforts are being made to have the directive amended.

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FAR EAST THEATER
(SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND)

REPORT

January 1944

I. GENERAL

A. Organization

1. OSS, SEAC, was activated as of 10 December 1943 by order (G.O. No. 9, Supplement 26) dated 27 December 1943. Lt. Colonel R. P. Heppner, F.A., was appointed by the same order Chief of OSS, SEAC.

2. By directive dated 16 December, 1943, to the Chiefs of OSS in the CBI and SEAC Theaters, General Donovan specified that no operations should be permitted unless plans or proposals were first submitted in writing to and authorized by the Theater Commander with progress reports submitted to him weekly thereafter.

Correlative to this directive, two orders were issued, one dated 18 December from the Supreme Allied Commander, SEAC, and the other dated 26 December from the Headquarters USAF of the CBI Theater. Reports are directed to be submitted through "P" Division Headquarters, SEAC, and all plans and projects for future operations are required to have "P" Division approval.

On the basis of these directives, Lt. Colonels Heppner and Coughlin prepared a memorandum (January 19) upon the coordination of OSS activities in the CBI and

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SEAC Theaters. This provides that detachments 101 and 202 might continue to operate in SEAC territory provided that such operations are first cleared through "P" Division. Submission to "P" Division is through the Chief of OSS, SEAC, who will be responsible to SEAC for the conduct of these operations. A reverse arrangement has been made for the operations of OSS, SEAC, in CBI territory outside of SEAC, which must be cleared through the Chief of OSS, China.

3. While awaiting the arrival of operational personnel, Colonel Heppner has worked out and presented to "P" Division a series of projects and memoranda. Papers which have been submitted include 1) the OSS overall intelligence program; 2) outline of proposed lines of expansion of OSS (approved); 3) deception project (held in abeyance); 4) list of OSS special weapons and supplies; 5) project for intelligence in the Bassein area, submitted on behalf of Colonel Coughlin and approved by "P" Division over the contrary recommendation of SOE; 6) program of current and future OSS operations in the North Burma area.

B. Relations with Theater Commander and Others

1. SEAC. Relations with Admiral Mountbatten have been excellent. He has shown great interest in the work of OSS, has spoken enthusiastically of the value which he believes it can be to his Command, and has assisted OSS organization

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in SEAC in many ways, particularly in connection with establishing headquarters and camps in Ceylon.

General Wedemeyer, Admiral Mountbatten's Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, has also been extremely friendly and cooperative.

2. SOE. Relations with SOE have, in general, been friendly. SOE filed with "p" Division a protest against a proposed OSS operation in the Bassein area. Following an answer to this protest filed by Lt. Colonel Heppner the project was authorized. SOE also proposed to "p" Division that Colonel Eifler's rescue boat be attached to the Bengal Coastal Flotilla under an SOE officer. This proposal was opposed by Lt. Colonel Heppner and was not approved.

C. The acquisition and construction of bases and schools in Ceylon are proceeding rapidly. The plan is to move there on either April 1 or May 1, leaving behind only a small research and liaison staff.

II. SI

A. Colonel Heppner has submitted the first project for the creation of an intelligence network in South Thailand. This is being processed by "p" Division.

B. Close coordination with the Free French Underground Movement in Indo-China would be of great importance to OSS.

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Major Glass is mentioned because of his prior experience there.

III. MO

Permission was obtained to send an OSS staff adviser with General Wingate. The mission of the adviser will be: 1) to study captured documents; 2) to study effect of propaganda on Japanese and local population and to report on MO possibilities; 3) to study and report on L.R.P. operations and jungle fighting.

The outlook for MO is considered bright in this Theater by Lt. Comdr. Taylor. Political psychological warfare has been stressed by Mountbatten. Emphasis is laid on four points: 1) the Marigold project, i.e. the material which can be produced by Marigold; 2) to make additional recordings for black sound projection; 3) to increase output of subversive leaflets destined to discredit Japanese targets; 4) to gather intelligence concerning deceptive media.

