SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

FORWARD HEADQUARTERS

19 August 1944

GSI/OL-G/383.4-3

SUBJECT: O.S.S. Reports

TO : C.O.,
O.S.S.,
European Theatre of Operations,
United States Army.

The series of reports transmitted to G-2 - SHAEF by O.S.S. from CHARTRES in the early stages of operation OVERLORD were exceptionally able and useful. It is with great regret that we saw this source later vanish.

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Colonel

for K.W.D. STRONG,
Major General, G.S.
A.C. of S, G-2.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
Civil Affairs

10 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for presentation of a United States award to source HOUSTON.

TO : Commanding Officer,
2677th Regiment, A.F.H.Q.

Source HOUSTON, formerly known as HO a sub-source of the MADRID chain, has been furnishing information on Southern FRANCE for a period of over twelve months. In the last three months alone this source has turned in the remarkable total of nearly 400 reports from a total of some 40 identified agents and has provided information of operational importance on almost every type of enemy activity and installation.

This source has particularly distinguished itself in the matter of coast defenses and has provided excellent ground reports on German fortifications, especially between PORT VENDRES and SETE and in the environs of TOULON. Detailed mechanical drawings of a great many batteries and Regelbau, which were forwarded with their legend in German, were a particularly noteworthy contribution to our knowledge of enemy defense constructions.

This source has furthermore furnished a quantity of accurate information on German Order of Battle and reports on enemy TCOs (notably a complete breakdown of the TCO Alpenrose, which brought 2 S.S. Panzer Division DAS REICH from BORDEAUX to the TOULOUSE area) have been most helpful.

Qualitatively as well as quantitively, Source HOUSTON has proven one of the best of the purely American contributions to Allied intelligence and the principal organizer of this chain can be said to have done, in an extremely important area and at an extremely important time, an outstanding job.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

E. C. SLOANE, JR.,
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G-2 Section, G.L.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

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SUBJECT

No	DATE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	21 July	Capt. [illegible]	Mr. Ryan	

1. Following our recent conversation in regard to evaluation of reports compiled by G-2 section here the following information might be of interest to you, though slightly out of date.

[illegible] Reports V-2304, AM-2017-1179, 1170-1173-[illegible]/70, V-[illegible]-AM 2064-2065-2066-2056-2078 were evaluated against photo interpretation, out of 121 items contained in these reports, the following results were shown:

confirmed:	57
possible:	15
probable:	[illegible]
unconfirmed:	50

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"excellent [illegible] given an [illegible] military".

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23 June, 1944.

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It was very kind of you to send through Lieutenant Leonard Wilson, U.S.N.R. of your Department the very interesting statistical maps and charts, and also the Gazetteer for use in my Map Room. These maps have been found most useful. Please accept my warm thanks.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Winston S. Churchill

Brigadier General William J. Donovan.

PRIME MINISTER

10, Downing Street,
Whitehall.

[illegible] June, 1944.

My dear General Donovan,

[illegible]

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Winston Churchill

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 (Sp Ops) Section

18 June 1944

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s/ [illegible]
[illegible]
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief, Sp Ops [illegible] G-3.

[illegible]/mcr
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D/A C-[illegible]
Chief of Staff [illegible] A.[illegible] (Rear)

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE
APO 4994, U. S. ARMY

SUBJECT: Captain JOHN R. CHOLE

THROUGH: AC of S, G-2, Fifth Army.

TO: Chief of OSS Operations, AFHQ.

1. The intelligence services of CAPTAIN JOHN R. CHOLE, [illegible] FIFTH ARMY, have been of a commendatory character [illegible] this Force while on the Beachhead.

2. Of the eight agents put through the lines [illegible] right flank of the ANZIO Beachhead, six returned successfully [illegible] formation concerning enemy defenses and intentions [illegible]

3. When it is considered these agents were [illegible] in other cases only briefly trained, the completeness [illegible] an excellent supervisory control by Captain CHOLE. [illegible] all missions and later detailed interrogation of agents resulted [illegible] over-all picture of enemy movements, significant [illegible] locations, and civilian affairs in enemy-occupied territory.

/s/ Robert T. [illegible]
/t/ ROBERT T. [illegible]
Brigadier General, [illegible]
Commanding

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, APO 464, U. S. Army, 18 May 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, [illegible] OSS, Italy.

It is [illegible] above commendation is forwarded [illegible] curred in.

/s/ Edwin B. Howard
/t/ EDWIN B. [illegible]
Colonel, G. [illegible]
A.C. of S., G-[illegible]

AG 201-P-Crose, John R. (Off) 2nd Ind
HQ OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES - ITALY, APO 777, U. S. Army

TO: Captain, John R. Crose, c/o Commanding Officer, 2677th [illegible]
APO 512, U. S. Army.

This commendation is well deserved and it is a pleasure [illegible] with my own congratulations on a job well done.

/s/ C. C. Carter
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Colonel, G.A.S.
Commanding

201-Crose, John R. (Off) 3rd Ind
HQ 2677TH REGT OSS (PROV), APO 512, U. S. Army, [illegible] June 1944.

To: Captain John R. Crose.

In forwarding this commendation, I wish to express my appreciation for the services you have rendered this organization in accomplishing its mission.

EDWARD J. F. [illegible]
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

GERALD M. MURPHY
Captain, AGD

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
1530 P STREET NW.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 18, 1944

Mr. Stanley Lovell
Office of Strategic Services
Room 113, South Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Stan:

I am delayed in writing to you to express our appreciation for the very useful information and assistance obtained from Professor Calosi in the course of several conferences with him by different groups within OSRD. We particularly appreciate the courtesy of OSS in bringing him to Washington for these conferences and I can assure you that the information which he gave to our people fully justified the effort involved both on his part and on the part of his organization in bringing him here.

His extensive scientific and practical experience in the field of torpedo exploders has been of special value to our people working in that field. We have also been pleased with his cordiality and very apparent desire to give whatever information he had which might aid us in finding better solutions to our problems.

Very sincerely yours,

Carroll L. Wilson

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Executive Assistant
to the Director

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

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

4 October, 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Mr. Donall O. Downes

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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.

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

Certified to be a true copy:

Reid M. Dennis

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

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

File: Photographic Unit, Navy Dept. Bureau Aeronautics Commendation

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

JAN 18 1942

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Sincerely yours,

Frank Knox

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

JAN 5 1942

WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

JAN - 2 1942

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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,

Henry L. Stimson

Secretary of War

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Secretary of War.

BRITISH SECURITY CO

21st June, 1945

By Safe Hand

I understand that in all probability you are going to close down your Italian S.I. section shortly, and bring back most, if not all, of your S.I. people from Italy.

