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WASHINGTON, D. C.

12 January 1944

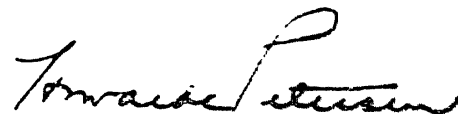
Dear General Donovan,

Once again I want to express my appreciation for the invaluable assistance of your Presentation Division, this time for its part in the production of the Army-Navy Conference at Los Angeles on 7 and 8 January. As you know, the Division has worked with this office on each of the previous War Department Conferences, starting with the one at the Pentagon last September. The Presentation Division also produced for us the excellent film, "War Department Report", which has been acclaimed wherever it has been shown.

In view of this experience and association, it was natural that we called in Mr. Barton when we first started to plan the joint Army-Navy Conference. We asked the GSS Presentation Division to assist in editorial preparation and supervise stage-management of the entire Conference. When the Navy decided to participate, it, too, asked Mr. Barton's help in setting up its part of the program.

I believe the series of Conferences plus the film have been effective weapons in our battle against complacency. The press and radio response, as well as statements of the conferees themselves, indicate that their effect will continue to be felt for some time to come. In no small part this is due to the effective manner in which the material has been presented.

Sincerely yours,



Howard C. Petersen
Executive Assistant to
Under Secretary of War

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 1941

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

Two members of your organization have recently served as chairmen of subcommittees of the Committee of Operations Analysts. The reports which they have submitted are of high quality and have been of great value to the Army Air Forces.

On behalf of the Army Air Forces, I would like to express to you and, through you, to Mr. Chandler Morse and Mr. Charles B. Fahn, our sincere appreciation of their efforts and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sgt. E. F. Arnold

H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AC/AS, Intelligence, Operational Division

January 4, 1946.

TO: Lt. Col. H. W. Dix.

SUBJECT: Assistance Rendered to the Operational Division by
Lt. Col. Dix.

1. Due to the cooperation of Lt. Col. H. W. Dix and his staff the work of the Operational Division in preparing air estimates, studies, air field information, and bomb damage assessments has been greatly facilitated. This information has been made available to the Operational Division at a time when great demands have been made on it and because of the amount of strategic information and the speed with which the Division was able to obtain it, we have been able to do our work in a much more satisfactory manner.

2. Recently, in answer to a request from General Arnold through General Bissel, the European Section of the Target Information Branch of the Operational Division was able to supply strategic information on a new location in a day's time. If we had not had the assistance that was given us by Lt. Col. Dix, it would have taken at least a week to get the necessary information to fulfill the request.

For Col. M. W. Moss, Chief of the Operational Division

Donald Nicholson
DONALD NICHOLSON

Captain A.C.
Acting Executive Officer,
Operational Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1944

In reply refer to
IC 840.50/.

My dear General Donovan:

With reference to the First Session of the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration held during November 1943 at Atlantic City, New Jersey, I wish to thank the Office of Strategic Services for its cooperation in making available to the Secretariat of the Session the services of Miss Helen Osann.

Miss Osann did excellent work as bilingual stenographer-typist in the French Section of the Interpreting and Translating Bureau. It is fully realized that her detachment for this work at Atlantic City constituted a sacrifice on the part of the Office of Strategic Services, and the courtesy of your organization in temporarily releasing her is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Warren Kelchner

Warren Kelchner
Chief, Division of
International Conferences;
Chief of the Secretariat,
Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration

Director,
Office of Strategic Services,
1400 K Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.



A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Lieutenant Colonel John O. Weaver, 390, G-900400,
Headquarters Fifth Army, A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army.

1. On the occasion of your departure from Fifth Army I desire to commend you for your outstanding achievements as head of the Psychological Warfare Branch.
2. You have displayed an unusual degree of initiative and foresight in the development of a new and effective weapon against the enemy, psychological warfare. The offensive operations of the Fifth Army in Italy have been greatly enhanced by your development of the "Army Order System", a coordinated method of firing propaganda leaflets in artillery shells. Through your ingenuity and resourcefulness, loudspeakers were employed in coordination with the combat area as a definite phase of an attack, which resulted in the taking of an important objective with a minimum number of casualties.
3. You have perfected a system whereby the organic facilities of your section have been able to meet requests for tactical leaflets from component units of the army within such a brief period as convention began from receipt of the order to the delivery of the loaded shells to the artillery batteries. By this system it has been possible to bring to bear the printed word as a ready weapon against specific enemy units.
4. It is with a feeling of sincere regret that I see you depart from Fifth Army and my staff joins me in wishing you success in your new assignment.

(Signed) MARK W. CLARK

MARK W. CLARK,
Lieutenant General, USA,
Commanding.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Captain Weiner

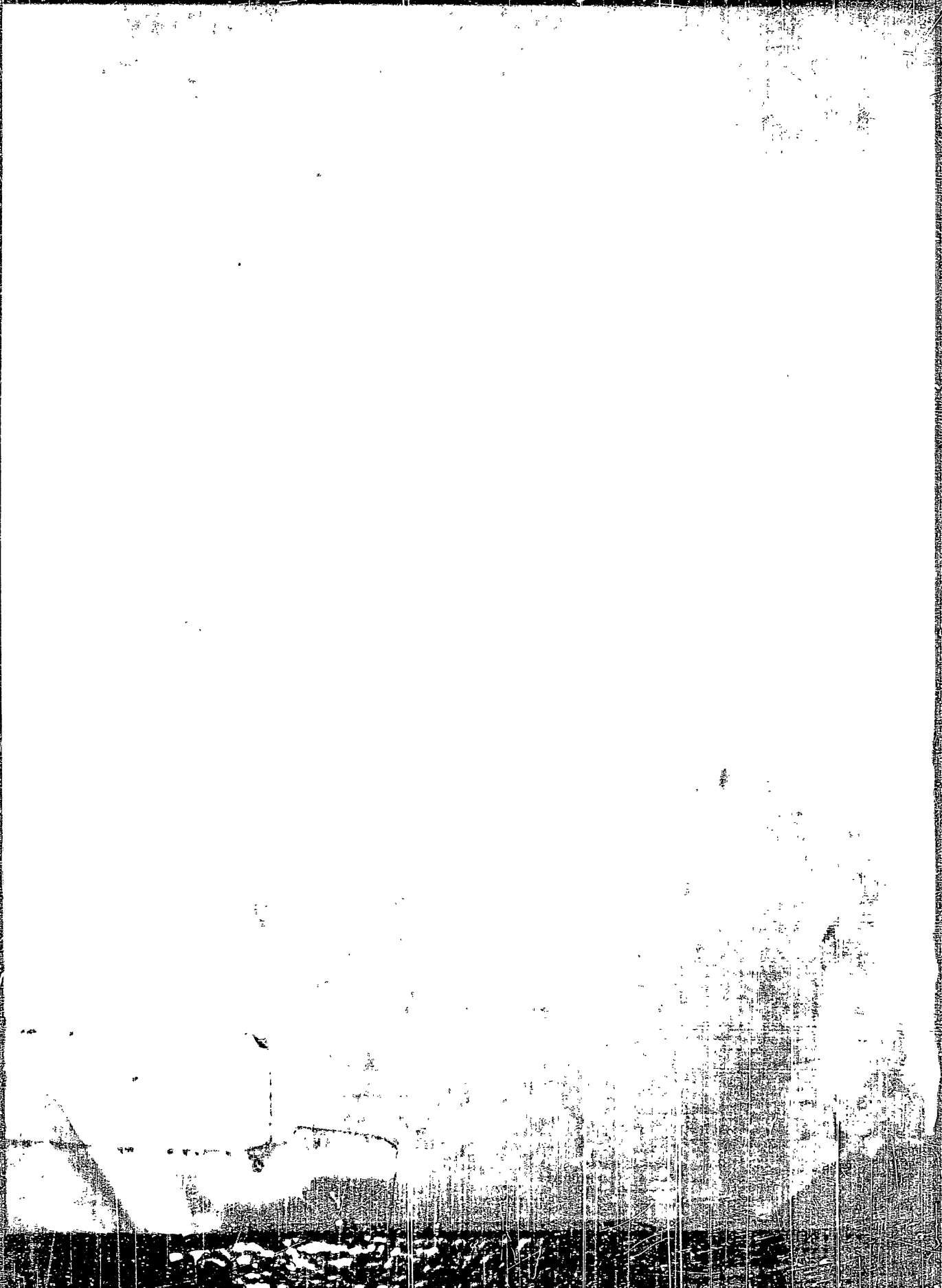
DATE: 4 SEP 45

FROM: Captain Atwood *WAJ*

SUBJECT:

Your excellent cooperation in arranging transportation for models from the Babson Institute, Wellesley, Massachusetts to Washington, D.C. is sincerely appreciated. The efficiency with which this mission was carried out made it possible for us to meet an urgent deadline established by the Office of the Secretary of War. On behalf of the General Model Section I wish to thank you for your prompt action.

Very good
WAJ



LETTERS OF COMMENDATION
Vol I

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CHRONOLOGICAL INDEX FOR COMMENDATIONS

	1943	FROM:	SUBJECT:
9	Jan.	Civ. Pers. Br. AGO Lt. Col. Rains	To H. Barton; Charts prepared for Orientation Course.
15	"	Dep. C/S, Lt. Gen. McNarney	Presentation's aid in the justification of troop basis.
22	"	Navy Dept. Bur. Aero.	Cooperation of Field Photo, esp. ref. to Lt. Spencer, Capt. Cunningham & Lt. Haprin.
25	"	Lt. Juran	Memo re complimentary remarks by DuABR on Oblique Projection.
27	"	Torrige House, N. Devon, Illegible Sig.	Aid by Field Photo, esp. ref. to C.P.O. Moran.
2	Feb.	ASF, Col. Johnston	To H. Barton; lecture charts.
3	"	E. Bright Wilson OSS	Memo re complimentary remarks in House & Senate on OSS.
4	"	ASF, Col. O'Gara	To H. Barton; Picture on "US Wartime Manpower".
9	"	OPA, R. V. Duncan	To Capt. Lefebvre; reproduction of Shoe Rationing Instructions.
27	"	Joint New Weapons Comm. Col. Maertens	Motion Picture on "Loran".
1	Mar.	G-3, M/Gen Edwards	Presentation's work on "Army Manpower"; esp. ref. to Marsani, Hansen, Kaplan, etc. & Barton.
9	"	OWI, Lowell Mellett	Assistance at all times by Field Photo.
22	"	State, H.A. Notter	R&A Reports "Digest of War Transportation, Series on Europe".
24	"	UNRRA, Lehman	Motion Picture on North Africa.
3	Apr.	Navy Bomb Disposal School.	Presentation's work on instruction panels.
10	"	JCS, Maj. Miller	Presentation's work on the Washington superimposed on Tokyo.
		* Copy has been sent to JCS	

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1942	FROM:	SUBJECT
14 Apr.	AAF, Col Perera	Presentations film reports.
25 "	Navy BUAER, Rear Adm. Davison	Photographic Transparencies.
1 May	JCS, Lt. Comdr. Vanderford	To H. Barton: Film "Rocket".
+10 "	COIAA, Rockefeller	Color Lab's charges.
15 "	Magruder, OSS	To Langer: Reha of GPD praised R&A.
*9 June	Lend-Lease, Stettinius	Presentation best qualified to do certain work for them.
-16 "	Civil Affairs Div., M/Gen. Hilldring	Biographical Records.
18 "	AAF, Robins Field, Capt. T.M. Smith	General Commendation to Presentation Div.
23 "	AGO, Maj. Renwick	To H. Barton: booklet "Getting the Job Done".
29 "	JCS, B/Gen. Leane	Reproduction on record of Washington Conference.
*8 July	JCS, C.E. Miller & C.F. Barber	Work Presentations has done for Joint War Plans Committee.
17 "	HQ 1st US Infantry Div. Terry Allen	General Donovan.
+20 "	Dep. C/S, McNarney	Presentation Division.
26 "	WD ASF, M/Gen. Lutes	Donal McLaughlin.
*2 Sept.	BUAER, Rear Adm Davison	Torpedo Squadron 8.
*11 "	Civil Affairs Div., M/Gen. Hilldring	OSS University at Palermo.
*18 "	WACS, Col. Oveta Hobby	To H. Barton: "Back the Attack".
21 "	HQ 1 Bomber Command, MI, A-2, Lt. Col. Clinton Burrows	Aid from OSS in anti-submarine operations.

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1943	FROM:	SUBJECT:
* 27 Sept.	Col. Eady, OSS	Cable from Algiers quoting Gen. Theodore Roosevelt's commendation of OSS Lt. Col. Obolensky.
29 "	General Staff, Col. W. T. Sexton	Charts for Under Sec. of War's Conference 2/27-28.
1 Oct.	ASF., J.P. Mitchell	To H. Barton; charts for War Dept. Conference.
1 "	Air Corps, Arctic, Desert & Tropic Info Center, Lt. Col. H.S. Russell	General Commendation.
* 4 "	HQ 5th Army, G-2, Col. E. B. Howard	To Donald Downes; commendation for his work.
5 "	AAF, Col. F. Trubee Davison	Oliver Lundquist and Ed. Barnhart.
6 "	WD, Office of Under Sec. Lt. Col. McPhail	To H. Barton: War Dept. Conference, esp. ref. to Marzani, Saarinen & Lundquist.
* 7 "	MIS, Dr. S.A. Callisen	To L.C. Poole: Handbook, "Foreign Nationalities".
8 "	WD, Bureau of Public Relations	Films "German Fortifications" "Landing on Sicily".
9 "	Civil Affairs Div. M/Gen. Hilldring	Cooperation in Algiers & London.
* 13 "	WD, Office of Under-Secretary, R. Patterson	Presentation's aid in WD Conference.
13 #	Gordon Loud, OSS	Memo re George S. Swarth's favorable comments.
* 14 "	JCS, Captain Royal	Reproduction of records of Quebec Conference.
14 "	Office of Censorship, Byron Price	Commendation of Mr. Brown as liaison.