IV. MU

The first class of swimmers is continuing its work at the West Coast Camp Pendleton. Upon completion of training, this group will be sent to Catalina Island for an advance course of approximately six weeks, and following this, despatched to SEAC.

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V. OG

A. In the organizational period, the first official step has been securing the services of Major Peticord as head of Operational Groups. He is a regular Army officer and one of the Army's outstanding experts on amphibious warfare. He will be sent to other Theaters to recruit key personnel in amphibious operations.

B. Sumatra Pipelines -- Colonel Heppner has requested the recruiting of three groups of 30 men each, to be trained for an operation proposed to be carried out against the pipe lines in Sumatra.

C. Sumatra Airfield -- SEAC planners requested OSS to consider whether they could train a group which could attack certain airfields in Sumatra in conjunction with an operation. It was believed that this is a job for NISEI, but this is considered impossible.

VI. Communications

A. At the request of CBI, Rear Echelon HQ, OSS has agreed to set up radio communications between Ceylon and New Delhi to handle all army, as well as OSS traffic, between these points. From New Delhi, OSS traffic will be transmitted to Washington over army facilities in OSS cipher. This renders academic proposal by SOE that OSS traffic to Washington be handled by British wireless via London.

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O B. Air Warning System -- Admiral Mountbatten is anxious to establish a good air raid warning system in Burma and has requested the quasi-military agencies to go into the question. A plan is being prepared which includes the tapping of Japanese telephone communications.

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FAR EAST THEATER
(Detachment 101)

REPORT

JANUARY, 1944

I. General. Detachment 101, with headquarters on a former tea plantation at Nazira in the Indian Hill Country, is OSS' best organized and most fruitful project in the Far East. From here agents have been sent throughout Burma, some for a distance of 200 miles south along the Burmese coast. The general function of the detachment is the undermining of Japanese positions by all forms of harrassment; widening the scope of sabotage and subversive activities, organizing Burmese resistance, and supplying intelligence to the Allied Army from behind Japanese lines. These varied activities, demanding the most careful planning and training, are now directed by some 26 officers and 54 enlisted men who are the leaders of a small army of native Burmese recruited and trained in the field.

II. Intelligence. Twelve groups trained at 101 have penetrated or been parachuted behind Japanese lines. Eight of these are at present in full operation in areas ranging all the way from Japanese held positions in the north to points 200 miles behind the enemy lines in the South. Reconnoitering by day and night and regularly broadcasting, they have performed intelligence work, relaying to the Allies the location of Japanese airfields and installations, weather conditions, results of Allied bombings, movements of troops and trains, and activities on rivers and highways. They have captured a number of Japanese

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soldiers and officers. One of these, the first Japanese officer captured by either British or Americans in this area, gave valuable information on the enemy aircraft and installations.

III. Operations. Besides supplying intelligence, these groups have done important SO work, blowing up bridges and railroads, and organizing resistance among the native Burmese. A total of 84,086 pounds of equipment has been dropped to groups in enemy territory in a single month. One group has increased the sphere and intensity of its influence until a large native force in the area is ready to revolt against the Japanese at the "go" signal. Another group of only 9 men has succeeded in drawing together an "army" of 250 natives to collect information and carry on guerrilla warfare behind Japanese lines. Both these groups are ready to expand their influence and organization as soon as the necessary personnel and equipment are made available.

IV. Communications. Detachment 101 keeps continuous watch 12 hours daily to receive incoming messages from 27 field stations. Information from OSS stations behind enemy lines has proved so valuable to the Army Air Force that an additional base station has been established at the Air Force Headquarters. A special OSS lookout post hidden above Japanese-held Myitkyina radios detailed reports on weather and airport traffic to the Air Force three times daily. Needless to say, because of this aid, and because OSS men have rescued 26 airmen shot down behind enemy lines, relations between the Army and OSS in this area are excellent.

WASHINGTON BRANCHES

SECRETCOMMUNICATIONS BRANCHPersonnel

During the month of January, Communications Officers and enlisted men increased about 100 percent. There are now 639 officers and men in training or transit.