That being so, I should like on this occasion to pay a special tribute to Brennan by putting on record my sincere appreciation of the friendly and co-operative spirit which he has gone out of his way to display.

Moore has repeatedly told me that Brennan never loses an opportunity to be helpful. As a result, they have been able to build up an association which has, I think, been useful to both our organisations and proved a de facto working model of Anglo-American collaboration between individuals.

Wm. Stephenson
Director

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF
CIVIL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

21 June 1[illegible]

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

Dear General Donovan:

I have been informed that Dr. Hajo Holborn has terminated his connection with the Office of Strategic Services in order to return to his duties at Yale University. I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciation for the many services rendered to me and to my office by Dr. Holborn as a member of your staff.

For more than a year he served as a member of the Committee on Civil Affairs Studies. You are well aware of the importance of the work that has been done in the preparation of Civil Affairs guides.

Dr. Holborn was, during the entire period that he served with the committee, one of its most enthusiastic and industrious members. As the result of his excellent opinions and the advice that he rendered as a member of the committee, the guides that have been prepared have proved to be documents which are a very real value in the conduct of the work of military government. In addition, I feel fortunate to have had the services of Dr. Holborn as a personal adviser in which capacity he has done much to assist me with my problems.

It is with extreme regret that we now see Dr. Holborn leave.

Sincerely,

J. H. HILDRING
Major General
Director, Civil Affairs, [illegible]

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff (G-2)
APO 512 US ARMY

Major General T. S. AIREY

GBI/DO/142/45

4 June 1945

Dear General Donovan,

Whilst you are here, I would very much like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks for the valuable work that has been done by OSS for G-2.

The work that was done in the South of France and Northern Italy, quite apart from the brilliant work in Switzerland, has been quite remarkably good.

During my long spell in G-2 in the Mediterranean it has been most gratifying to see the value and reliability of the large amount of information from OSS sources, grow from day to day. I do hope that you will allow me to express my admiration and gratitude for all that has been done by your organisation. I feel too, that G-2 owes much to the energy, enthusiasm and unfailing cooperation of Colonel Glavin.

Yours sincerely

T S Airey

Major General William J. DONOVAN,
c/o Colonel E.J.F. GLAVIN,
HQ 2677 Regt OSS(Prov),
APO 512.

HEADQUARTERS
AAF TACTICAL CENTER
Orlando, Florida

SUBJECT: AAF Post-Hostilities Staff Officers' Course

TO : Commanding General,
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

1. The first AAF Post-Hostilities [illegible] nearing completion and from all [illegible] successful course due in a large measure to [illegible] assistance rendered by your department.

2. The services of Dr. Franz Neumann, [illegible] Dr. Herbert Marcuse, Dr. Conyers Read, Dr. Henry [illegible], John Herz, and Lt. (j.g.) Beverly Bowie were of [illegible] to the students and to our instructors. Without their [illegible] would not have been able to give the students such [illegible] and consequently would not have achieved the goal we set [illegible] that of preparing the students fully for the positions they [illegible] to fill.

3. On behalf of the entire school, I wish to thank [illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] HOLDEN
[illegible], Air Corps
[illegible]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff
A. P. O. 512

15 [illegible]

Major General William J. [illegible]
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear General,

I wish to express to you my appreciation for the outstanding work of the [illegible] in the [illegible] Operation.

It was my good fortune to have participated in this operation and I am, therefore, familiar with the [illegible] and functions placed on the OSS agencies in [illegible] and also with the highly commendable manner with which [illegible] carried out by all concerned.

The work of Allen W. DULLES was particularly [illegible] His establishment of the original contacts in [illegible] agreement of subsequent conferences and discussions were [illegible] with rare skill and sound judgment. Great credit is [illegible] thoroughness and efficiency with which he handled the many [illegible] of frontier passage, security, and the many movements of personnel equipment from one place to another in SWITZERLAND. During [illegible] active period, he and his entire staff worked long hours, under the most trying conditions [illegible] Always most cooperative [illegible] to General AIREY, [illegible] Force Headquarters.

Mr. [illegible]

His knowledge of [illegible] Gero von [illegible] invaluable [illegible] morphology made his [illegible] the various [illegible] dramatic handling [illegible] the Operation [illegible] to the success [illegible] aries [illegible] German plenipotentiaries [illegible] operation [illegible] and return. During [illegible] conferences, and particularly between [illegible] the plenipotentiaries [illegible] value to us [illegible].

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Colonel Edward J. F. GRAVIN and the 2677th Regiment [illegible] contributed much to the success of the SUNRISE-CROSSWORD Operation. The heavy additional signal traffic was handled efficiently, [illegible] for movement and accommodation were well prepared and [illegible] executed, and complete security was maintained throughout the operation.

In the foregoing, I have attempted to give [illegible] members of your organization with whom I had direct [illegible] in my opinion, played outstanding parts in the [illegible] tion. The greatest credit, however, belongs to you [illegible] Strategic Services for having in existence the [illegible] personnel and the means required to take full advantage [illegible] and to carry the SUNRISE-CROSSWORD Operation [illegible] fal conclusion. Aside from the important intelligence [illegible] roles played by OSS in this war, your organization [illegible] vital part in bringing about the unconditional surrender [illegible] Armies in Northern ITALY and Southern AUSTRIA, which [illegible] hasten the complete collapse of the entire Germany [illegible] Government. By this action on the part of OSS, [illegible] been brought to a successful conclusion much earlier than [illegible] otherwise been possible, with the consequent saving [illegible] much treasure.

Sincerely,

L. L. Lemnitzer

L. L. LEMNITZER
Major General, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff

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

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

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[illegible] success.

Sincerely,

L. S. KUTER
Major General, U. S. Army
Acting Chief of Air Staff

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SUBJECT: [illegible]

TO : Commanding Officer
Hq. & Hq. Detachment [illegible]
[illegible] USA (Fwd), APO [illegible], [illegible] Army

1. It has come to my attention that [illegible] our reaction to the value of the so called [illegible].

2. Under existing combat conditions, my view [illegible] been found that this manner of [illegible] is [illegible] other method. A recent example is the flight [illegible] via Stuttgart and who definitely confirmed the [illegible] reported motorized army being concentrated in that area. [illegible] back various bits of very timely and valuable [illegible] was extremely interested in the report.

3. Our desire is to effect the drop-line of [illegible] south of the Danube, some of them to tour the [illegible] front lines along prescribed routes. By establishing [illegible] such agents the wealth of [illegible] intelligence to be gained [illegible].

4. In the event you have the occasion to speak [illegible] will you express to him our desire in maintaining [illegible] believe will pay much [illegible] dividends than any other [illegible] of time intelligence.