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*15	Oct.	Navy, Bur. of Ordnance, Rear Adm. W. H. Blandy	Presentation charts on bomb & projective fuzes.
23	"	A. Moore, OSS	Memo stating British Security Coord. states Foreign Office commenda R&A report on Mongolia.
27	"	Stage Door Canteen, Margaret Lowrey	To Ray Kellogg commending Field Photo.
1	Nov.	HQ, Rear Echelon, CBI John Davies, Diplomatic Officer Detailed to Gen. Stilwell	Commendation for Dundan Lee.
3	"	OSRD, William Thurecliff	Aid from R&D on the "Italian Matter".
15	" (approx.)	Capt. Caskey, OSS/Izmir	Commending John W. Savage.
* 17	"	Navy Dept. Sec. Knox	McGregor Project; esp. ref. to Maheens, North and Burke, also Giesel.
25	"	Lt. Comdr. Giles, OSS	To Capt. Tofte passing on commendation from British Flag Officer for rescue work when his ship Gede was sunk.
* 4	Dec.	M/Gen. Wedemeyer, SEAC	Commending OSS aid for SEA Staff at Cairo; esp. ref. to Arthur Robinson, R.M. Coffin, & Pvt. N.E. Greenawalt.
6	"	California Institute of Technology, NDRC, E.C. Watson	Lt. Comdr. A.L. Gilks.
11	"	SOE, Col. F. Nicholls	Supply of W/T equipment.
* 11	"	Navy, Rear Adm. Moreell	"Seabees"; esp. ref. to Halprin, Kellogg, Schulze Parilla & Hungerford.

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<u>1943</u>	FROM:	SUBJECT:
13 Dec.	Combined Airborne-Troop Carrier Maneuver Hq, B/Gen. Leo Donovan	Commending aid furnished by OSS during maneuvers, esp. ref. to Capt. Wm. F. Davis & Maj. A.T. Cox.
15 "	WD, ASF, Col. Herman Beukema	To M. Halperin: burial- comprehension in Spain.
16 "	Office of Transport Commander, MMT "Athlone Castle, Maj. Wm. D. Lakeman	Commending work of Lt. Martin Medell for duty as Supply Officer.
* 17 "	JCS, F.B. Royal	Map Div. aid at Cairo Conference.
17 "	Naval Operations, F. J. Horne	Bellmore & Reseda.
22 "	WD AAF, Air Transport Command, M/Gen. H. I. George	Oliver J. Lissitzyn.
23 "	WD ASF, M/Gen. W.D. Styer	Presentation Div.
30 "	WD G-2, ETO, Maj. H.B. Ingersoll	To Col. Haskell: German Rocket Weapon.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, G-2,
UNITED STATES ARMY

30 December 1943

SUBJECT: The German Rocket Weapon

To : Colonel J. F. Kaskell, GSC.

1. The material you gave Lt. Colonel Jackson pertaining to a pilotless aircraft purported to have crashed on the Island of Bornholm was turned over the Air Ministry on 23 December 1943. The documents included three photographs, one photographic reproduction of a drawing, and the incident narrative and text account of details of the weapon. These documents are now in our files.

2. This material was first shown to Air Commodore Pelly, Chairman of the J.I.C. Sub-Committee, who was greatly interested. He immediately consulted Squadron Leader Golovine, who had already seen the same data, and who requested that since these were far better pictures than they had that the documents be left there for a day or two. All material was returned to us on the 28 December 1943. Squadron Leader Golovine believes that this pilotless aircraft more nearly resembles the so-called Peenemunde-15 than the Peenemunde-20, and while it may be a weapon launched from a catapult at Peenemunde it is probably not the Peenemunde-20 associated with the sites in Northwest France. He further pointed out that discrepancies appear in several reports of this incident, particularly with reference to the wing span. In separate reports of this incident the main wing span has been variously given as from 1 1/2 meters to 4 meters. Furthermore, the separate cylinder depicted as attached to the underside of the fuselage is regarded as an improbable reconstruction.

3. The information apparently substantiates a great deal of deduction based on photographic reconnaissance and other sources and has proved of great value to us. Since the British have already evaluated this information, G-2 will not go into evaluation, but will use the data in conjunction with other briefing exhibits, with qualifications as stated above.

(Initialed)

H. B. Ingersoll

Major, A.C.

for Lt. Col. W. H. Jackson

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Wesley, David B.

23 December 1943.

Dear General Donovan:

I wish to extend the thanks and appreciation of the Army Service Forces to you and to the members of your division who have participated in these projects.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
S. D. STYER,
Major General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDING GENERAL
AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ARMY AIR FORCES
HEADQUARTERS, AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
WASHINGTON 25

22 December 1943

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Through your generosity, Lt. Oliver J. Lissitzyn of your office has been on assignment with this Command for several months. Lt. Lissitzyn has done outstanding work here and it is my opinion that he should be recommended for promotion to the grade of Captain.

Not only do I believe that his experience, the quality of his work and the responsibility which he has been given entitle him to a promotion, but I also feel that a higher rank would facilitate his contacts with officers in other organizations and thereby increase his usefulness to us.

With many thanks for your kindness in letting us have Lissitzyn, and with warmest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Harold G. George
H. G. GEORGE
Major General, USA
Commanding



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Serial 98920

NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Director, Office of Strategic Service.
Subj: Radio Stations at Bellmore, Long Island, New York
and Reseda, California

1. The Chief of Naval Operations is appreciative of the co-operation on the part of the Office of Strategic Services in making available to the Navy facilities at subject stations. These facilities have been of inestimable value and they would provide important and valuable stations for the Naval Communications Service after the cessation of hostilities.

2. It is, therefore, requested that consideration be given to the transfer of title of subject stations to the Navy in order that their status, in the long range plans for the Naval Communications, may be definitely determined.

3. Assurance is given that facilities would be made available to the Office of Strategic Services and to the Army as long as their needs exist.

/s/ F. J.erno

Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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Map Division
by General Conference

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

17 December 1943.

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Director of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

Among the important factors contributing to the success of the conference just concluded in Cairo was the cartography service furnished by the Map Division, Office of Strategic Services.

The tireless and efficient work furnished by the unit composed of Mr. Arthur Robinson, Mr. Robert H. Coffin, and Private H.E. Greenawalt was of great value to the Chiefs of Staff and their agencies.

Please express my appreciation to them for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Sincerely yours,

Forrest B. Royal
FORREST B. ROYAL,
Secretary.



Off. of the Transport Commander

NAVY "AMERICAN BANTER"

10 December 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Commanding General, European Theatre of Operations, Tenth Channel.

1. The undersigned wishes to take this opportunity to commend 1st Lt. Martin Nedell (O-1578486) for the splendid performance of duty as Supply Officer.

2. The successful accomplishment of this voyage, without the loss of a single man, was due largely to the efforts of Lt. Nedell. This Officer acted admirably in situations of extreme difficulty incident to overloading and bad weather.

S-William D. Lakeman
Major, TC
Transport Commander

A TRUE COPY:

S-PAUL R. STEARNS,
2d Lt., P.D.,
Asst's Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

Washington 25, D. C.

15 December 1948

Dr. Maurice Halperin
Chief, Latin American Division
Office of Strategic Services
23rd and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Halperin:

Please accept my thanks for your work in preparing the test of aural-comprehension in Spanish.

Like the rest of our work in the educational field, successful results in this matter depend on the degree of cooperation forthcoming from the educators. On that score we have been more than fortunate. Your own contribution is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Herman Beukema
Colonel, G. S. C.
Director
Army Specialized Training Division

COMBINED AIRBORNE-TROOP CARRIER MANEUVER HEADQUARTERS
Camp Mackall, North Carolina

13 December 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Brigadier General William Donovan, Office of Strategic
Services, Washington 25, D. C.

1. The high standard of both officers and enlisted personnel furnished by the Office of Strategic Services for the combined Airborne-Troop Carrier Maneuvers, 6 to 10 December 1943 is well deserving of appreciation. The eagerness and enthusiasm with which they efficiently performed their duties was very gratifying and largely contributed to the value received from this maneuver.

2. Please convey my sincere appreciation to Lt. Colonel William S. Davis, 3rd, who arranged for the use of the Office of Strategic Services Detachment and to Major A. T. Cox who served so well in the task assigned.

Leo Donovan
LEO DONOVAN
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Commanding

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES X
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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18 December 1943

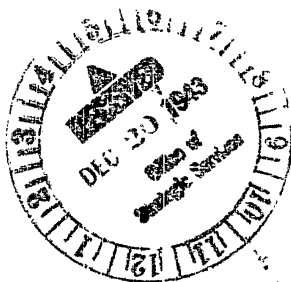
To: Colonel Buxton
Subject: Commendation from CG - Airborne Command

I am attaching a communication, from General Leo Donovan, in which I am sure you will be greatly interested.

In accordance with usual military procedure, may I suggest that copies of this commendation be forwarded to Headquarters for inclusion in the 201 files of the officers concerned.

J. M. L. [Signature]
J. M. L.
Dep

COMBINED AIRBORNE-TROOP CARRIER
Camp MacCall, North



SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Brigadier General WILLIS
Services, Washington 25,

1. The high standard of skill furnished by the Office of Strategic Airborne-Troop Carrier Command, deserving of appreciation. They efficiently performed and largely contributed to the success of the operation.

2. Please convey my thanks to William S. Davis, Chief of Strategic Services, for his work in the task assigned.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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18 December 1943

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J. M. Scribner
J. M. Scribner
Deputy Director - SSO



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IN REPLY ADDRESS
THE BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS
AND REFER TO NO.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
December 11, 1943.
BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

I wish to convey my appreciation for the work accomplished by the Office of Strategic Services in the preparation of a film for the Bureau of Yards and Docks bearing the title "Seabees - The Navy's Fighting Construction Men the World Over."

I especially desire that sincere thanks be extended to Lieutenant Commander Sol Halprin, Lieutenant E. R. Kellogg, Design E. W. Schulberg, Photo/ia W. D. Faralla, and Mr. O. W. Hungerford for their faithful and untiring services which enabled the picture to be ready when we needed it.

The picture has been the subject of favorable comment by everyone who has seen it and is an excellent portrayal of the work of the Seabees.

Sincerely yours,

E. Moresell
Rear Admiral, (CIC), USN.

Major General W. J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
25th & "E" Sts., N.W.
Washington, D.C.



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Inter-Services Research Bureau
64 Baker Street
London, W.1

11.12.45

~~Most Secret~~

Dear Bruce

The enclosed letter refers to the supply of W/T equipment arranged on our behalf by Commander Graveson, O.S.N.

The users who are engaged on escape duties were delighted with the first instrument supplied and inform me that it was due to its performance that a party, including one of your men, were taken off the beach successfully recently.

Yours,

/s/ F. Nicholls.
Colonel, SOE

Col. D. E. K. Bruce
70 Grosvenor Square
W.1.

~~Most Secret~~

8th December 1944

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M.A.B. HOMING DEVICE

MOST SECRET

I would like to thank you on behalf of myself and Capt. Harratt for the great trouble which you have taken to obtain for us four more M.A.B. sets from the Americans.

Capt. Harratt tells me that he only approached you on the subject last Friday evening, and that the sets were in his office exactly four days later. This prompt delivery has made it possible for him to test out the sets and train two men in their use today, and will make it possible for his Flotilla Commander, who is now in London, to take the sets back with him to the port tomorrow and train his officers in their use before the beginning of the next operational period.

Without your full-hearted support and that of the Americans this would not have been possible.

I would be grateful if you would convey to them the sincere thanks of both of us for their cooperation.

MOST SECRET

Note: This letter was attached to the one addressed to Col. Bruce from Col. Nicholls.

December 6, 1944.

General William J. Donovan, Director,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I should like to express to you and to the Office of Strategic Services the appreciation of the California Institute of Technology, of the National Defense Research Committee and, I am sure, of both the War and Navy Departments for the important contribution Lt. Condr. A. L. Gilke of your office is making to the war effort through the films which he has prepared showing the testing and field use of the important new weapons we are developing. Such films are of particular value during the early stage of the development of a new weapon when its tactical uses and its characteristics are still being explored and when no nucleus of personnel familiar with the weapon is available.

It is not necessary, I am sure, for me to comment upon the technical excellence of Condr. Gilke's work and so I shall instead mention a few of the more important uses which have been found for his films. These are:

1. The films are used constantly to acquaint visiting scientists and Army and Navy officers with the nature of these new developments. They are being shown constantly in Washington, and even in some cases in England, for this purpose and their preparation would be fully justified on this ground alone. They have also resulted in a great saving of time and expense to us and to our increasing number of military visitors in that they have made it unnecessary for us to stage special demonstrations and for our visitors to take time consuming trips to our test ranges.
2. Many officers and men going into immediate service have received valuable information from these films regarding the new weapons they are to use for the first time. The films are therefore serving as an important step-gap until such time as adequate training films can be prepared and they will be permanently useful for training purposes.
3. The films have a very definite scientific and technical value. They are particularly useful in the study of blast

General William J. Donovan, December 6, 1945.

effects on launchers and of launcher reactions, in fire, fragmentation and explosion tests, and in tests of flash effects. While this value is qualitative rather than quantitative, it is none the less real.