Equipment

The shipment of SSTR-1 portable field sets has increased, with the grand total of 555 shipped to all Theaters to date. These are basic agent sets.

Total tonnage of Communications equipment to all Theaters during the month decreased because the equipment shipped was of a lighter nature, and three cargoes built up during the month had not yet received Theater approval.

Future Plans

The Communications Branch believes that with good fortune it will be in a position to meet its obligations in time for the various Theaters, with the exception perhaps of the Far East where it is extremely difficult to secure trained communications operators, owing to the unwillingness of G-3 to release personnel for any place except the European Theater.

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During the month of January, groups were working in the Washington area, Brazil, Chungking, the CBI Theater (apart from Chungking) and London.

Pictures completed or practically completed included the following:

- a. "National Gallery of Art" - for the National Gallery of Art;
- b. "Communications" - for OSS-Communications;
- c. "Titles" - for the Civil Aeronautics Administration (consisting of making and shooting 30 titles for a C.A.A. film);
- d. "Fourth War Loan Drive Short" - for the Secretary of Agriculture;
- e. "Mine Sabotage" - for OSS-SO.

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The operations of the FN Branch are divided into two phases: 1) Field Studies, and 2) Formal Reports.

During the month of January, Field Studies were made on the basis of reports upon FN Group Meetings, in the number of 47. The largest number of meetings attended dealt with Polish and Russian activities in this country. Foreign Language Press Readings during the month were directed principally toward discussions of such items as the Polish-Russian border problem, the proposed visit of Premier Mihalajczyk to the United States, the article on Wendell Wilkie in Pravda, purge measures of the French National Committee of Liberation, treatment of the Lebanese situation in the French press, and the echoes of the London speech of Prime Minister Smuts.

Formal Reports submitted by the FN Branch consisted of the following:

- B-138 The Czechoslovak-Soviet Pact and the Polish-American Press;
- B-140 Tito's Government and the Yugoslav-American Press;
- B-142 An Anti-Government Estimate of the Polish Situation;
- S-83 Jan Kwapinski on Ukranian-Polish Relations;
- B-146 The American Serb;
- B-147 League for Religious Assistance to Poland;

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- S-85 The Breakdown of Polish-Czechoslovak
Discussions on Federation Described
by Jan Kwapinski;
- #168 A survey of Albanian-American Politics;
- B-150 Political Thinking Among Yugoslavs in
the United States;
- B-151 Greek-American Press Notes;
- #169 The Lithuanian and Baltic-American
Political Picture at the Beginning
of 1944;
- B-137 Colonel Pacciardi's Return to Italy;
- B-139 AMG in the Italian-Language Papers of
the United States;
- B-143 German-American Press Notes;
- B-144 L'Italia Libera Reorganized;
- S-84 Czechoslovak Position Restated;
- #167 The Arabic-Language Press in the
United States;
- B-148 Zionist Conflicts Increase in the
American Jewish Community;
- B-141 Some Typical Thinking on Current
International Problems;
- B-145 Forthcoming Special Conference of
The American Slav Congress;
- #170 Soviet Russia and the Peoples of
Europe;
- B-149 Organ of Italian Communist Party
Suspends Publication.

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SECRETR & ACurrent Intelligence Staff

During the month of January, the Current Intelligence staff supplied the JIC Weekly Summary with the greater part of text material on political and psychological warfare. The Chief of the Current Intelligence staff will represent OSS on a special sub-committee which is to be set up to review all papers published by the intelligence agencies of the War and Navy Departments and OSS.

Map Division

The Map Division accepted 82 requests for maps in January and completed 102. In the Topographic Models Section, one new model and six duplicate models were completed. The new model was No. XXIV Southeast Asia, Part 2, Scale: 1:1,000,000.

Europe-Africa Division

With respect to the Europe-Africa Division, the emphasis in the economics sub-division has been upon cartels as well as the organization and initiation of research on various civil affairs guides. The Central European Section wrote a first draft of a Soldier's Guide Book - Germany, for the War Department.