[illegible]
[illegible]
Colonel, [illegible],
[illegible],

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

April [illegible]

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

Dear General

When Captain Conway, Associate [illegible] War Shipping Administration, was in Paris recently, [illegible] a cabinet of 10" X 12" photographs on European [illegible] of the Photographic Unit located in the [illegible] allowed us to borrow, on April 6, a complete set of [illegible] the port of Antwerp.

These photographs, in the opinion of [illegible] myself, rank among the best and clearest port photo[illegible] They would be most valuable to this Agency in making [illegible] studies and post-war plans.

We would appreciate your placing this Agency on the [illegible]tribution list for one complete set of photographs on any [illegible] Europe.

Your cooperation in this matter would be sincerely appreciated. With my good wish to you and Col Buxton

Cordially yours,

Hugh D. Butler
Director
Division of Economics and Statistics

Mr. Hugh D. [illegible]
Director
Division of [illegible] Economics
United [illegible]
Temporary [illegible]
19[illegible] D Street
Washington [illegible]

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[illegible] A.

SUBJECT: [illegible]

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1. During [illegible]
sequent [illegible]
U.S. Army [illegible]
from [illegible]
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[illegible]
formation. [illegible]
[illegible]
highly [illegible]
at the [illegible] Base in [illegible]
Alemoreuse, [illegible]
[illegible]
the chain of a highly [illegible]
standing contribution [illegible]
in Southern France.

2. It is [illegible]
[illegible]
Seventh Army [illegible]
[illegible]
of the [illegible] was [illegible]

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25 D. C.

28 March 1944

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

Dear General Donovan:

This is to express for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for myself sincere thanks to you and your Reproduction Branch for the fine workmanship so expeditiously accomplished in printing and binding the permanent record of the recent Crimean Conference. This is the fifth volume reproduced with the splendid cooperation of the Reproduction Branch, Office of Strategic Services.

The number of individuals employed was necessarily limited and each gave unhesitatingly of his energy and experience in order to create a printed and bound record which would be as nearly perfect as possible. I hope that you will convey my appreciation and that of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the following personnel:

Major R. J. Lefebvre
1st Lieut. G. F. McAdams
2nd Lieut. Fred Drake
T/Sgt. Horace M. Curtis
Ptr. 2/c F. M. Ludwig
S/Sgt. K. D. Butler
Sgt. Roy T. Price
Sgt. W. W. Abendschein
Sgt. J. Borzomati
Sgt. Lawrence C. King
T/4 Wilson B. Malick
Cpl. Alvin Hardt
Cpl. John G. Koenig
Cpl. John F. Nesline, Jr.
Cpl. Franklin Parker
Cpl. S. Gianglulio
T/5 Albert H. Carl

Sincerely yours,

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

A. J. McFARLAND,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
UNITED STATES FORCES
CHINA THEATER

27 March 1945.

Dear Bill:

The charts that your office prepared for us not only proved their value in a military sense, but also are examples of perfect workmanship. They were of inestimable value to us in explaining to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and several of their supporting agencies the intricacies of our written plan.

I would appreciate your commending the persons responsible for working up these charts for us and in working so wholeheartedly with my officers.

We were delighted to have your company from Hawaii to the coast and hope we can have you as a travelling companion again in the near future.

Faithfully yours,

A. C. WEDEMEYER
Lieutenant General, U.S.A.

Major General W. J. Donovan
1647 - 30th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gen. Donovan
Retained
U.S.

EXCERPTS FROM A REPORT BY CAPTAIN [illegible]

WILLIAMS OF HIS RECENT TOUR ** [illegible]

7. N.C.A.C.

General Sultan was away but I met General Cannon, Colonel Knight, Colonel Stillwell, Colonel Peers (just promoted), and many other officers.

This front is probably the best served by clandestine intelligence and their liaison with 14th Army on that level is efficient, speedy and co-operative.

There are, however, two points of great importance affecting policy:-

1. The question of raising and arming of guerrilla forces. This N.C.A.C. have done throughout the campaign on the following principle. A group under American officers is put in behind the Japanese lines and when that group is fully established, arms, equipment and [illegible] are dropped and distributed under safeguard to the forces that group raises. When the battle moves over them, the arms are collected and to illustrate the effectiveness of the O.S.S. system Colonel Peers now has in his armouries a surplus of 2,000 more weapons than he originally issued.

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The effect of this group system can best be by comparing it to a slowly moving snow ball, war mass, with its rear and melding away as guerrillas charged to their own parts of the country and villages.

Their strength is considerable and round the area LASHIO there are no less than 7 battalions of between strong, commanded by Americans deep in the enemy

Their bag of Japanese picked up dead in the last months is now approaching 4,000 and it is due to my mind above system that the volume of intelligence available N.C.A.C. and on the borders of their territory, to date is so great.

I have discussed the above with D.G.S.(I) and U.S. Army, A.L.F.S.E.A. and strongly urged that covering approval be given to N.C.A.C. to continue the system, for there is at present an order out that no arming may take place without prior approval, and in view of the Karenni decision to arm 136 (referred to in paragraph 6(3) above) and the great success in the N.C.A.C. area, it is not surprising that those in authority at N.C.A.C. feel that they also should be fully trusted.

D.G.S.(I) and C.G.S. were fully in agreement, and pointed out that O.S.S. had submitted no plan, and this I have asked O.S.S. to do. When they had, the agreement of C.A.S.(B) would be sought.

I was impressed with the evident sence of responsibility present in the minds of those concerned at N.C.A.C., and U.S. towards the British Civil Affairs problem, and am equally convinced that the issuing of arms by the Americans under their system can do nothing but help military purposes, and being carefully controlled do nothing proportionate to harm post military problems.

Nothing in the above affects the A.F.O. but is concerned with the Kachins, Shans and presumably in time the Karenni.

A point is that when the 'snowball' reaches the Force 136 resistance movement very careful co-ordination needed.

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the Japanese, and the point was put forward that [illegible] operations have to be cleared with the P.W. Division, which sometimes means that "hot" intelligence which could be worked up into effective black propaganda is faced by delay and by the time approval is given is stone cold and useless. The remedy it is suggested lies in the laying down of tram-lines within which subordinate commands can work and approval to be given for action to be taken on the spot, subsequently reporting what has been done in order to keep superior H.Q.'s in the picture.