We hope very much that we may continue to have the benefit of Comdr. Gilks services for this important work which could not be carried on without him.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Watson
Official Investigator
OSRD Contract OEdar-418

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East

2 December 1943

SUBJECT: Naval Operations

TO: Joseph M. Scribner, Esq.

1. Herewith is copy of commendation from British Flag Officer, Bari area, on action of vessels under our supervision.

2. As Captain Tofte is in command of this detail, this commendation has been placed on his service record.

Paul West,
Lt. Col., Inf.,
Chief Operations Officer,
OSS-ME

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25 NOVEMBER 1942

TO: Capt. Tofte
FROM: Lt. Comdr. Giles

THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, BARI, HAS MADE A
SIGNAL EXPRESSING HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE PROMPT AND EFFI-
CIENT WORK CARRIED OUT BY SMALL CRAFT WHEN HMS "PENE"
WAS SUNK.

PLEASE CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO PARTISAN SHIPS
WHO WERE CONCERNED UPON THIS OCCASION AND ALSO WHEN HMS
"COIL" WAS MINED.

SECRET

4 December 1943

Brig. General W. J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services

Dear Bill:

I wish to let you know of the very fine work three of your O.S.S. men have done for the South East Asia Staff at CAIRO. These men made a number of excellent charts and graphs which contributed substantially to the clarification of many of the complex matters under discussion. Although they were in no way responsible to the S.E.A.C., they cheerfully worked under pressure and long hours to meet our requests.

The three men in question are

Mr. Arthur Robinson

Mr. R. M. Coffin

Pvt. N. E. Greenawalt

Each has been given a copy of this letter.

Truly yours,

A. C. WEDEMEYER,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Deputy C.O.S., S.E.A.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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17 MAY 60

Dear General Donovan:

I wish to thank you for the intensely interesting report on the McGregor project, and your kind remarks about any support I may have given it.

I was glad to learn of the fine spirit of cooperation between the Navy and O.S.S. in planning and successfully executing this undertaking, and especially of the part played by Lieutenant John Shaheen, USNR, Lieutenant (j.g.) Henry Ringling North, USNR, and Ensign E. M. Burke, USNR.

In reading the report, I noted in particular the courageous performance of Marcello Grossi, O.S.S. civilian agent.

The results of this project cannot be fully determined as yet, but promise to be of inestimable value in the development of new weapons.

I extend my sincerest congratulations and respects to you and all those in O.S.S. who planned, organized, and executed McGregor.

Sincerely,

Frank Knox

Frank Knox

Brig. General William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

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COPY

To: Lt. Col. J. E. Toulmin, A.U.S., Director of Strategic Services, USAFIRM, Cairo

From: J. L. Caskey, Capt., A.U.S., OSS, Izmir

Subject: Citation of 2nd Lt. John W. Savage, Ord., OSS, Izmir, for good conduct while on duty in Samos

1. On the night of 2-3 Nov. 43 John W. Savage, 2nd Lt., Ord., an officer serving under the command of OSS in the Izmir area, crossed from a Turkish port to VATHI, Samos, under orders temporarily to supervise and direct OSS activities in and from Samos. He performed these duties with skill and enterprise, to the complete satisfaction of his commanding officer.
2. As the increasing danger of enemy attack on Samos became evident Lt. Savage was directed to make all possible arrangements for an emergency evacuation of the OSS base at VATHI in case the need of withdrawal should arise. He made such plans and preparations with wisdom and forethought, under difficult and uncertain conditions and without adequate assistance in the task.
3. At about 1115 hrs (Samos time) on 17 Nov. 43 the port of VATHI was bombed and machine gunned by German aircraft. After taking shelter from the first brief attack, Lt. Savage proceeded on foot toward OSS headquarters, in company with Lts. Anderson and Henderson, R. N.
4. At about 1200 hrs a second bombardment of the city began. One of the first bombs struck the street near the three officers. A small splinter passed through the outer flesh of Lt. Savage's right ankle. Lt. Anderson was seriously wounded. Lt. Savage carried him to shelter and took him as quickly as possible to a first aid station.
5. During the rest of the attack, which lasted till about 1430 hrs, and during the afternoon and evening, Lt. Savage is reported to have been constantly active in helping the injured, directing the evacuation of OSS personnel, shipping, and stores, and in collaborating with British military authorities. Witnesses agree that except for the application of a necessary dressing Lt. Savage paid no attention to his own wound, nor to his personal safety; and that he rendered unselfish and effective aid to military and civilians; beyond the call of his duty.
6. Under Lt. Savage's direction all OSS caiques, including one disabled ship that had to be taken in tow, most of the OSS stores, and all OSS personnel, as well as numerous British officers

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
U.S. ARMY FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

26 July 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation, 2nd Lt. John W. Savage, Ord.
TO: The Director of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C.

1. In accordance with General Order No. 48, Supplement 1, there is enclosed herewith a true copy of a letter of commendation of Lt. Savage, written by Capt. John L. Caskey. Although this letter is undated, it was probably written sometime about the middle of November, 1943.

J. E. Toulmin
J. E. TOULMIN,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Strategic Services Officer,
M.E.

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Office of Scientific Research and Development
1530 P Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

VANNEVAR BUSH
Director

November 5, 1942

Mr. G. W. Cottrell
Office of Strategic Services
Room 726, War Annex
23rd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cottrell:

Further to my letter of October 30 to you concerning our desire to obtain certain information relating to Italian person, I now find that the OSRD has a similar interest in connection with German persons.

Mrs. Waring and I have enjoyed very much the assistance given us by Mrs. Stuart in connections with the Italian matter. I would appreciate it very much indeed if you could arrange for Mrs. Waring to obtain similar assistance on the corresponding German problem.

Very truly yours,

/s/

William A. Shureliff
Technical Aide
Liaison Office

cc Mr. Carroll L. Wilson
Mr. Stanley Lovell

AMERICAN THEATRE WING
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Lieut. Ray Kellog, Acting Chief,
 Field Photographic Branch,
 Office of Strategic Services,
 25th and E Streets, N.W.,
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Lieutenant Kellog:

Please accept my thanks and the gratitude of the American Theatre Wing War Service for the magnificent work your men have done at the Washington Stage Door Canteen. They have made it possible for us to have a picture record of the many prominent stage and screen stars, as well as nationally known personages who have appeared at the Canteen. We shall always be eternally grateful to you and to them.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret B. Lowrey
 Margaret B. Lowrey
 Chairman Photographic Section

R.K.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.
MEMORANDUM

28 October 1943

To: General W. Donovan
From: Lt. E. R. Kellogg

This is a service we donate to the Red Cross. Various boys visit there and take a camera with them and shoot whatever Mrs. Lowrey thinks important for their records.

I thought it might interest you to have this letter of thanks from her.

E. R. Kellogg

E. R. Kellogg
Lieut., USNR
Acting Chief

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1943

TO: Dr. William L. Langer

FROM: A. Moore

I have just received word from British Security Coordination, New York, stating that a copy of the recent R & A Report on Outer Mongolia, was passed by our headquarters in London to the Foreign Office. The Foreign Office have commented to the effect that they consider this one of the most valuable reports on this area that they have ever seen and wish to convey their sincere congratulations to the compilers of the report.

I should perhaps add that it is very unusual for the Foreign Office to convey such a message and there is no doubt that the report was of very real value.

I should also like to take this opportunity of emphasizing how greatly we of British Security Coordination appreciate the excellent material with which you so kindly provide us.

A. Moore

British S.I.S.
Liaison Officer.

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BUREAU OF ORDNANCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

15 OCT 1943



Dear General Donovan:

The excellent work of your Presentation Division in preparing instructional charts on bomb and projectile fuses has been brought to my attention.

The charts (giving three dimensional views of the fuzes) produced by your service have been unobtainable elsewhere. These charts have been of great value to the Navy Bomb Disposal School in the instruction of Bomb Disposal Officers and Bureau of Ordnance Specialists. In the Bureau's training program here and overseas, it is anticipated that a greater number of these charts will be needed in the future.

I appreciate highly the service rendered to the Navy Bomb Disposal School and to the Bureau of Ordnance by your Presentation Division and hope that it may continue.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. P. BLANDY
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance

Brig. Gen. Wm. J. Donovan, USA
Office of Strategic Services
25th. and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1943

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Director, Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

Upon your recent change of liaison with this office it seems that I neglected to express to you my appreciation of the very satisfactory manner in which Lt. Comdr. Daniel Ravenel, Jr., USNR, performed his duties as liaison officer from your office.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the services rendered by Commander Ravenel while on duty in this assignment.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Price

Byron Price,
Director.

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Commodore Hqs.*

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

14 October 1943

Brigadier General Wm. J. Donovan
Director, Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Donovan:

The Joint Chiefs of Staff again wish to express their gratitude for the fine cooperation and workmanship accomplished by the reproduction branch of your organization in printing the record of the recent Quebec Conferences.

It is our understanding that a new process was installed for the purpose of expediting this work. The finished book was appreciated both from the standpoint of appearance as well as timeliness in completion.

Each individual, under the direction of Major LeFebvre and the staff of cartographers, headed by Mr. Robinson, did an outstanding job in accomplishing this volume of records which has received high praise from all persons to whom it has been furnished.

It is requested that all individuals concerned in your reproduction and cartographic departments be informed of the contents of this letter.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Forrest B. Royal
FORREST B. ROYAL
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Secretary



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.COPY

13 October 1943

To: Brigadier General William J. Donovan

From: Group Movements Division, Special Relations Office

Subject: Movement of Group 12000, Section 22,
consisting of 15 officers and 110 enlisted men

1. You may be interested in the comments which were made by the officers of Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, upon the arrival of the above group there on 12 October 1943. (Captain Charles B. Robison, Transportation Officer, OSS, accompanied this group and assisted in getting it properly registered and billeted.) Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Robert, Transportation Control Officers, Camp Patrick Henry, met the train and showed surprise over the excellent equipment this group carried. They remarked several times that they had never seen better-equipped soldiers. They commented particularly upon the special packs some of the men were wearing, and also mentioned that the soldiers appeared to be in much better physical condition than other troops coming through the Patrick Henry staging area. Captain Anderson even commented: "They look like they could spit in a rattlesnake's eye and dare him to strike."

2. Captain Robison had dinner with these officers, and from their conversation, together with conferences which he had a week before with Captain Lamb and Lt. Morris of the Priorities Section, Hampton Roads P.O.E., Newport News, he gathered that these officers (who are in charge of calling for and staging troops for overseas) are pleased with our OSS groups and the way in which we process them before their arrival at Camp Patrick Henry. Both Captain Anderson and Captain Lamb commented that they have had no trouble with OSS personnel, and expressed the wish that other organizations were as easy to process.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 1962

TO: General Donovan
FROM: through Mr. Shepardson *WHS*
Gordon Loud
SUBJECT:

I pass on to you the following message from George Wadsworth whom Penrose, our Middle East Cairo Desk Chief, saw in Beirut on his recent inspection trip through Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and the Lebanon. Penrose writes that Wadsworth's final comment to him was:

"If you see Bill Donovan, tell him from me that I don't know why anyone is critical of O.S.S. I think it is a fine outfit, and it has been exceedingly helpful to me. Every one of your representatives with whom I have had any contact has been absolutely top-notch and our relations have been most happy. If I can help you in any way to put more men in this field I will be glad to do so."

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

13 October 1943

Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Mr. Hugh C. Barton, Jr., Director, and the members of your Presentation Division, especially Carl A. Marzani, Donald McLaughlin, Eero Saarinen, and Ensign Oliver L. Lundquist, are to be commended highly for the services they rendered the War Department in the recent War Department conference held on September 27 and 28 at which General Marshall and others addressed 250 leaders of industry, labor and the press. Your Presentation Division prepared all the charts, much of the movie material, set up a map room and took charge of the stage direction and management. They did a fine job.

We believe this conference was successful and in response to many requests from those present, we are planning a follow up program.

You may be interested in some of the comments we received from those present which are enclosed herewith.

We plan to hold three or four like meetings in the field. I would like the aid of the Presentation Division for these meetings. Furthermore, my people have discussed with Mr. Barton a project of having OSS make a movie on the Axis strength and the Military Situation which we would distribute widely for showing to management and labor groups.

I trust you will approve participation of OSS in these projects. I will appreciate it very much.

Very truly yours,

RLP
Robert P. Patterson,
Under Secretary of War.

Enclosure

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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October 9, 1943.

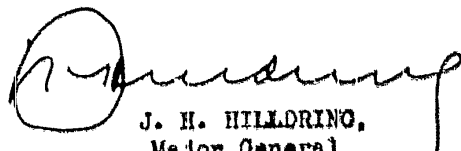
Mr. G. Edward Buxton,
Acting Director,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buxton:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 29, 1943, in regard to instructions which have been issued to your officers in Algiers and London concerning their collaboration with civil affairs officers.