Far East Division

In the Far East Division, action has been initiated to carry out a request calling for target studies of 40

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Chinese cities. In addition, the first planning guide, "Population and Economy During the Naval Operation of the Marshall Islands" was prepared for and accepted by Naval Operations and was issued as a Naval document.

USSR Division

In the USSR Division, a comprehensive report on Russia's probable reparations demands has been initiated, and the following two reports were completed: "Russia's Interest in Post War Poland" and "Russia's International Balance of Payments, 1909-13, 1924-38," requested by Mr. William Gardner of the Federal Reserve Board. An outstanding achievement -- the USSR Division was requested to prepare, within three hours, a report on Nikopol manganese mines for General Bissell, new acting head of G-2; the job was completed on time and General Bissell expressed his satisfaction through letter from his office.

The outstanding recommendation noted was that considerable time having been spent in the preparation of the weekly situation reports, it is believed that they would be useful to a large number of people outside and that permission should be granted to distribute them.

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SECURITY OFFICE

A new record was again set in completed security investigations for the month, with a total of 1,393.

With respect to efforts being made to achieve transportation security, Theater Command Officers have been requested to obtain a specific detachment number as is now used in North Africa; efforts are also being made to disguise orders transferring military personnel to OSS.

Security has been surveyed with reference to the location of the West Coast Maritime Unit, located on Catalina Island, where OSS now has two training areas under lease.

It is proposed to place the Orientals in a camp by themselves and a guard will be maintained. Also, it is understood that they will have their own OSS officers.

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SECRETSCHOOLS AND TRAINING BRANCHAchievements

The assessment school, otherwise known as area: S, has run for a full month, and the Chief Instructor and his men have demonstrated increasing skill in assessing candidates.

The maritime training has been set up now on one of the Catalina Islands and has got off to a satisfactory start, though still in need of instructors which they are now recruiting.

General Progress

During the month of January, a total of 1,490 were instructed in the various camps. The instruction program and use of the areas at the present time may be summarized briefly as follows:

Area A

A-2, 120 students. Holding area for personnel awaiting security check and those awaiting transfer out of OSS. (Use for both purposes simultaneously is not deemed satisfactory.)

A-3, 69 students. Basic SO-MO course.

A-4, 86 students. Paramilitary, to a large extent for students from the SO Branch.

A-5, 15 students. Finishing school for special group of SI students.

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Used exclusively by operational groups. (See F, below)

Area C

202 students. For Communications.

Area D

95 students. Paramilitary training.

Area E

69 students. SI-SO basic training school, together with courses on counter-espionage and related agent work.

Area F

50 officers and 459 enlisted men. Training area for operational groups along with Area E.

Together, these two areas have been training during January a Balkan group, Greek group, French group, Italian group, and a Casual group.

Area M

131 students. Preliminary training for Communications students, pending completion of security check, and special groups where complete security check is impossible.

Area S

130 students processed. This is the assessment school.

Area RTU-11

34 students. Finishing school for the agent branches; predominantly SI and X-2, with a few from SO.

Because of the slump in procurement for January, the capacity of this school was not being used and hence the MO finishing school was moved from the E Area here as a matter of convenience.

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30 students. Basic maritime school at Camp Pendleton, California. They are now using the swimming pool rather than the ocean.

Area WA

No students listed. This is a boys' camp on Catalina Island.

As the trend shifts from the European Theater to the Far East, it is expected that more OSS training for all Branches should be given on the West Coast. The idea therefore is to expand the maritime training areas. Approximately 117 trainees belonging to Operational Groups are expected here during the month of February for maritime training, as well as a group of SI students composed of officers and enlisted men of Japanese parentage. For security reasons it is felt necessary that the latter be isolated from other students in the area.

Basic Training Program.

In early January, when the War Department ruled that no member of the Armed Forces could go overseas until after he had completed his basic training or its equivalent, a program was set up which it was hoped would meet the requirements, and set down in a manual which in turn has been sent to the War Department and to all the ports of embarkation.

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