8. ADV. ALFSEA (second visit).

In addition to discussing the points above a meeting was held which was attended by all G.1 and G.2 P Div. officers with the exception of Lieut. Colonel Willis, who for some reason had not arrived. The following decisions were reached:-

1. Code Names.

'P' Division SACSEA would continue to issue blocks of code names as received from I.S.S.D. on behalf of I.S.L.D., O.S.S. and Force 136, and keep G.1 P Div. A.L.F.S.E.A. informed of what they represent. 'E' Force code names would be issued by Adv. A.L.F.S.E.A. and 'P' Div S.A.C.S.E.A. be kept informed.

2. Money.

Any money required by Adv. A.L.F.S.E.A. for 'E' Force operations would be provided through 'P' Div. SACSEA.

3. Boundaries.

The 15th Corps boundary to the eastward was defined as running along the ridge of the Eastern Arakan Yomas.

9. General Remarks.

The expressed opinion of commanders and senior staff officers of the various commands regarding clandestine intelligence gave me the same type of shock one would receive in a market town if one met a group of fairly contented farmers. There is no doubt there has been a marked improvement and the system is well into its stride, and should produce progressive results. There is a necessity for all organizations to get quicker into action, commanders frequently want an operation put in at

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very short notice and clandestine services should plan to meet and. This is being taken up.

Another need is for more frequent liaison visits, misunderstandings and doubts disappear with personal contact and weak spots show up more quickly.

Seeing the O.S.S. unit in the field with its equivalent combination of all the British clandestine and quasi-military organizations left me in no sort of doubt as to how these services can best be organized to serve commanders in the field. It would be unsound to recommend a changed organization now for we have, by empiric methods, arrived at a compromise which works.

10. The agreement of A.L.F.S.E.A. was obtained to our P/2440 of 31st January 1945, implementing the conclusions reached at the Barrackpore conference.

G.A.Garnons-Williams
Captain Royal Navy
Head of P Division

13th February, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS:
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 633

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

Dear General Donovan:

I would like to [illegible] aid which the Office of Strategic Services rendered to the United States [illegible] this theater of war. This appreciation [illegible] made to me by my Staff Officers, who have had valuable contacts with your service [illegible].

It would seem that the [illegible] the Office of Strategic Services [illegible] Strategic Air Forces. However, I would [illegible] of timely assistance given to [illegible] your [illegible] periodic condition of the war [illegible] of tremendous value. We have had [illegible] men of your organization [illegible] is sincerely hoped that the type of services [illegible] rendered by your sections dealing with these [illegible] this war, but will continue to develop throughout the [illegible] country.

Your generosity in allowing the United States Strategic Forces to utilize experienced analysts has made for a well [illegible] gram and has enabled our Intelligence and Operational Directorates [illegible] confidence in their decisions which might have [illegible] disastrous.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible] SPAATZ,
[illegible]eral, USAF,
[illegible]ding.

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HEADQUARTERS, TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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

Dear Donovan:

I wish to acknowledge receipt [illegible]
and of the report on the [illegible]
Japan.

The Twentieth Air Force is [illegible]
largely on the basis of experience [illegible]
The effects of our various air weapons [illegible]
been carefully analyzed and we have [illegible]
these analyses into operating data [illegible]
We must continue to use such data [illegible]
late adequate information on the regular [illegible]
Japan itself. Intelligence of the [illegible]
proves invaluable in proving the effectiveness [illegible]
B-29 airplanes.

I hope that you will continue [illegible]
of information you are able to obtain on [illegible]
Twentieth Air Force. To insure the most [illegible]
these reports, I request that in the future [illegible]
to Headquarters, Twentieth Air Force.

Sincerely,

H. H. Arnold

H. H. ARNOLD
General of the Army
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Colonel [illegible]
[illegible]
Washington, [illegible]

Dear Colonel Taylor:

[illegible] and [illegible]
recent air raids in [illegible]
this headquarters in determ[illegible]
tions. Any additional material [illegible]
able to forward to us [illegible]

I suggest that in the future [illegible]
directly to this headquarters [illegible]
mation may be applied as early as [illegible]
I will keep General Arnold informed of [illegible]
obtained from the Office of Strategic Services.

Sincerely,

[illegible] Norstad
Brigadier General,
Chief of Staff

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Permit me to offer my heartfelt congratulations to you on your promotion. Your advancement has been rightly earned and has been a long time in coming. Both you and your excellent organization have rendered an outstanding contribution to the war effort. This will be fully understood and proudly acclaimed in time to come.

TOR: 12/17/44 5:04 PM

BRITISH SECURITY CO ORDINATION

BY SAFE HAND.

TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL.

15th November

Dear Reid

The visit here of your very able representative in Switzerland reminds me of the fact that when I was in London recently I had the opportunity of going into the history and product of the "Wood" traffic. This is certainly one of the greatest secret intelligence achievements of this war. I mention this exceptional case but I must also express my most sincere admiration for the way your whole S.I. organization has been developed in what is, compared to the development of the various established secret intelligence organizations elsewhere, a phenomenally short space of time. I say nothing at this moment about what I have seen of the operations of your other departments, which are no less outstanding, but I cannot help recording my delight that your "I" side — which, after all, is the most delicate operation in foreign fields — has been so amazingly successful. All those with any real experience who know something about its operations and achievements are astonished at the progress which has been made.

You have cause for pride in the accomplishment, and those concerned deserve ever congratulation, but I look beyond the satisfaction which has been given me to play some role of minor assistance in its beginnings, to a profound hope and faith that the organization which you have so effectively created and developed will continue into the days of peace.

After this war you and I will probably be following our normal peacetime preoccupations. You well know my views about the importance of the United States Government having its own world-wide secret intelligence organization. It may be that other Governments, possibly with evil intentions, would not welcome the continuation of an U.S.G. secret intelligence organization, but I, personally, have always had the deepest conviction that if such an organization as yours had existed in the years following the last war this war might have been averted. There is no need to go into the details of what I consider to be absolutely irrefutable arguments in support of this contention, because they are known to you and I think that you completely agree with me.

I write you this letter not only to express my admiration for the pages of history which you have already made but also to say once again that I hope and trust that your achievements of the past are to be but the sound foundation for the future S.I. organization of U.S.G.

Yours [illegible]

W. S. Stephenson
Director

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

5 November 1944.

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

Dear General Donovan:

I am attaching for your information, a copy of a letter to this headquarters from the Chief Signal Officer expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to examine certain captured equipment made available by the efforts of your organization. This is another of many instances wherein the OSS has been so helpful to the Army.

The equipment in question was a late model of a German Radiosonde which was recovered by your agents who were assigned to the Simmons Mission.

Sincerely,

H. M. McCLELLAND
Brig Gen, USA
Air Communications Officer

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ADDRESS REPLY TO COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SPSAR 413.44 Radiosondes

SPSAR-7-W
12 October 1944

German Radiosonde Type R-3.

Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Att: Weather Branch, Communications Equipment Officer, MS.

1. Reference is made to your letter, 7 August 1944, subject: "Captured Equipment for Examination", and to the Signal Corps Laboratory report on this equipment, which was forwarded with our letter on 28 September 1944, file 413.44 Radiosondes, subject: "Report on German Radiosonde Type RS-3".

2. It is desired to express the appreciation of the Chief Signal Officer for the opportunity to examine this late model of a German Radiosonde, which was received in such excellent condition. Models heretofore received for test have been in very poor condition. With this model, the first opportunity has been provided for inspection of the modified pressure unit. The information gained through inspection of late models of foreign equipment in good condition is of invaluable assistance to the Signal Corps research and development program.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

Robert W. Raynsford,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Acting Chief, Engineering & Technical Service.

[redacted]
Colonel,
Signal Corps,
Chief, Branch.

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2nd Indorsement to a Letter from [illegible]
Office of the AC of S., G-3, SF
General, First U.S. Army, [illegible]
Activities of SF Detachments No. [illegible]
First U.S. Army.

[illegible] (G-3):
[illegible] Twelfth Army Group, APO [illegible]

To: Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary [illegible]

1. There is submitted herewith [illegible] Special Forces Detachment No. 1 [illegible] Army.

2. As indicated in the report, [illegible] contributed in marked degree to [illegible]

For the Army Group Commander:

C. A. LA[illegible]
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.

COPY.

1st Indorsement to a letter from H.Q. [illegible] the AC of S, G-3, SF No. 10, to Commanding [illegible] Army, dated 14th Oct. 1944, subject Activ[illegible] No. 10 while attached to First U.S. Army.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST UNITED STA[illegible]

To: Commanding General, Twelfth Arm[illegible]

1. As pointed out in t[illegible] complished of material assistance [illegible] groups. Much of this assistance [illegible] tegic nature drawn [illegible] developed during the [illegible] as other forces benefited from [illegible] ment No. 10, attached to [illegible] this headquarters informed of [illegible] It is to be noted that numerous [illegible] units to obtain a most [illegible] enemy locations and movements [illegible] naisance parties. The use of individual [illegible] ance groups rather than organized [illegible] area covered by this army.

2. The activities of the FFI [illegible] ected by higher headquarters but [illegible] the entry into Paris by elements [illegible] After its liberation the assistance given [illegible] resistance groups permitted the freeing of [illegible] troops that otherwise would have been used in [illegible]

3. As a result of these operations [illegible] activities of resistance groups should be directed [illegible] nated on a higher level than army headquarters. [illegible] a small liaison group to keep army headquarters [illegible] plans is essential. In addition personnel to operate [illegible] headquarters and possibly division headquarters should be provided. [illegible] of considerable value in handling [illegible] and [illegible] recovered during the advance of the Army [illegible] was [illegible] as constituted was able to [illegible] and did perform them in a [illegible]

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[illegible] Gen.

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Blockhouse
Montague
London

EEMF/3406

My dear Hornaday,

I should like to express
for the help which you gave
Agents returning through PARIS. I have
Agents and various Officers of your
and the way in which you and your Detachment
way to make them comfortable and to treat them
country.

The advance in FRANCE
this Headquarters nor EMFFI had time to set up a
ter in PARIS, and if it had not been for
ment I am sure that PARIS would have been filled with
crowd of Agents wanting help and instructions and
have been nobody there to aid them.

I should also like to thank you for the help
and kindness you showed to Major Hamilton when he arrived in
PARIS and before he could set up his Office.

Yours sincerely

/s/ E. Mockler-Ferryman

Major Wilmot

A TRUE COPY

/S/ JOSEPH
/T/ JOSEPH
1st Lt
Asst. Adm. Off

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512 U.S. ARMY

Brigadier General William J. [illegible]
Director, Office of Strategic [illegible]
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan,

You will [illegible]
of the OSS (ST) contribution [illegible]
fully concur with Colonel [illegible]

The success of the [illegible]
for DRAGOON has resulted in the [illegible]
system to all country desks [illegible]
type of information now received [illegible]
to the fact that the customer (G-[illegible]
ceiving from the procurer (OSS-ST) [illegible]
ordered.

The city team in Bucharest has [illegible]
work and it is hoped that the other city teams will
to do as well. All the teams have been briefed [illegible]
office has seen to it that a questionnaire dealing [illegible]
essential information is also in their hands. This [illegible]
will be amended from time to time before and after the [illegible]
in.

Very sincerely yours,

C. C. SLOANE, Jr.
Colonel, GSC
D/A.C. of S., G-[illegible]

1. Incl.
OSI/CI/[illegible] dtd 30 October 1944,
from Colonel L. S. Ritchie.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

GBT/OI/IIB

30 October

Memorandum for D/A. C. of S., G-2.

Subject : O.S.S. Contribution to Intelligence Collated for Operation DRAGOON.

1. The intelligence provided for Operation 'DRAGOON' was probably the fullest and most detailed of any provided by G-2, AFHQ in a series of combined operations commencing with 'TORCH'. The GOC, 7 U.S. Army himself paid a personal tribute to its 'extraordinary accuracy'.

2. The material collated by G-2, AFHQ came from a variety of sources but the very considerable contribution of O.S.S. merits special emphasis, not only on account of its intrinsic worth but because the results obtained provide a signal example of what can be done by an agency of this kind when it consents to work in closest cooperation with the Operational Headquarters which it is serving.

3. A rough estimate of the proportion of accepted ground Intelligence supplied by the three Allied agencies shows that 50% was provided by O.S.S., 30% by the S.R. and 20% by I.S.L.D.

4. The French Desk at Algiers maintained daily contact with the [illegible].I. Section at AFHQ. All the members of it were indefatigable in their efforts to secure the information requested. Nothing was declared to be impossible.

A full and accurate picture of the static situation in Southern France was gradually built up and when the events of July and early August threatened to confuse the whole issue by setting the whole enemy lay-out in motion, a phenomenally accurate check on troop movements was maintained with the result that we were not only able to keep 7 Army in possession of an up-to-date picture but also to provide SHAEF with information in advance of any other source.

5. I have had not inconsiderable experience of intelligence planning and am very fully aware of the patience and meticulousness required of both planners and intelligence agencies. I consider that the results achieved by O.S.S. in respect of Southern FRANCE before DRAGOON so outstanding that they should be brought to the attention of interested authorities, together with the names of our principal collaborators.

[illegible] (Head of Engineer Forces [illegible])

[illegible] (Chief/[illegible] and [illegible]ting officer)

[illegible] (Order of Battle [illegible])

[illegible]

[illegible] with 7 Army)

[illegible] Group)

/s/ M. B. Mitchens, Col.