The action you have taken in this respect is appreciated, and the services and assistance which your representatives will be able to render will, I am sure, be of great value to civil affairs officers in the field. Appropriate information has been conveyed to the theater commanders concerned in order that full advantage may be taken of this opportunity.

Sincerely,



J. H. HILLDRING,
Major General,
Chief, Civil Affairs Division.

CONFIDENTIAL

WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
WASHINGTON

8 October 1943

SUBJECT: O.S.S. Films: "German Fortifications," and
"Landing on Sicily"

TO: Brigadier General William J. Donovan, Director
Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

1. The two films, "German Fortifications," and
"Landing on Sicily," prepared by the Office of Strategic
Services for the recent War Department Conference of
Industrial and Labor Leaders and so well received there,
would be of great value in the industrial morale program
of this Division.

2. The matter has already been discussed with Mr.
Hugh Barton of the Film Division of the Office of Strategic
Services who views it favorably.

3. It is therefore requested that these films be re-
leased to the Industrial Services Division, War Department,
Bureau of Public Relations for restricted showings to in-
dustrial workers.

4. For this purpose it is necessary to have the
negatives from which this Division can have 16-mm. prints
made. Mr. Barton's office is equipped to provide these.

For the Director:

/s/ R. F. GOW

RALPH F. GOW
Colonel, O.S.S.

Chief, Industrial Services Division

WAR DEPARTMENT
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

7 October 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DEWITT C POOLE, FOREIGN NATIONALITIES BRANCH, OSS.

Subject: Handbook, "Foreign Nationalities."

The reaction of Counter-Intelligence Group to the handbook, "Foreign Nationalities" prepared by your branch of OSS may be of interest to you.

The first copy, transmitted to this office by Mr. Montgomery, was shown to Captain Bischoff who in turn showed it to Colonel Perry. Both officers were much impressed by the handbook both as to its completeness, its format, and general usefulness. Twenty-five copies were requested for distribution by HQ. CIG to the various counter-intelligence units in the service commands through the United States. Captain Bischoff who has had considerable experience in the FBI before entering counter-intelligence in the Army said that from his practical knowledge of conditions in the field, the handbook would be of greatest usefulness. He pointed out that there was no similar compilation of material, in any form, readily available to men in the field and that the handbook filled a long-felt need.

SAC
DR. S. A. CALLISEN
CONTACT SECTION
COLLECTION UNIT
Room 2-D-833, Pentagon Bldg



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

6 October 1943

Mr. Hugh C. Barton, Jr., Director
Presentation Division
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

Please accept the appreciation of this office for the services of the personnel of your Division in connection with the recent War Department Conference.

Messrs. Harzani, McLaughlin, Saarinen and Ensign Lundquist should be especially commended. They worked long hours in the preparation of the "situation room" and in supplying the charts and in helping to properly present the War Department program.

I have also been advised that the following were of much assistance in this undertaking: Mr. Edward Barnhart, Mr. Jay Robinson, Mr. Abel Sorenson, Mr. Ivan Spear, Mr. Jack Becker, Mrs. Mina Andrade, Mr. Earl Anderson, Mr. Merrill Doyle, Mr. F. H. Graninger, Miss Dorothy Hoyer, Mr. Seymour Nydori, Miss Jeanne Taylor, Sp5/c Harlan Lufkin, C.P.O. George Jones.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. MASHALL,
Lt. Colonel, AGS

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 5, 1943

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

Ensign Oliver Lundquist and Mr. Edward Barnhart prepared a series of charts to be used by representatives of the Army Air Forces at the Industrial Conference recently held in Washington.

Their work was of a very high order and their willingness to cooperate was most commendable. They were ready and anxious to work long hours and did so cheerfully in spite of considerable difficulty which the job imposed.

On behalf of the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, I should like to advise you of the fine work that they did and to express his appreciation for it.

Sincerely yours,

F. Trubee Davison
F. TRUBEE DAVISON,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief, Special Projects Office.

Copies to:
Ensign Lundquist
Mr. Barnhart



(COPY)

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O.#464 U.S.Army

4 October 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Mr.Donald C. Downes

1. I wish to commend and compliment you for the fine work and superior manner in which you have conducted OSS duties under the direction of A.C. of S., G-2, Fifth Army, during the five months May 1 - October 1, 1943.

2. For the period with which Fifth Army was responsible for counter-intelligence in Morocco, the OSS, under your direction, gave a valuable contribution in connection with combat and counter intelligence activities. During combat in Italy, you showed initiative, energy, and resourcefulness in organizing informer service and helping the military effort in any way possible, including the delivery of supplies when the need for such arose.

3. Regret very much losing your services at this time and wish you every good luck in the future.

/S/ EDWIN B. HOWARD,
EDWIN B. HOWARD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
A.C. of S., G-2

1 October 1943

General William J. Donovan
Director of the Office of
Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

The Information Center has had many reasons from time to time for being grateful to your organization for its prompt and generous response to our various requests for information. The contributions which O.S.S. has made to our work have not been confined to furnishing information. The three day visit of Dr. Brian Roberts of British Naval Intelligence to the Arctic Section Headquarters arranged by Dr. Morrison is a case in point. Dr. Roberts' visit was of immediate practical value for the following reasons:

- a. The Arctic Section was furnished with the most up-to-date information on British equipment and clothing designed for conditions of extreme cold.
- b. Arrangements were made for the exchange of Arctic maps which will supply the Arctic Section with a number of important maps not hitherto available.
- c. Similar arrangements were made for the exchange of publications of the Arctic Section of British Naval Intelligence and those originating in our Arctic Section.
- d. Dr. Roberts as co-author of the R.A.F. manual on cold weather operations made useful suggestions which were incorporated in the forthcoming Arctic Manual by the Arctic Section.
- e. Perhaps the most important benefit from Dr. Roberts' visit was an understanding of the resources of the Arctic Section of British Naval Intelligence on our part and an appreciation of the resources of our Arctic Section on the part of Dr. Roberts.

General William J. Donovan

1 October 1961

This mutual understanding has paved the way for prompt and
important cooperation in the future.

For the Commanding GENERAL:

H. D. HENRIK
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Director, Arctic, Desert and
Threat Information Center

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To : COLONEL BUXTON

1 OCTOBER 1943

From: WILLIAM A. KIMBEL

I refer to cable No. 9947 of September 27th from Colonel Eddy to General Donovan, quoting report made to the Commander-in-Chief from General Theodore Roosevelt, commending Colonel Obolensky for his participation in action in Sardinia.

As Colonel Gridley of the JCS had been instrumental in expediting transportation for Colonel Obolensky, I submitted copy of this cable to him. Colonel Gridley expressed great interest and has requested that a copy be handed to him by Colonel Eddy upon his arrival in Algiers, as use as "ammunition" in his conversations with others in regard to the participation and contribution of OSS in military operations.

Pursuant to your instructions I have cabled to Colonel Eddy requesting him to present this copy to Colonel Gridley upon his arrival

W. A. K.

cc: General Donovan
Col. Gamble
Mr. Cheston

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Headquarters Army Service Forces
Washington

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1 October 1943

Mr. Hugh B. Barton
Director, Presentation Division
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

May I express to you the great appreciation we all feel for the excellent job you did for us in connection with the recent War Department Conference. I know that the fine charts your office prepared played a substantial role in whatever success the manpower presentation achieved. We not only appreciate the high quality of the end product but also your spirit of co-operation during a difficult period and the initiative your staff took in suggesting the types of charts which would be most effective.

Major Semers informs me that you are turning over to us two of the charts of the exhibit. These will be of continued value to us.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ JAMES P. MITCHELL
Director
Industrial Personnel Division

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

Presentation Service
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29 September 1949

SUBJECT: Under Secretary of War's Conference,
September 27-28.

TO: Director, Office of Strategic Services.

It is desired to express the appreciation of the War Department General Staff for the assistance rendered in illustrating the addresses made by General McNarney and General Strong at the Under Secretary of War's Conference, September 27-28. The many charts which were produced were of outstanding excellence in design and execution. During their preparation, the personnel of your Presentation Division worked uncomplainingly without regard to hours, both day and night, under the direction of Mr. Hugh Barton, Mr. Carl Marzani, and Ensign Oliver Lundquist.

I hope that you will be kind enough to convey our appreciation to these officials and to their colleagues.

W. T. Sexton
W. T. SEXTON,
Colonel, General Staff,
Secretary, General Staff.



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EXTRACT FROM CABLE No. 9947 27 September 1943, from Col Nedy to General Donovan:

"Lt. Colonel Serge Obolensky has been superb. I cannot praise his work too highly. You could not ask for a better man for work of this type. I would request his services again if I were asked to carry out an operation of this type in the future."

Signed: General Theodore Roosevelt.

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Form 69 (Revised)OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
OFFICIAL DISPATCH

DATE September 27, 1943

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#9947. From Col. Eddy to Gen. Donovan, repeated to London.

In a report to the Commander in Chief Gen. Theodore Roosevelt highly commends the OSS mission, commanded by Colonel Obolenski, which landed by parachute in Sardinia. This mission brought the Commander of the Sardinian forces, Gen. Basso, over to our side, and supplied OSS WT communications between the Italian government and Gen. Basso. The report, signed by Gen. Roosevelt, states in part:

"I cannot praise too highly the work of Lieutenant Colonel Obolenski; he has been superb. You could not ask for a better man for work of this type. I would request his services again if I were asked to carry out an operation of this type at some future time."

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TOR: 9/27/43 6:15 p.m.

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HEADQUARTERS I BOMBER COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

90 Church Street
New York 7, N.Y.

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21 September 1943.

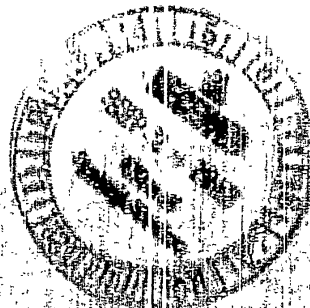
SUBJECT : Appreciation of Services.

TO : Office of Strategic Services, Military Intelligence
Service, Washington, D.C. (ATT: Mr. Whitney H.
Shepardson)

1. As Intelligence Officer of the former Antisubmarine Command, I want to express my appreciation for the wholehearted cooperation shown by the Office of Strategic Services during the months that this Command was engaged in anti-submarine operations.

2. Through the constant flow of information from your offices, this Headquarters was enabled to increase the effectiveness of its operations. The completeness of the information--both in detail and in providing perspective--which your office supplied, was of material assistance in the performance of the mission of the Antisubmarine Command, of which the I Bomber Command is the successor.

Clinton A. Burrows
CLINTON A. BURROWS
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.
Military Intelligence, etc.



WAR DEPARTMENT
WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
Office of the Director
Washington 25

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18 September 1943.

Mr. H. C. Barton, Jr.
Office of Strategic Services,
19th & E. Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

Lieutenant Beatrice Stroup has told me of the invaluable assistance you and your staff have rendered in the planning and execution of the WAC exhibit at the Army Service Forces show, "Back the Attack".

I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Women's Army Corps, to express our sincere appreciation of your efforts in our behalf. We have received many favorable comments on the unusually effective presentation of the "WAC story", as well as the artistic excellence of the displays.

You may be interested to learn that recruiting for the WAC has been considerably stimulated in the Washington area and we believe this to be a direct result of interest in the exhibit.

Will you please extend our grateful appreciation to each member of your staff who gave his time and talent to the success of the show.

Sincerely yours,

/s/
OVETA CULP HOBBY
Colonel, WAC
Director

11 September 1943

General Wm. J. Donovan,
Director,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

Many thanks for your letter of September 3. I have read with great interest and satisfaction the report of your senior agent in Sicily regarding the OSS University of Palermo.

If we continue to receive until the end of the war the same, most effective assistance from OSS that we have received in the past, civil affairs will have been immeasurably benefited.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. H. HILLETING,
Major General,
Chief, Civil Affairs Division.

In reply address not the signer of
this letter but Bureau of Aeronautics,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Refer to file.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

2 September 1943

My dear General Donovan:

The color motion picture "Torpedo Squadron 8", forwarded to the Bureau of Aeronautics by the Field Photographic Branch of your office, has been received. I wish to thank you for this film as well as for the other thirty-two copies you supplied for the next of kin of the men of VT-8.

In viewing the film I was particularly impressed, in addition to its historical value, with the dignity and beauty of the presentation.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Davison

Ralph Davison,
Rear Admiral, USN,
Acting Chief of Bureau.

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan, USA,
Director of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
WASHINGTON

26 July 1943

Brig. General William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
Administration Building,
25th and E Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

The service rendered us by your Mr. Donald McLaughlin is much appreciated. His special talent and the ability of his artists materially assisted my office in developing a graphic presentation of a very pressing problem.

Very sincerely yours,

Lt. Gen. Lutes
Lt. Gen. LUTES,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Director of Operations, A.S.F.

CC: To Barton.



20 July 1943.

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

I understand that because of budgetary restrictions on civilian personnel there is a possibility that the work of your Presentation Division may be curtailed in the near future.

As you know, the Army has made extensive use of this Division and it has been of great value to us to have such an organization to which we could turn for prompt and intelligent service. One secret film "The United States Army" made for General Marshall's use was remade into a restricted version for general Army use. It has proved to be one of the most widely used of Army instructional films; one Officer Candidate School uses it three times during each course. Other films have been made for G-3 and for the Commanding General, Army Air Forces. We also feel that the films on new weapons produced for the Joint Chiefs of Staff are of great value.

In addition to films, the Army has also received from this Division excellent graphic and editorial services. It prepared the charts and illustrations for the Biennial Report of the Chief of Staff and is at present preparing for this office a study of Army communications. A large volume of the work of this type has also been done for other branches of the Army.

The work which the Presentation Division of the Office of Strategic Services has done for the Army has been of a very high technical excellence. Its personnel have been most cooperative and have spared neither time nor energy in their effort to render services. There is no other place in either the War Department or in the other government services where work of this type can be performed quickly, secretly, and with such a high degree of technical excellence. I hope that there will be no curtailment which will prevent the continuation of the work which the Presentation Division has been doing for the War Department and the Army.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH T. McNAMARA
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS 1ST U. S. INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #1, U. S. ARMY

RESTRICTED

July 17, 1943

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
United States Army.

My dear General Donovan:

This is a short note to express my regret and the regret of all the officers and soldiers in the Division at your departure from our midst. Your brief service with the Division, even though in a special capacity, was an inspiration and a pleasure to the members of the Division.

It was an inspiration to have a soldier with your well known combat record in our midst during the critical days of the invasion of Sicily. It is a matter of comment throughout the Division that you were frequently seen throughout the front line during the most trying days. Your advice and suggestions were warmly received. Needless to say, we appreciated having you with us and deeply regret your departure.

With the best wishes from all the members of the Division,
I am

Very sincerely,

TERESA ALLEN

RESTRICTED

8 July 1948.

Joint War Plans Committee
RESTRICTED TO PERSONNEL ONLY

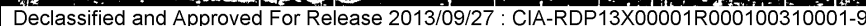
James Earl Ray

We take this opportunity to thank you for the fine work that the Presentation Division has done for the Joint War Plans Committee in the past and to express the hope that some provision can be made for handling our work in the future. Due to the limited reproduction facilities at the Army and Navy Departments, and the highly secret nature of our work, we have come to depend upon your office for many special maps and charts. This service has assisted us considerably in our work.

C. E. Miller
C. E. MILLER,
C. F. Barber
C. F. BARBER.

Joint Secretaries.

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.



THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

29 June 1943.

Brigadier General Wm. J. Donovan,
Director of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

The Joint Chiefs of Staff wish to express their gratitude for the cooperation and fine workmanship accomplished by your organization in reproducing a record of the recent Washington Conferences.

Each individual who took part in this work has been observed as most capable, conscientious and willing to do more than just a "job". Special mention is made of:

Captain Lefebvre
Ensign Brady
Ensign Voskuil
S/Sgt. Curtis
Sgt. Good
Sgt. Jamieson
Sgt. Williams
Cpl. Kefler
and the Sgt. of Guards, M/Sgt. Holland

It is requested that all individuals concerned in your reproduction department be informed of the contents of this letter.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff

John R. Deane
JOHN R. DEANE,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Secretary.



WAR DEPARTMENT
Army Service Forces
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON

11 June 1945

Mr. H. P. Barton
Chief, Presentation Division
Strategic Services
Temporary Building Q
26 Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

Substantial assistance was given to our Training Section by your Division in preparing the booklet, "Getting The Job Done".

Approximately two thousand of these booklets will be distributed to supervisors in the Adjutant General's office and other Administrative Services of the War Department. We believe that through this booklet opportunities for the more effective training of civilian personnel will be brought to the attention of the supervisors in the organizations which we serve.

I appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A. W. REMWICK
Major, A.G.D.
Chief, Branch S, G.P. Div.

HEADQUARTERS

WARNER ROBINS AIR DEPOT CONTROL AREA COMMAND

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

ROBINS FIELD

WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA

18 June 1943

Mr. Hugh Barton
Office of Strategic Services
Building "Q"
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

May we take this opportunity to thank you all the way from the bottom, for the real cooperation shown our inspection party a week ago. You have no idea the amount of aid which we received in talking to you and your staff, and the success of our Control Room here will undoubtedly be due, in a large measure, to your efforts.

May we extend an invitation to you to visit this establishment at any time convenient to you. We sincerely hope we may be able to contact you again, in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

T. M. Smith
Captain, Air Corps
Executive Control Officer

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION
WASHINGTON

16 June 1943.

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets NW.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

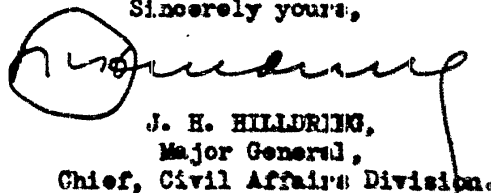
Major Henry Carter of the School of Military Government has advised this office of his recent informal discussions regarding the work being done by your staff upon your Biographical Records project, and of the tentative proposals regarding its extension to appropriate theaters of operation.

As I understand it, present proposals contemplate having your Biographical Records files in Washington built up and organized substantially in the manner outlined in General Wickersham's letter of March 8 to you; that duplicates will be transmitted promptly to your branch offices in theaters of operation where your personnel will continue to develop them from information available in the theaters; and that the information contained in the theater files of your branch offices will be available on the spot for the use of Civil Affairs and other appropriate officers.

These proposals appear to present a practicable and effective means of placing the requisite Biographical Records information in the hands of Civil Affairs officers in theaters of operation.

Your foresight in initiating this work is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


J. H. HILLDRING,
Major General,
Chief, Civil Affairs Division.

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June 9, 1943

General William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

We are engaged in a very important confidential project involving the matter of presentation -- specifically the preparation of quite a number of graphic illustrations and maps.

The purpose for which the work is intended is such as to require that it be executed with the highest degree of ability and effectiveness.

We have talked with Mr. Barton of the Presentation Division of your office and feel that this Division is the best qualified and equipped in Washington to do the work.

If you could give this project your official approval, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Stettinius, Jr.

Commendation
Wm. Dept.

May 16, 1944

Mr. William L. Langer
John Magruder, Brig. Gen.

Col. H. D. Kehm of OPD called yesterday and expressed his appreciation of the assistance and cooperation accorded him by Messrs. Mason, Morse, and Despres, and their assistants in connection with some investigation he was making for Operations Division. He was spontaneous and generous in his complimentary remarks and I wish to let you and your officers know of his attitude. I am sending copies to the persons mentioned.

John Magruder, Brig. Gen.
Deputy Director, OSS -- Intelligence Service

JM:AMc

cc - Gen. Donovan ✓
Mr. Mason
Mr. Morse
Mr. Despres

Commendation, Bellini 11.23
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 20, 1943

Dear Bill:

We have just received from the Color Laboratory of your Office reproductions of a group of our charts in full color, and I would like to express my personal appreciation for the cooperation your Office has given us and for the excellent results accomplished under the direction of Mr. Dudley Lee.

The Color Laboratory of your Office has been of tremendous assistance to our Graphic Reports Section, and we hope that we may count on continued cooperation from your Office in making effective our graphic presentations in the future.

Sincerely,

Nelson
Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator

General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
JOINT COMMITTEE ON NEW WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1943

Mr. Hugh Barton
Office of Strategic Services
Building 4
25th and Constitution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

As you have undoubtedly heard by this time, the Joint Chiefs of Staff received the preview of the "Rocket" picture with considerable interest and favorable comments.

I want you to know that the Joint New Weapons Subcommittee is cognizant of the pressure of time under which the rocket film was made and greatly appreciate the untiring efforts of the R & A and Field Photographic groups in getting the print out in time for presentation last Tuesday.

While the matter of distribution is under consideration we will have a few days to iron out the rough spots. I am attaching a list of changes and additions that must be made before we can order the 16mm. reduction prints for distribution.

Will you advise me when you think we can have a revised 35mm. combined print and place our order for the 16mm. copies?

Very truly yours,

H. L. Vonderford
Lt. Commander, U.S.N.R.

HLV/lhr
1 attachment

In reply address not the signer of
this letter but Bureau of Aeronautics,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Refer to No. Aer-TR-1122-DD
F44-2(2)

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

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25 APR 1943

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics.
To: The Director of the Office of Strategic Services.
SUBJECT: Photographic Transparencies for Training Equipment.
Reference: (a) BuAer ltr., Aer-TR-1122-DD, F44-2(2),
dated 12 March 1943.

1. The Bureau of Aeronautics very much appreciates the assistance provided by the Office of Strategic Services in the development of subject transparencies.
2. It is hoped that the facilities of the Color Laboratory will be available for similar work on future optical and photographic problems.
3. Such equipment and personnel are often difficult to obtain for research and due to the critical nature and importance of the work involved, the bureau values highly the facilities provided by the Office of Strategic Services.

Ralph Davison

RALPH DAVISON
Pearl Admiral, U.S.N.
Assistant Chief of Bureau

cc: Liggett (Grand Liaison)
Barton
Langer
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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1943

The cooperation of the Presentation Division
of the Office of Strategic Services in the preparation
of film reports for the Army Air Forces is greatly
appreciated.

GUIDO R. FERRERA
Colonel, Air Corps
FOR
BYRON E. GATES
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Management Control

COPY
THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

Joint United States Strategic Committee

April 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, PRESENTATION DIVISION, OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES.

Subject: Making of Special Map with Washington Superimposed over Tokio.

1. Mr. Curtes has delivered the subject map, and 15 reproductions of it, to the committee.
2. The map has been well received by the committee as a most useful means of comparing distances in the various theaters of war.

/s/ Charles F. Miller
Major, U.S. Army,
Secretary.

U. S. NAVY BOMB DISPOSAL SCHOOL
Naval Yard
Washington, D. C.

April 3, 1943

Memorandum to Mr. H. C. Barton, Jr., Office of Strategic Services

This is to confirm the conversation between Lieut. Comdr. D. B. Kauffman, Officer-in-Charge of this school, and Mr. Saarinen of the Presentation Division, Office of Strategic Services, regarding preparation of exhibits for the Bomb Disposal School.

As you know, these exhibits are required to teach men recognition of the various types of bombs and the intricate workings of the various types of bombs and the intricate workings of the many times of fuzes. It is anticipated that some 30 panels, illustrating the principal types of foreign and domestic fuzes, will be needed.

In addition to the preparation of individual panels, we should like very much to have your assistance in getting maximum clarity in the presentation as a whole. This will involve design of stands for display of bombs and bomb racks, organization of the display to be used in teaching parts recognition, mechanical models of fuze parts, and the layout of the rooms in which the exhibit is housed.

The two panels you have already prepared show very clearly both the function of the large number of individual parts in the fuzes, and also provide a synthesis of the operation of the fuze as a whole. We feel that the saving of instruction time provided by these panels will be very great.

F. L. Boardman,
Lieut. (jg) USNR
Acting Officer-in-Charge

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Office of Foreign Relief and
Rehabilitation Operations

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In reply refer to
OFR:SPR

Washington, D. C.

March 24, 1943

My dear Mrs. Spencer:

Please accept our thanks to you personally and to the Office of Strategic Services for the loan of the film on North Africa, which was shown to the members of our organization who are preparing to go to North Africa. Those who saw it felt that the material was very helpful, and we would, therefore, appreciate your telling us of any other films on the subject which you may have.

Thank you again for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Herbert H. Lehman
Director

Mrs. Barbara Spencer

Office of Strategic Services

Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
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March 22 1941

My dear Mr. Kimbel:

I am returning herewith Series No. 11 of the
"Digest of War Transportation, Series on Europe", which
you were kind enough to lend to this Division. This Digest
has proven very valuable to the work of this Division, and
we wonder if it would be possible to obtain on loan a com-
plete set of these studies?

Sincerely yours,

/s/ HARLEY A. NOTTER

Chief
Division of Political Studies

Mr. William A. Kimbel
Special Assistant to Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1943.

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Director,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Obedient to your request arrangements have been made to make available to your Presentation Division, for viewing and possibly duplication, such Axis propaganda films as may come into our hands from any source. This will include access to the series of UFA newsreels titled MIN 39-43, now in our possession.

We are happy to be of any service in this field and are appreciative of the very great assistance your photographic unit has been to our operation.

Very sincerely,

Lowell Mellett,
Chief,
Bureau of Motion Pictures.



To Hugh Barton -
Do you know
about this

WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING DIVISION 2-3
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1943

Colonel W. E. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you and the personnel of the Presentation Division of the Office of Strategic Services for the excellent work done on the film, U. S. Army Manpower, which was produced by your office at our request.

This film is a clear presentation of the essential facts of the Army's need for men and extremely well done. Taking only statistical details, your people conceived and executed a production which should prove very useful and instructive.

I should like especially to commend Mr. Carl Garzani for his work on the project. His untiring and continuous supervision of every detail made the production possible.

Others of your personnel deserve no less credit. Mr. Verner Hansen, for his work on the script and for his splendid narration of the commentary. Mr. Sol Kaplan, for his effective musical score. Messrs. Donal McLaughlin, Eric Rose, and Merrill Doyle, for their imaginative creation of the graphic work. Staff Sgt. Richard Mosher for his work with the animation camera, and Pfc. Richard Wilson for his camera direction. Messrs. Gare Schwartz and Frank Ludlak, for their services as cutters.

Finally, Mr. Hugh Barton, Chief of the Presentation Division, should be commended for his efficient direction of this efficient staff.

I feel that this film will make a distinct contribution to the thinking on this subject. For that the Army is greatly indebted to your office.