/t/ H. B. MITCHENS,
Colonel, G.S.,
G-2 Section, G.H.Q.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS XVIII CORPS (Airborne)
Office of the Commanding General

AG 201.22

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army, APO [illegible], U. S. Army

1. I wish to commend the [illegible] general all around ability displayed by the Office of Strategic Services [illegible] in the planning phases of operations [illegible] under consideration.

2. Much valuable intelligence [illegible] headquarters through the Office of [illegible] to special requests and on particular [illegible] missions have been planned by the staff [illegible] the next operation and [illegible] personnel concerned will [illegible] intelligence.

/s/ [illegible]
/t/ [illegible]
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

AG 201.22 1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS FIRST ALLIED AIRBORNE ARMY, APO [illegible], [illegible] ber 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, Office of Strategic Services, T of Opns, APO 387, U S Army

The Commanding General wishes to add his [illegible] excellent services performed by the Office of Strategic Services for the First Allied Airborne Army.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ E. W. [illegible]
/t/ H. [illegible]
Major, AGD,
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
Office of the A. C. of S., G-2
APO 758 US ARMY

31 October

SUBJECT : Strategic Services Section (OSS), Headquarters Seventh

TO : A. C. of S., G-2, Headquarters Sixth Army Group, APO

1. It is desired to point out and emphasize the extreme work which has been and is still being done for this command by the OSS Detachment, officially known as Co A, 2677th Regiment, OSS (Fr) at this headquarters as the "Strategic Services Section".

2. During the planning phase of the Operation DRAGOON (ANVIL) personnel of this unit operated under control of AFHQ, but [illegible] with this section in the employment of intelligence agents in the [illegible]. They were attached to Headquarters Seventh Army [illegible] Letter [illegible] dated 24 July, 1944.

3. Since the beginning of the operation, this detachment under [illegible] supervision has served as the sole agency for the administration and [illegible]ment, coordination and control of all clandestine intelligence activities [illegible] agents in the Seventh Army Area. By thus concentrating the [illegible] control of all such activities in the hands of a single agency composed [illegible] highly competent, trained, and experienced personnel, and commanded [illegible] officer capable of maintaining effective control of such agents [illegible] command has enjoyed the benefits of a very profitable flow of [illegible] agent intelligence and has at the same time, to a [illegible] solved the difficult problems of recruiting and screening [illegible] in divisional areas.

4. With the [illegible] from the jurisdiction [illegible] to that of SHAEF, [illegible] changes in the status [illegible] organization of [illegible] proposed or considered. In [illegible] of this [illegible] the fact the entire [illegible] of clandestine [illegible] its subordinate [illegible] dependent on [illegible] and strategic [illegible] that every possible [illegible] be made [illegible] scientific [illegible] intelligence [illegible] organization or [illegible] the [illegible] taken of this [illegible] tors.

[illegible]LIAM W. [illegible]
[illegible]lonel, G. S.
[illegible] A. C. of S.,

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REPLY TO
GENERAL ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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

Dear General Donovan:

Your thoughtfulness in forwarding for my information a copy of the letter of commendation which you received from General Davidson of the Tenth Air Force with reference to the outstanding accomplishments of Detachment 101, O.S.S. is appreciated. The contribution of this detachment to the efforts of the Tenth Air Force in furnishing target information, damage assessment and, particularly, the assistance and rescue of pilots and air crews adds further assurance that our military successes are to a great extent the result of our traditional American teamwork.

General Davidson's statement that O.S.S. personnel effected the rescue and return of four fighter pilots and participated in the rescue of or assistance to 181 air crew members of troop carrier units and Air Transport Command was most satisfying. These achievements which materially contribute to the maintenance of the high morale of our air crews are all the more remarkable in view of the difficulties of rescue in the dense jungle and rugged, mountainous terrain of Burma.

I wish to take this opportunity to add my own commendation to that of General Davidson for the exceptionally fine work of Detachment 101, O.S.S.

Sincerely yours

H. H. Arnold
U. S. Army
Army Air Forces

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

25 September 1944

SUBJECT: Provision of Intelligence for Operation DRAGOON

TO : Commanding Officer, 2677 Regiment, OSS

1. During both the planning phase and the actual operation, up to the time that OSS(SI) agents were overrun, intelligence flowing through the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, A. F. H. Q., was extremely accurate and contributed in no small way to the success of the operation, particularly from an intelligence point of view.

2. Much credit should go to Mr. Henry Hyde and Mr. Ted Ryan for the actual preparation of the above mentioned intelligence. Their close liaison and cooperation with the A. F. H. Q. Country Sections concerned with Southern France enabled them to receive the guidance as to what specific information was required and to better direct the agents under their control in the actual procurement of the information.

3. Although unknown to the undersigned, the agents who worked in the field deserve their share of praise, particularly for their high standard of reporting. Many of the diagrams and charts of defences, dumps and other important enemy installations were extremely helpful, especially since through them confirmation of and additions to information gathered from air photos were made. Furthermore, installations were uncovered which due to good camouflage had not been picked up on air photos.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

/s/ C. C. Sloane Jr
/t/ C. C. SLOANE, Jr.
Colonel, G. S. C.,
D/A. C. of S.,

A TRUE COPY:
for REED M. [illegible]
2d Lieut[illegible]

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25 D. C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

By Authority of
The Commanding
Army Air Forces
19 9 44
Date

SEP 19 1944

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

Dear General Donovan:

General Eaker has recently sent me a report of the rescue of American airmen from the Balkans. The release of these crews has given a tremendous boost to the morale of AAF personnel in the Mediterranean.

General Eaker, in his report, emphasizes the important role played by Office of Strategic Services personnel in the operations. The success of the rescue missions has been largely dependent upon excellent OSS cooperation.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the assistance your organization has rendered to the Army Air Forces. I am especially grateful for the part played by Company B of the 2766th Regiment.

During the last three months, General Eaker informs me, 1,888 American airmen have been rescued from the Balkans. This is an achievement in which the OSS should have much justifiable pride.

Sincerely yours,

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

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[illegible] General, [illegible] Army Air Forces
[illegible]

Dear General:

[illegible] rescue of American airmen [illegible] a very [illegible] and [illegible] the same [illegible] evacuated from Rumania. [illegible] tional combat crews has proved [illegible] valid. [illegible] asked to request co[illegible] 79130, activities concerning the rescue [illegible] from the Balkans is described [illegible]

[illegible] large number of American airmen [illegible] Fifteenth Air Force have parachuted safely [illegible] craft disabled while operating over [illegible] tion in the Balkans was such that [illegible] refuge in areas held by the friendly [illegible] Mihailovich in Yugoslavia. These [illegible] to help in effecting an early return of [illegible] their organizations, but they were [illegible] assistance from outside Yugoslavia.