Sincerely yours,

I. H. Edwards,
Major General,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
JOINT COMMITTEE ON NEW WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1943.

Colonel William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
25th & E Streets, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

On February 16 the Joint Committee on New Weapons and Equipment presented a motion picture on "Loran" to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I am pleased to inform you that the picture was well received and that the interest manifested by those who viewed it clearly indicated a desire to have other subjects presented to them thru this medium.

The Joint New Weapons Committee has directed me to convey its thanks for your cooperation in making available to it the facilities of your organization.

Motion pictures on technical subjects such as this, would be of little value without the careful planning and the fine understanding of subject matter, presentation technicalities and photographic content. It is gratifying to find your office staffed with such competent personnel.

The Committee wishes to extend its commendation and thanks for the valuable services rendered by all personnel who had a part in its production.

Sincerely,

S/ K. Martens
Colonel, G.S.C.
Secretary
J.M.M.

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 9, 1943

In reply refer to:
796:RVD

Captain R. J. Lefebvre
Office of Strategic Services
Administrative Building
25th and E Streets, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Lefebvre:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your splendid cooperation in reproducing 7,500 copies of "Shoe Rationing Instructions To Local Boards" last Thursday night.

Your cooperation and that of your employees assisted us greatly in keeping our announcement of the Shoe Rationing Program a secret.

Sincerely yours,



Robert V. Duncan
Administrative Officer
Miscellaneous Products
Rationing Division

*Joint Lefebvre control was requested to
reproduce the shoe rationing instructions
and the Sugar Rationing*

WAR DEPARTMENT
Headquarters, Services of Supply
Washington, D.C.

SPGC-I -- 413,53

February 4, 1943

Mr. Hugh G. Barton, Chief
Presentation Division
Office of Strategic Services
Room 2169, Tempo "Q"
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

The War Department will be very interested in your making available to it copies of your recently completed moving picture on "U.S. Wartime Manpower." We would like to use this film as a training document for field officers charged with labor supply responsibilities for the Army.

In view of the specialized interest we have in the film, we would like to suggest certain changes of emphasis in presentation. We believe that all of these changes can be effected by some revision in the sound track and will probably not require any new camera work. I understand that Major Somers has discussed this matter with you and he will continue to represent us in working out mutually satisfactory changes.

May I congratulate you on an outstanding technical achievement in this film.

For the Director, Industrial Personnel Division:

Yours very truly,

John E. O'Carra
Colonel, AUS
Chief, Labor Branch

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 1943

TO: Mr. D. C. Foole
FROM: E. Bright Wilson

Congress

SUBJECT:

During the last few weeks I have diplomatically circulated among members of the House and Senate, and while there is considerable criticism of many of the governmental agencies, I have found general satisfaction with the efforts of the OSS. Colonel Donovan is highly regarded personally and there is little criticism of his work or the work of the OSS or its branches.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, SERVICES OF SUPPLY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 2, 1943

Mr. H. C. Barton
Chief, Presentation Division
Office of Strategic Services
Room 2169, Temporary Bldg. "Q"
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, Mr. McLaughlin, and the members of your staff for producing the fine set of lecture charts for this division. They are a credit to your organization.

I am sure that the members of the Congressional Military Affairs Committees will be very pleased at the effective and lucid exemplification of the complex matters which are being presented to them.

Very truly yours,

KILBOURNE JOHNSON
Colonel, GSC
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
Control Division

Photo Unit 1/10/63

Torrridge House,
Westward Ho.
N. Devon.
27th January 1945.

Dear Colonel Donovan,

I should like just to write to you this very short letter to tell you how much the work done by the U.S. Navy Photographers attached to this Establishment is appreciated.

They have worked very hard, and produced most excellent results, and have been most helpful in every way.

I feel I can't speak too highly of the services of C.P.O. Moran, who is in charge of the detachment, who has always produced results even in the most difficult circumstances.

The work they have done has been and still is being most helpful in the work we are carrying out at this Establishment, and I must confess that I should feel lost without them.

With many thanks for putting these men at my disposal.

Yours very sincerely,

P.L. Canby

Colonel W.L. Donovan,
c/o Commander Ford.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Interoffice Memo

To: Mr. Hubert C. Barton
From: Lieut. (jg) H. H. Juran
Subject: Maps and Models by Oblique Projection

DATE: January 24, 1948

We are in receipt of a very complimentary letter from the Bureau of Aeronautics commenting upon the excellent way in which our booklet, Maps and Models by Oblique Projection, has been arranged. The letter continues to say that the material in the booklet is presented in a lucid and easily understandable manner and that the booklet will be sent throughout the fleet for instruction of fleet personnel in making maps and models by oblique projection.

We feel that a great measure of the success of this booklet is due to your Presentation Division who so ably assembled the material into its present form. I wish to particularly commend the work of Mr. Donald McLaughlin and Mr. Kris Hesse of your staff for their keen interest and excellent accomplishment.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your cooperation in making this booklet possible.

Respectfully yours,

H. H. Juran,
Lieut. (jg) U. S. N.

In reply address not the signer of
this letter but Bureau of Aeronautics,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.


Refer to No. AST-PH-50-ES

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

22 January 1943.

From: Officer-in-Charge, Photographic Science
Laboratory, N.A.S., Anacostia, D. C.
To: Colonel William J. Donovan, Director of
the Office of Strategic Services.

1. The Photographic Science Laboratory has been given excellent cooperation by Lieutenant F. Spencer, U.S.N.R., Captain B. Cunningham, U.S.M.C.R., and Lieutenant S. Walprin, U.S.N.R., of the Office of Strategic Services. In many instances the loan of their equipment, personnel, and facilities has been of invaluable service. It is in appreciation that we make this statement.


THORNE DONNELLEY,
Commander, U. S. N. R.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1943

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Director of Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

The Organization and Training Division of the War Department General Staff and the War Department Bureau of Public Relations have been working jointly on the justification of the troop basis for the coming year. The Presentation Division of the Office of Strategic Services has been helpful in assisting in this work.

It is believed that the material can be best presented through the medium of a short film. I am therefore requesting that the Presentation Division of the Office of Strategic Services be authorized to make the film in collaboration with War Department representatives. To have the maximum effect, the film should be completed on or before February 15, 1943.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph T. McNarney
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Deputy Chief of Staff

WALL DEPARTMENT

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The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

In Reply
Refer to SPXHE (1-9-43)

January 9, 1943

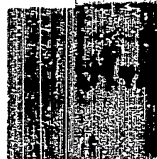
Mr. H. C. Barton, Jr.
Chief of Presentation Division,
Strategic Services,
Room 2169, Building "Q",
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

I have just seen the several display charts which you prepared, as requested for the Training Section, for use in our Orientation course. I am certain that these charts will prove to be most helpful and effective as supplementary teaching material.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

FLOYD A. RAINS,
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Chief, Civ. Pers. Branch, A.G.O.



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27 "	ONI, Rear Admr. Wilkinson	Work done on motion pictures in strategic areas of the world.
4 February	ONI, Rear Adm. Wilkinson	Reports on installations in Balkans-Attica Area.
16 "	G-2, Maj. Jos. Rodrigo	Rio de Oro and Ifni Survey
10 March	G-2, B/Gen. Raymond E. Lee	Survey on Japan
25 April	Bur. Aeronautics, Navy, Rear Adm. J. A. Towers	List of films on our Allies.
17 June	Bur. Public Relations, L/Gen. A. D. Surles	Lt. Spencer and his staff's work on "Battle of Midway".
22 June	Military Intelligence Training Center, Col. Chas. Banfill	Aid in activating MIRC, esp. rel. to Maj. Blogg.
29 June	School of Military Govt., B/Gen. C. W. Wickersham	Aid by OSS officers' talks and information.
- 25 July	Acting Chief of Staff, Joseph T. McNarney	Polite turn-down on req. for men for Field Photo-Branch so good it can do without.
14 September	Assistant Attorney Gen. Thurman Arnold	Confidential material furnished by OSS.
17 September	OWI, Arcj A. Mercey	To Field Photo; aid enabling OWI to meet its schedule.
- 18 September	General Staff Corps, Lt. Col. H.H. Smith	German Battle Order-good work by SI at MIS request.
* 7 October	Navy, Rear Adm Ralph Davison by direction of Secretary of Navy	Work on memorial film for Torpedo Squadron Eight.

* Copy has been sent to JCS

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	16 "	Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. McNarney	Appreciation for Motion Picture "The United States of America".
	20 "	Board of Economic Warfare, Fowler Hamilton	To Maj. Bruce- aid report on Luxemburg has been to BEW.
	22 "	Deputy C/S, McNarney	To Hugh Barton-motion picture "The United States of America".
	29 "	Army & Navy Munition Board, Maj. D.K. Moore	Motion Picture "The Raid on Vaasgo, Norway".
	6 Nov.	Chemical Warfare, Lt. Col. Weedon	To Dr. Callisen- material on German Incendiaries.
	11 "	MIS, B/Gen. Kroner	To Maj. Bruce- report "The Grand Duchy of Luxemburg".
	19 "	AAF, Col. McDonald	OSS contribution to the African Show; esp. ref. to SI work.
	20 "	Federal Security Agency, Geo. Merck	R&A reports.
	28 "	Joint New Weapons Comm. B/Gen. Deane	Req for motion picture-OSS most suited to produce this type film.
	11 Dec.	Special Services, WD, Lt. Col. Capra	General aid given by OSS, esp. Field Photo, to Film Production Section.
	23 "	Gen. Marshall	Christmas Greetings and praise for OSS.

* Copy has been sent to JCS



*W. J. Donovan 9735
x H. S. Hall, Jr.
A Christmas Day*

WASHINGTON

December 23, 1942.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I cannot let the holiday season pass without expressing my gratitude to you for the cooperation and assistance you have given me personally in the trying times of the past year.

I regret that after voluntarily coming under the jurisdiction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff your organization has not had smoother sailing. Nevertheless, it has rendered invaluable service, particularly with reference to the North African Campaign. I am hopeful that the new Office of Strategic Services' directive will eliminate most, if not all, of your difficulties.

With my thanks to you and to your distinguished associates and my best wishes for the New Year.

Faithfully yours,

Colonel William J. Donovan,

Director, Office of Strategic Services.

Frank C
Lt. Col
Commander

The Joint Chiefs of Staff

Washington

November 22, 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
25th and L Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

The Joint New Weapons Committee is anxious to have a series of movies produced each to be about fifteen to twenty minutes in length and at the rate of one or two movies per month. Their purpose is to describe and demonstrate models of important new weapons and equipment including such features as military requirements, the principles of operation and technical characteristics, form of installation and manner of use, their limitation or vulnerability, and one or more tactical applications of the device or equipment.

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I feel that the O.S.S. is well qualified to assist the Joint New Weapons Committee by actually producing the movies for them. New inventions could thus be shown to the people who have the power of decision without requiring them to go to proving grounds or to rely on the reports of others.

If you can see your way clear to undertake this project will you have the appropriate people contact either Dr. Bush or the Secretary of the Joint New Weapons Committee, Colonel Kameil Maertens, Room 237, Public Health Building.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Deane
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Secretary

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE ADMINISTRATOR

Room 308
National Academy of Sciences
2101 Constitution Avenue

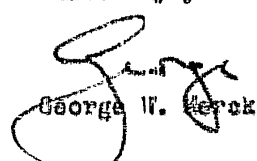
November 20, 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I want to express to you my appreciation, and also
Dr. Fred's, for the fine assistance we have been receiving
from the O.S.S. Mr. Lovell, Mr. Despres and Mr. Valentiaum
have been very helpful. The studies which they have furnished
me on sugar beets, potatoes, poultry, cattle and Japanese
fish are excellent and just what we needed.

Sincerely yours,


George W. Merck



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**HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH AIR FORCE
A.P.O. #633. NEW YORK, N.Y.**

(D-1-41)
19 November, 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th & E. Streets,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Bill,

I wish to congratulate you on your vision and enterprise in contributing so much to the African show. I believe the success of that operation should add very much indeed to the future success of U.S. operations as well as permanently establish O.S.S. in a major capacity as one of the really great institutions of this war, developed through your enterprise, and the highly professional support of the able personnel forming the O.S.S. team. Further, I am thankful to have had the happy experience of working for that team.

I see worth-while results coming from Shepherdson's department, as well as other O.S.S. sections. Their assistance is a most welcome contribution, and I want you to know that we greatly appreciate it.

It was a great treat seeing David Bruce, Bill Langer and Ed Mason on this side of the ocean.

With best wishes to you and all my good friends in the O.S.S.

Sincerely,

George
GEORGE C. McDONALD
Colonel, G.S.C.
(Army Air Forces)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

MID 907

November 11, 1942

Major David Bruce,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Bruce:

The paper on "The Grand Duchy of Luxemburg" enclosed with your letter of November 5, 1942, was found to be extremely interesting. It gave us a good account of the political, social and economic situation in the Duchy under German occupation and is a valuable addition to our files.

I appreciate very much your sending this along to me.

Sincerely yours,

HAYES A. KRONER,
Brigadier General,
Chief, Military Intelligence Service

SECRET
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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November 6, '42

SPCWN 095 Callisen, Dr. S. A.
(11-6-42)

Dr. S. A. Callisen,
Office of Strategic Services,
Temporary Q Building,
Washington, D. C.

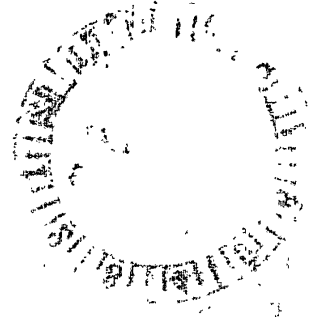
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Dear Dr. Callisen:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in obtaining the desired material on German incendiaries, which we had not had until you furnished it. Your assistance in this and other matters is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

SIDNEY L. WEEDON,
Lt. Colonel C.W.S.,
Assistant



ARMY AND NAVY MUNITIONS BOARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SPUR

October 29, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL W. J. DONOVAN
 Office of Strategic Services
 25th and E Streets, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

Subject: Motion Picture Assistance Rendered
 by Office of Strategic Services

1. Under date of October 2, the ANMB presented a program to the WPB outlining the materials, planning and development of Commando activities. One of the features of the program was a film titled "The Raid on Vaagso, Norway" which was furnished by the Office of Strategic Services.

2. The program and the film in particular was enthusiastically received by the WPB officials and has been of great assistance in carrying on our mutual relationships.

3. The assistance of the Office of Strategic Services is greatly appreciated and we trust that we may call upon you for further assistance in the event future programs are scheduled.

W. H. English
 WILLIAM H. ENGLISH
 Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.

D. W. Moore
 D. W. MOORE
 Major, Infantry

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October 22, 1942.

Mr. Hubert C. Barton, Jr.,
Office of Strategic Services,
26th and Constitution Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

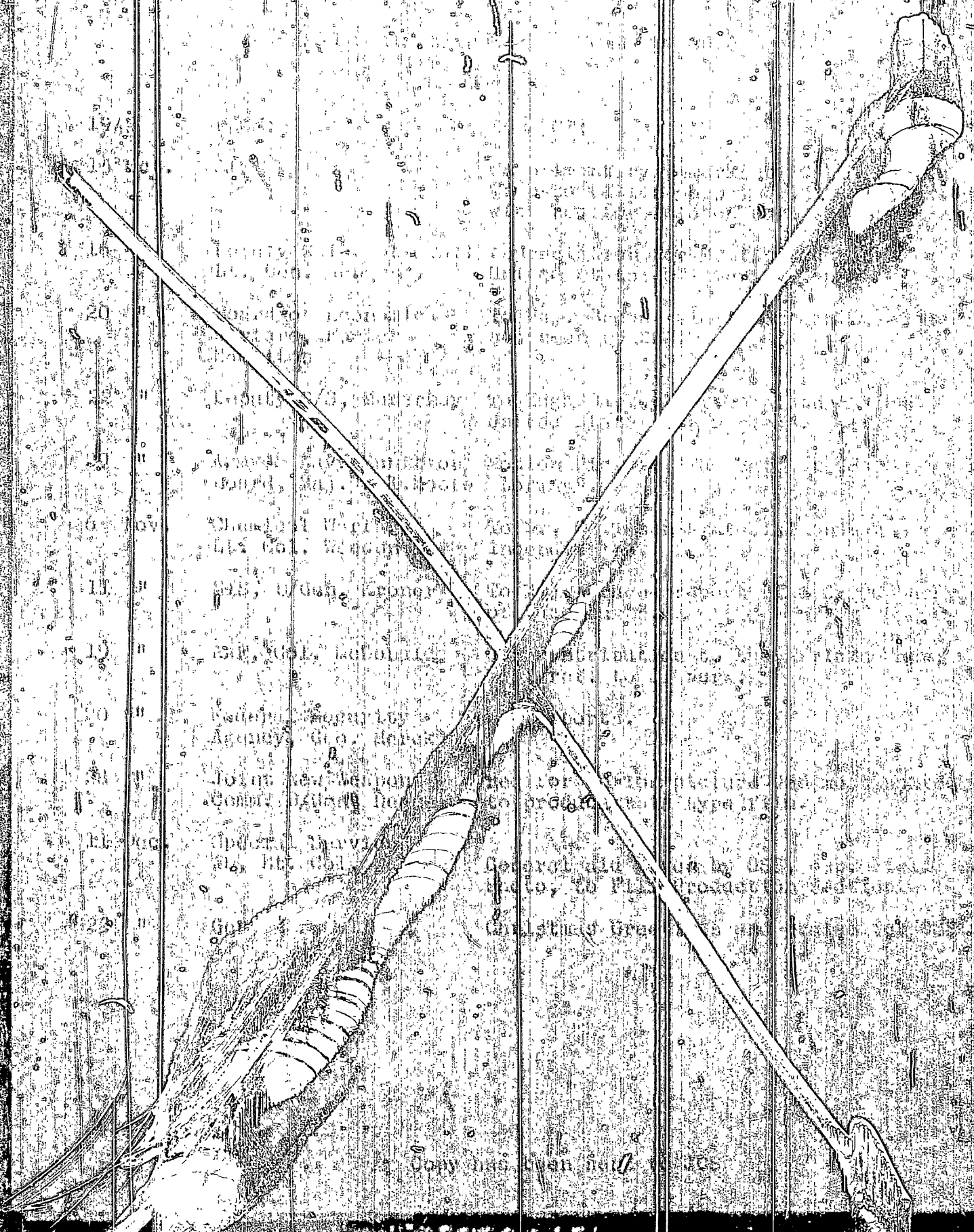
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You should be highly pleased and derive great personal satisfaction from the fact that the film, completed of necessity in such a brief period of time, has been well received by General Marshall, Admiral Leahy, Admiral King, and many others who have had the opportunity to see it. This is due in large part to your efforts and to your ability in supervising the work performed by the Office of Strategic Services and the military personnel assisting in the production of the film.

Your work deserves the approbation of the War Department, and I am pleased to extend my commendation.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH T. McNARNEY
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Staff.



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 Christmas Day

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1943.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I cannot let the holiday season pass without expressing my gratitude to you for the cooperation and assistance you have given me personally in the trying times of the past year.

I regret that after voluntarily coming under the jurisdiction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff your organization has not had another sailing. Nevertheless, it has rendered invaluable service, particularly with reference to the North African Campaign. I am hopeful that the War Office of Strategic Services' direction and administration, if not all, of your difficulties.

With my thanks to you and to your distinguished associates and my best wishes for the New Year.

Respectfully yours,

Walter R. R. J. Donovan.

Office of Strategic Services

December 11, 1945

Colonel William J. Donovan, Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

This is to express our gratitude to you and your organization for the great cooperation you have given to the Film Production Section of Special Services. Specifically we want to thank you for the film you have made available to us, for the equipment you have made available to Captain Spigelgass and Lieutenant Miller and for allowing us to use the services of Captain Wingate Smith.

I know that my personal friendship with John Ford has motivated a good deal of this and I want to take this opportunity of telling you that some of our operations would not have been possible without the help and assistance of your organization.

Although we have given your Hollywood contingent office space and outlying and projection rooms, the balance is heavy on your side and we hope that if there is any way we can return these favors you will not hesitate to ask us to do so.

Cordially yours,

Frank Capra

Frank Capra
Lt. Col., USA,
Commanding

The Joint Chiefs of Staff

Washington.

November 28, 1957

Colonel William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
25th and M Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely yours,

J. R. Lucas
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Secretary

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

WASHINGTON

Room 308
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November 20, 1942

Mr. J. Donovan
Public Services

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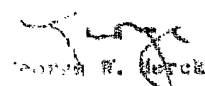
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The studies which they have furnished

on military, cattle and Japanese

are much needed.

Sincerely yours,


George W. Merck



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**HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH AIR FORCE
A.P.O. #633. NEW YORK, N.Y.**

(S-1-11)
19 November, 1947

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Sincerely,

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GEORGE C. McDONALD
Colonel, G.S.C.
(Army Air Force)

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Military Intelligence Service

Washington

MID 907

November 11, 1942

Major David Bruce,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Bruce:

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Sincerely yours,

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Brigadier General,
Chief, Military Intelligence Service

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November 6, 1942

SPCWN 095 Callisen, Dr. S. A.
(11-6-42)

Dr. S. A. Callisen.
Office of Strategic Services,
Temporary Q Building,
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Dear Dr. Callisen:

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Yours sincerely,

SIDNEY L. WHEEDON,
Lt. Colonel C.W.S.,
Assistant



ARMY AND NAVY MUNITIONS BOARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 10, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL W. J. DONOVAN
Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Motion Picture Assistance Requested
by Office of Strategic Services

1. Under date of October 2, 1947, the Office of Strategic Services
to the WFO outlining the material, film, and other items needed for
Communist activities. One of the features of the program is a
titled "The Raid on Vargas, Norway" which is being produced by the
Office of Strategic Services.

2. The program and the film is being produced and is being
initially received by the WFO office in order to assist in the
in carrying on our mutual relationship.

3. The assistance of the Office of Strategic Services
is greatly appreciated and we trust that our mutual relationship
part or assistance in the event future projects are submitted.

W. J. Donovan
W. J. Donovan
Lt. Col., U.S.N.R.

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Lt. Col., U.S.N.R.

October 22, 1948.

Mr. Hubert C. Barton, Jr.,
Office of Strategic Services,
26th and Constitution Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

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Your work deserves the approbation of the War Department, and I am pleased to extend my commendation.

Sincerely,

JOSPH T. McNAMARA
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

BOARD OF NOONWIT VICTIMS
INTERVIEW OF THE BOARD

October 30, 1941

Major David Bruce
Office of Strategic Services
"H" Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Bruce:

Your memorandum of October 19, with the attached material from special sources, has been received here and examined with great interest.

It is my opinion that such exchanges can be of continuing benefit to the work of both agencies, and thus to the prosecution of the war in the fullest sense.

Yours sincerely,

Forster Hamilton
Chief,
Enemy Branch

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
Washington, D. C.

Note on Probable Attitude of the Population of Luxembourg
if American Troops were to appear in this country.

1. It is certain that the population of Luxembourg in the past is very hostile to the German occupation. The evidence for this comes not only from members of the Luxembourg Government in this country but also from the German Press. The tone of the German Press towards the Luxembourgers reveals clearly that the Germans are deeply annoyed with them on account of their unresponsiveness to the German demand that they should consider themselves Germans. When the Germans took a census in Luxembourg last year, almost all Luxembourgers declared themselves to be Luxembourgers, not Germans.
2. In view of these undoubtedly bad relations between the Germans and the people of Luxembourg, it can be taken as reasonably certain that the latter would welcome the arrival of any foreign army capable of turning the Germans out. They would welcome, for instance, a French army of liberation if that were conceivable, but on the whole they might be better pleased to be liberated by the army of some Power which could not be suspected of having any political interests or aspirations in Luxembourg. The Luxembourgers' chief political desideratum seems to be the restoration of the independence of the Grand Duchy, and while they probably dislike the Germans as rulers more than any other of their neighbors, they would also object strongly to being incorporated politically in France or any other neighboring European country.
3. The inference seems to be that if American troops did arrive in Luxembourg they would meet with a very friendly reception.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1948

Colonel William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
Administration Building
25th and D Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the services rendered by the Office of Strategic Services in the preparation of the motion picture, "The United States Army."

Colonel Daryl Kammack indicated that the film could not be made in the brief space of one week, which was the allotted time. However, it was completed within the prescribed time schedule, and great credit is due to the persons who participated in its preparation. I feel that the following individuals of your organization who worked on it are to be commended for their long hours and many nights of faithful, disinterested service:

Mr. Neil Grodberg	Mr. Henry Hestley
Mr. Mark Kahn	Mr. James Price
Mr. Jack Lyons	Mr. John Stone
Mr. David Zablodowsky	Mr. James Sperry
Mr. Vernon Kasten	Miss Paula Stewart
Mr. Oliver Lundquist	Miss Frances Fairbanks
Mr. Jan Abbate	Miss Marie Symonds
Mr. Donald McLaughlin	Miss Virginia Williams
Mr. Jack Becker	Miss Carolyn Symonds
	Mr. Harry Symonds

General Marshall, Admiral Leahy, and Admiral King seem well pleased with the film, and credit for it is properly due your organization.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. HANNAH
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army
Deputy Chief of Staff

October 15, 1942

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MILITARY LIAISON OFFICES

REQUISITION NO. 110.

Area: British Empire
Aden, Red Sea, Egypt, etc. Also Turkey.

Source of Requisition: Captain R.B. Shuman,
Office of Chief of Transportation Corps
S.O.S. Extension 71700, Room 1115
Munitions Building.

Status with MIS: MIS has been consulted by Transportation Corps.

Date of Requisition: October 12, 1942 (by telephone to Maj. Taylor)

Topic: Port Facilities.

Question:

Complete details as to harbor and port facilities from Aden through the Red Sea and up along the Mediterranean coast to and including Turkey. Pier construction, types of cranes available, etc. Should be shown. Is this information already assembled in monograph form?

Action Taken:

Referred in SI to: British Empire, African, and Near East Desk - October 15, 1942

In connection with the attached requisition, No. 110 on ports in the Red Sea area, Captain Shuman told me over the telephone that the information on such matters from O.S.S. had generally proved more satisfactory than that obtained from MIS.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

In reply address not the signer of
this letter but Bureau of Aeronautics,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Refer to No. Aer-11-LPM
A7-4
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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

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7 - OCT 1941

My dear Colonel Donovan:

I wish to thank you and, through you, the personnel of your organization responsible for the memorial film of Torpedo Squadron Night. This film is indeed a fine piece of work and worthy of high praise.