[illegible] certain Allied organizations [illegible] functions in the Balkans are in a position [illegible] in returning American air crews, the aid of [illegible] tions has been freely contributed to the successful [illegible] of American airmen. These organizations and their [illegible] as follows:

Company B, 2766 Regt (Prov). - This is a [illegible] company which was formerly known as Special [illegible] It has officers stationed with elements of the [illegible] Mihailovich forces in Yugoslavia. This company [illegible] functions of collecting American airmen, bringing [illegible] places from which [illegible] evacuated and informed [illegible] the airmen are [illegible] and may be [illegible] certain [illegible] entirely American [illegible] maintained [illegible] in Yugoslavia [illegible]

a signal c[illegible] maintains [illegible] release [illegible] contact with [illegible] personnel [illegible] Fifteenth Air [illegible] Bari, Italy. [illegible] has performed special duties of [illegible] in aircrew rescue work.

[illegible] Air Force - [illegible] Yugoslavia. [illegible] part of the [illegible] where [illegible] were [illegible] be rescued by [illegible] air [illegible] [illegible] has assisted in the removal of [illegible] special requests [illegible] Fifteenth Air Force.

Force 399 - Force 399 [illegible] operating in Yugoslavia. [illegible] works closely with the [illegible] Air [illegible] its American liaison personnel [illegible] (Prov) of the Fifteenth Air Force. [illegible] dropping of supplies to partisan forces [illegible] other special missions. This force [illegible] which maintain a mobile wireless [illegible] emergency signal service with the [illegible] The Force has been active in assisting [illegible] crews.

The Fifteenth Air Force has been [illegible] in the rescue of American airmen from [illegible] the necessary transportation out of Yugoslavia. [illegible] planes of the Fifteenth Air Force and troop carrier [illegible] loaned to it by the 51st Troop Carrier [illegible] the transportation of personnel. Fighters of the [illegible] Air Force have been used to escort the aircraft [illegible] transportation of airmen.

Rescue of airmen from the Balkans, up to [illegible] 1944, was accomplished by special arrangements in each case when organizations operating in the Balkans provide [illegible] tion that airmen had been located and that it was possible [illegible] perform a rescue operation.

On the 14th of July, 1944, action was initiated to form an Air Crew Rescue Unit. The duties of this unit were to assist in the rescue of American airmen within the Balkan States. It was directed that this action be accomplished [illegible] closest cooperation with the [illegible] Officer Commanding, [illegible] Force, and other [illegible] operating in the Balkan States. The [illegible] military and non-military. It works in [illegible] units which are authorized to [illegible] States.

[illegible] Air Crew Rescue Unit established [illegible] quarters at [illegible]ari, Italy. It was attached to the [illegible] Air Force. Its personnel included the following:

Headquarters
[illegible] Commanding Officer
[illegible] Officer
[illegible] Sergeant

Air Crews
Three Pilots
Three Crew Chiefs
Two Radio Operator Gunners

Communications
Four Radio [illegible]

Field Teams
Two field teams, each [illegible]

Two Officers
[illegible] Officer
[illegible] Enlisted [illegible]
Two Medical Officers

[illegible] the above personnel [illegible] was furnished by Headquarters [illegible] personnel by Co. [illegible], 27[illegible] (Prov), [illegible] by Fifteenth Air Force.

The unit was furnished two [illegible] aircraft. It was authorized to request [illegible] from the Fifteenth Air Force as [illegible] the need for a large volume of air transport [illegible]

The Air Crew Rescue Unit functioned [illegible] which is illustrated by a typical rescue:

Information passes from special [illegible] within the Balkans to the Balkan and [illegible]ari, Italy, [illegible] ments of G S Co. [illegible], 2756th Sqdn (Prov). [illegible] the Air Crew Rescue Unit and the Fifteenth Air Force [illegible] airmen have been found and may be rescued. The [illegible] Force and the Air Crew Rescue Unit devise a means [illegible] the required transportation and arrange through the co[illegible] of [illegible] to have air crew [illegible] and assembled [illegible] at appropriate local[illegible] the Balkans. Photographic [illegible] ground survey of [illegible] suitable for operat[illegible] aircraft is [illegible] Force and [illegible] The operation [illegible] is planned by Fifteen[illegible]

Force and the Air Crew Rescue Unit. When the plan was established and appropriate personnel in Yugoslavia notified, the rescue is effected under the operational control of Fifteenth Air Force. The reception, interrogation and return to the United States of personnel thus rescued performed by Fifteenth Air Force.

The recent evacuation of American airmen in Roumania was accomplished as follows:

Notification was received that approximately one thousand (1,000) American airmen were in the [illegible] area.

[illegible] was asked to send personnel [illegible] to make arrangements for the return of these airmen as OSS was the only organization authorized to [illegible] on such a task. The OSS responded by [illegible] Roumanian speaking personnel to make arrangements [illegible] communications personnel to maintain contact [illegible]

Fifteenth Air Force [illegible] unit arranged for C-47's to land at [illegible] airfields and return them to Bari. Complete [illegible] was provided by Fifteenth Air Force.

During the past three months, approximately [illegible] thousand eight hundred eighty-eight (1,888) American airmen have been rescued from the Balkans. Of these [illegible] were rescued in June, two hundred eighteen [illegible] in July, four hundred fifty (450) were rescued [illegible] approximately one thousand (1,000) are now [illegible] processed.

Word has just been received that [illegible] two hundred (200) American airmen are in Switzerland. [illegible] are in progress to return these airmen [illegible] United States.

All rescue operations are being covered [illegible] with narrative and picture stories. It is felt [illegible] of air crew rescue work will prove of great news [illegible] value in the United States.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

IRA C. EAKER
Lieutenant General,
Commanding.

[redacted]

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL
ARMY AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ARMY AIR FORCES
HEADQUARTERS AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON

6 Oct 1944

Brig. General William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
18th and E Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear General Donovan:

Several weeks ago, a need arose for a comprehensive statement in graphic form of the activities of this Command for the sole purpose of presentation to the Air Staff. Because of the excellent reputation of the Presentation Branch of your office, we requested your assistance. Both the text and accompanying charts have now been completed. The result fully justifies our expectations. It is [illegible] that this [illegible] will go far towards the goal of a more complete clarification of the [illegible] of the Air Transport Command.