It has been suggested that the next of kin of the twenty-nine officers and men of VT-8 should each receive a copy of the film. This I should like very much to furnish. In addition, I believe that Ensign Gay, the sole survivor of the squadron, should receive a copy, and I certainly would like to have two copies for the permanent record and reference files of this bureau.

I shall be very glad to effect an exchange of funds to cover the cost of these films if you will invoice the Bureau of Aeronautics for the amount involved.

If you can make available to me the thirty-two films for distribution as outlined above, I shall be deeply appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Davison

RALPH DAVISON
Rear Admiral U.S.N.
By Direction Secretary of the Navy

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic
Services,
Administration Building,
25th and E Streets,
Washington, D. C.



WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

CONFIDENTIAL

September 18, 1942

MEMORANDUM:

The attached information is extremely valuable, particularly with respect to German units and dispositions in Eastern Europe.

A comparison with our current Order of Battle is indicated by the comments opposite each item on the attached sheet.

Attached hereto are some questions to which we would like the answers.

In addition, an estimate of German strength in combat divisions is extremely important. The estimate of total German units segregated into combat and non-combat organizations would be very much appreciated. Any information as to the actual composition and the organization of these units will be greatly appreciated, also.

In general, detail is desired, because from the details we have an accurate basis for comparison with other information and much about German combat methods can be deduced.

We are very grateful indeed for the information which has been submitted for our review.

/s/ Harvey H. Smith

HARVEY H. SMITH,
Lieut. Col. G. S. C.

Enclosure

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1. Is there a 721st Inf. Div.? Is it located in Norway, and if so, in what part? What is its organization?
2. The 230th, 270th and 290th divs. have been reported as coastal defense administrative staffs in Norway. What has become of the troops formerly with these divisions?
3. Where is the 228th Inf. Div.? It has been reported in Finland.
4. Where are the 35th, 37th and 52nd Pa. divisions?
5. Where are the 329th and 360th Inf. divisions?
6. Are there German divisional organizations in Italy?
7. What landesschützen battalions are located in Poland and where?
8. Is there evidence of Corps in the LXXX series being located in France?
9. Is it certain that the 340th Inf. Div. is in the Dunquerque area?
10. What division is located at Cherbourg?
11. Where is the 418th Inf. Div. located?
12. What is the numerical designation of Army Felber?
13. Are there any panzer divisions in a 300 series?
14. Where in Holland is the 719th Inf. Div. located? What other divisions are located in Holland?
15. What evidence is there of a strategic reserve of combat divisions in Germany?
16. What is the organization of the German Light division?

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: David Bruce

DATE: October 3, 1946

TO: Colonel William J. Donovan

SUBJECT: Commendation from MIS - German Battle Order discussion

The enclosed commendation of the work of SI results from a requisition placed with SI by the German Battle Order discussion of MIS. This requisition had 44 questions in it, including a terrific order.

The week following the placing of this requisition with SI, SI was able to place before MIS an analysis of the strength and location of 194 of the 300 divisions of the German Army, resulting in the enclosed commendation.

The information supplied came from Polish intelligence.

You will note, also attached, a list of 16 questions. These questions sprang from the Polish material submitted to MIS, and additional information desired.

It should be pointed out, here, that while this is primarily the work of the Military Liaison Offices of SI and the Central European desk, all of the other geographic desks in SI are taking action on it, with the exception of the Far East, of course.

As SI has a regular Thursday afternoon discussion group, we immediately inserted the German Battle Order discussion into the program on September 24th. Colonel Lovell, in charge of this work in MIS, came over and led the discussion.

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To Colonel Donovan, Page #2

Thus, we are off with a very successful start on the toughest problem of the intelligence services, namely, the strength and disposition of the German Army.

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D. B.

Attachment

OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1942

Captain Bertram Cunningham,
Acting Executive Officer,
Field Photographic Branch,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Cunningham:

I want to express my personal appreciation
all as the thanks of this Bureau for the very
excellent cooperation extended by your office in
our Washington shooting schedule.

All of your people have been extremely helpful,
particularly Lieutenant Halpern, Chief Thecler,
and Captain Metzger. Your associates have been receptive
to our needs and prompt in helping in every way
possible. I want you to know that this is a most
helpful method of operation and I sincerely hope that
it can continue for the duration. If you want any
assistance from this Bureau, please do not hesitate to
let us know.

We are forwarding the statement of your office
concerning film stock used and directing that you be
given an immediate replacement of stock, indicating
your statement to us.

Very cordially,

Arch A. Mercey

Arch A. Mercey,
Associate Chief,
Bureau of Motion Pictures.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1944

My dear Colonel Donovan:

Your organization has been furnishing my Division with confidential material which has proved to be very useful in all aspects of the work of the Division.

I wish to express to you my deep appreciation for this cooperation.

Very truly yours

William J. Donovan
WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Assistant Attorney General

Colonel William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
25th & E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

July 25, 1948.

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Reference is made to your request for the assignment of fifteen officers and sixty-four enlisted men for the Photographic Branch of the Office of Strategic Services.

It has become necessary to confine the use of military personnel to essentially Army activities to the maximum possible extent, and the Secretary of War recently directed that Army personnel now serving with non-military agencies be withdrawn as rapidly as possible. While the immediate and direct relationship of your activity to the war effort is recognized, the assignment of Army personnel to duty therewith must be restricted to those cases in which necessity for such assignments clearly outweighs the importance of the Army's needs. With our own present requirements for photographic personnel, it will not be possible to make the assignments you request.

The splendid work of your Photographic Branch shows that the technicians therein are capable of performing the required photographic missions. I know that, under your guidance, this Branch will continue to present its studies to the equal advantage of all branches of the armed forces.

Faithfully yours,

Joseph E. Rutherford
Acting Chief of Staff.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE SCHOOL OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

June 29, 1942.

Colonel William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
25th and M Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

On behalf of The School of Military Government, I want to express our real appreciation of the help that you have been kind enough to give us. The gentlemen who have come from your office have given us excellent talks and useful information. I am looking forward very much to those still to come, and I want you to know how grateful we are for your valuable contribution to our work here.

I do not have to tell you that if you are at any time in our neighborhood, there will always be a warm welcome waiting for you.

With best regards, as always,

Very sincerely yours,

C. W. Wickersham
C. W. WICKERSHAM,
Brigadier General, A. U. S.,
Commandant.

FOR VICTORY



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TRAINING CENTER
CAMP MITCHELL, MARYLAND

June 21, 1942.

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Box 2601,
Washington, D. C.


My dear Colonel Donovan:

The Military Intelligence Training Center was activated at noon on Friday, June 19, 1942. When the personnel and facilities necessary to permit operations have been accumulated it is expected that the instruction given here will materially improve the performance of military intelligence duties in the Army.

I wish to express to you my very deep gratitude for the assistance rendered by yourself and your organization in bringing this activity into being. Your generosity in relinquishing certain officers and men who are the nucleus around which the post and faculty organization is being built has effected a great saving in the time necessary to get going. I should like specifically to bring to your attention the assistance of Major Ainsworth Blogg, Commanding Officer of Area B, in providing supplies and transportation during the period just prior to activation, enabling us to satisfactorily meet several emergencies.

As with all new entities, the period of birth and infancy is a critical one. I trust that this Center will shortly be in a position to reciprocate in some manner for the many favors you have accorded us. In view of the special interest evidenced, you might find a visit to this station enjoyable. I would feel greatly honored if this could be accomplished at some time in the near future.

Sincerely yours,


CHARLES T. HANFILL,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commandant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1942.

Colonel William Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

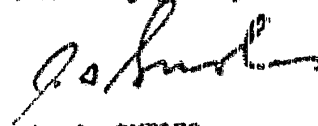
My dear Colonel Donovan:

It is my privilege to commend to you Lt. Frederic Spencer, USNR, executive officer of the photographic unit of the Office of Strategic Services, for the splendid cooperation he has given the War Department Bureau of Public Relations.

This cooperation took place June 14, 15, and 16 when through Lt. Spencer and his staff, this office was advised of the receipt of certain motion picture film of Army Air Forces officers who participated in the Midway Island engagements. Lt. Spencer, in forthright and able manner, arranged not only the technical phases of making this film available to us without delay but followed through to completion in every instance.

The War Department Bureau of Public Relations is, therefore, grateful to the Office of Strategic Services for this fine aid.

Sincerely yours,



A. D. SURLES,
Major General, U. S. A.,
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.



In reply address not the signer of
this letter but Bureau of Aeronautics,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

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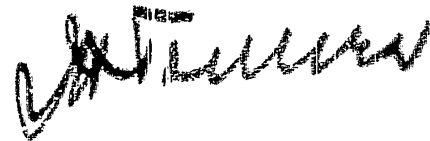
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My dear Colonel Donovan:

The list of films on our Allies, prepared by
your office and forwarded on April 16th is hereby acknowledged.

The efforts of your office in preparing this
very complete list is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



J. M. TOWERS

Rear Admiral U.S.N.

Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics

Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
25th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.



WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1942.


Colonel William J. Donovan,
Coordinator of Information,
23rd and D Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Thank you very much for the assistance rendered by your organization in compiling sections III, IV and V of the forthcoming Survey on Japan and its occupied territories. Your contribution will enable the Military Intelligence Division to concentrate its efforts on those remaining sections which are, and must always be, its special field.

Inasmuch as we plan to keep the completed project up-to-date by periodic corrections, I shall be very appreciative if your organization will continue to furnish us with revised and additional material for sections III, IV and V.

Sincerely yours,



RICHARD B. LEE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
War Department General Staff
Military Intelligence Division
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1946

Mr. William L. Langer
Acting Director, Branch of Research and Analysis
Office of the Coordinator of Information
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Langer:

Sections III, IV, and V of the survey, prepared by your office, have been received and are most appreciated.

The style of presentation and the information contained are both of extremely high caliber and many conclusions will be used with but little modification in the Survey. The illustrations included were of great interest to us, doubly so, as we had no information that any were available.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the valuable assistance you have furnished us in the preparation of this survey.

JOS. P. ...
Major, Infantry
Acting Chief, G. C. Section, I. B. ...

cc: Col. Donovan
Mr. Kent



Serial 0255416

NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

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FEB 4 1942


Dear Colonel Donovan:

Thank you for your recent letter with which you forwarded the material on installations in the Attica area.

The Balkans Section of this Division has gone through this report and finds it to be of significant value. It would, therefore, seem to be worth while to prepare similar reports on the four other areas which you mentioned, Salonica, Thessaly, Epirus and Peloponneseus. Recognizing that details of installations may be subject to change since 1930, however, future studies of this sort will be most valuable in laying primary emphasis upon these topographic and other features which are of more permanent character.

If possible, this office would appreciate being furnished three (3) copies of any future reports in this series.

Sincerely yours,


F. D. Milburn,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Director of Naval Intelligence.

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Coordinator of Information,
Washington, D.C.

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Serial 118716

NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

JAN 27 1946

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Thank you for your letter of January 14, and the accompanying report from the committee which has been investigating the availability of motion pictures on strategic areas of the world.

I feel, on the basis of the results obtained to date, that the committee's recommendation for the continuance of this project is deserving of serious consideration. Naturally, we are keenly interested in the possibilities of obtaining further material of value from sources such as those which have already been listed, and I am therefore taking the opportunity of circulating the committee's report to various interested offices within the Department for study. The recent speedy collection and showing of films on the Pacific Islands which your staff handled for us is a good example of what advantages may result from a comprehensive survey and cataloging of these sources.

There is, of course, considerable work still to be done in setting up any permanent means for handling or evaluating the vast mass of material involved. In the working out of some ultimate arrangement mutually satisfactory to all parties concerned we shall be glad to be of all possible assistance, and to that end we should appreciate being informed of any further steps which your agency may contemplate after review of the committee's report.

Sincerely yours,

T. S. Wilkinson
T. S. Wilkinson,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Director of Naval Intelligence.

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Coordinator of Information,
Washington, D.C.



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

JAN 10 1942

My dear Colonel Donovan:

It has been brought to my attention by the Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics that the photographic personnel of your staff under Commander John Ford, U.S.N.R., have been extremely cooperative with the Photographic Section of the Navy Department. This cooperation has manifested itself in many ways. For instance, this unit has made available to the Photographic Section of the Bureau of Aeronautics various types of equipment, not available elsewhere, urgently needed for the fitting out of Navy photographers sailing on special and extended missions.

I desire to express my appreciation of this fine display of cheerful cooperation. I am sure that such a relationship will continue to exist in our common effort.

Sincerely yours,

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Coordinator of Information,
Executive Offices,
Washington, D. C.

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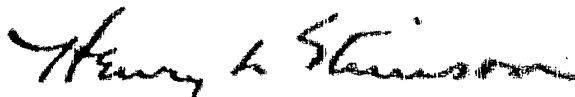
Colonel William J. Donovan,
Coordinator of Information,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Thank you for your letter of December 11, 1941, in which you point out the availability to the War Department of the Research and Analysis Branch of your office. The Military Intelligence Division of the General Staff already has had very fruitful contact with the Research and Analysis Branch and is in the process of arranging for the cooperative handling of several new projects. G-2 is especially appreciative of the fresh and independent outlook of your staff of experts.

Needless to say, I appreciate the characteristic spirit underlying your offer as highly as I do the valued services which it makes available.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary of War