Please let me thank you most sincerely for your [illegible] as well as that of your associates. In this connection, I wish to [illegible] particularly the work of Mr. H. T. Barton, Jr., Mr. David [illegible], Mrs. Paula Van Hyning, and Mr. Eero Saarinen.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. GEORGE,
Major General, USA,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
ASSAM WING
I.C.D-A.T.C.
1325th AAF Base Unit
APO 629 New York, N. Y.

20 August 1944

SUBJECT: Cooperation of Detachment 101 with ATC

TO : Commanding Officer, 101 Detachment, APO 629

1. In the operation of Air Transport Command so much has happened, so many events have occurred, so many favors have been rendered to our personnel by your Detachment, that we feel it is fitting that some recognition of your valued services be now made in writing, so that you may know they have been appreciated.

2. Personnel of the 101 Detachment, USAF, have consistently been of great assistance to the India China Wing of the Air Transport Command.

3. Invaluable aid has been rendered by the 101 Detachment by furnishing the Intelligence section of the India China Wing with information concerning the enemy. This information has helped the ATC Intelligence Officers in their briefing of flying personnel who fly the hazardous Assam-China route as to the exact position of the enemy lines, and the position of enemy airfields, as well as the numerical strength of enemy aircraft based on forward Burma fields.

4. When reports of unusual radio interference on the Transport run were frequent, reports from 101 Detachment offered solutions, for example:

a. On 9 December 1943, Lt. Cole, Pilot of C-46 #398 while in flight from Sookerating to China overheard a Japanese propaganda program broadcast on a frequency of 1145 KC. An English speaking Japanese dedicated his program to American Army Transport pilots. For a full half hour from 1830 hours to 1900 hours the Japanese spoke about the futility of flying supplies to a beaten China. At this time Lt. Cole was flying in the vicinity of Sumprabum, his radio compass needle swung strongly and pointed due south, thus indicating the presence of a station in the vicinity of Sumprabum or south of it. On 14 December 1943, Intelligence reports of 101 Detachment stated that there were two English speaking Japanese Lieutenants at Myitkyina (approximately 75 miles south of Sumprabum) the same report gave the position of a radio station with a peculiar antenna system a short distance north of Myitkyina.

[illegible] 1943, 1st Lt. Elias O'Connell, Pilot of C-[illegible] picked up a strong DF station [illegible] indicated a station [illegible] Fort Hertz radio on a [illegible] position as over Fort Hertz [illegible]

with the natives of Northern Burma, though they were supposedly under the control of the Japanese.

When C-46 #634 enroute from Kunming to Chabua rapidly lost altitude and failed to respond to emergency measures the pilot ordered the crew to bail out. Lt. Starling and Cpl. Wyatt bailed out seconds before the transport plane crashed into a mountain side and exploded with the other two members still on board the aircraft. Cpl. Wyatt was badly burned when the plane exploded against the mountain just after he bailed out. Though both men encountered different natives in each case the natives were very friendly. They understood the word American. Kachins hid Wyatt in a cave and treated his burns with native poultices. The enemy was in the immediate vicinity. At one time Cpl. Wyatt looked out of the cave and watched a party of five Japanese soldiers search the home of his benefactor, which was located barely 50 feet away. At this time the natives with knives drawn stood by to protect him should the Japanese discover the cave. Runners carried his messages to the nearest Allied outpost and returned with medical supplies and an air mattress. Risking their own lives the natives smuggled Wyatt out of the cave and carried him to the nearest Allied outpost, Ngumla, where he remained for three weeks recuperating.

Lt. Starling, who landed on a mountain north of the Nganchang Hka River, about ten miles NW of Hpimaw, was also fed and given shelter by the natives and taken to the Forward Headquarters of 101 Detachment.

c. A third incident was the rescue of 2nd Lt. Barton, Cpl. Hammond, and Pvt. Linthicum, all crew members of C-46 #682. These men and the one still missing crew member, 2nd Lt. Bagsby, were forced to bail out in the vicinity of Myitkyina after they had became lost and were low on fuel. At this time 16 February 1944, Myitkyina area was strongly entrenched with enemy troops. An agent, a member of 101 Det., found Barton and Hammond, and later Linthicum, and guided the men to safety.

Thus, eight men have been brought from behind Japanese lines, in all three cases a hazardous, self-sacrificing undertaking. These rescues, though the details were withheld for security reasons, had a decided effect in strengthening the confidence of flying personnel, since they gained knowledge that some valiant aid was available, even behind enemy lines.

8. 101 Detachment has unselfishly given the use of their equipment to ATC. On two occasions L-1 type aircraft were loaned to the Search and Rescue Unit, when aircraft of this kind were needed to pick up stranded airmen at some small jungle air-strip. On one occasion badly injured members of aircraft evacuated from a small strip by an Air Warning Station (RA-43). The aircraft crashed at (26°28'N - 95°20'E), near said A.W.S. station. As no aircraft that could land and take off on the small strip was available to the ATC Search and Rescue Unit, assistance of the 101 Detachment was immediately made available, and it was used in evacuating the badly injured fliers as well as the two doctors that parachuted to their assistance.

9. Upon all occasions the 101 Detachment has given admirable cooperation

Continued, Ltr, "Cooperation Det, 101 with ATC", 20 Aug 44

101 Detachment sent in a report on 31 December 1943, that a Jap [illegible] station was at position (NX 4618) in the Hukawng Valley; two Japanese [illegible] sets were reported at (NX 1547).

c. With conclusive evidence of the existence of enemy radio stations and their locations furnished by 101 Detachment, ATC Intelligence Officers were able to adequately brief flying personnel, and thus inexperienced pilots were probably saved from misinterpreting radio signals.

5. You supplied escape procedures to be followed by airmen forced down in enemy occupied Northern Burma, and advice concerning jungle survival quoting actual experiences, which proved of great value.

6. Major Bryden, Major Riley, and other officers responsible for ATC Airdrome Defense were given excellent training in jungle warfare tactics by the personnel of 101 Detachment.

7. With hundreds of flights being made daily by Air Transport Command aircraft between Assam, India and China, airmen are sometimes forced down along the route which covers some of the wildest terrain in the world. Conscientious attempts are made to rescue these men and many successful rescues are due to the direct effort of 101 Detachment, USAF.

In addition to actual physical participation in difficult search and rescue missions, 101 Detachment has wisely won true native friends in Northern Burma and has briefed them to help all American personnel with whom they may come in contact. In recalling the past participation by 101 Det., in rescue of our personnel, several incidents are outstanding:

a. On 31 January 1944, C-46 #425, enroute to Chabua, Assam from Kunming, China, ran into bad icing conditions, when the radio equipment failed to operate correctly and the gas supply ran dangerously low. Lt. Michael Krikorian, Lt. Jack W. Miller, Cpl. David P. Ash, and Cpl. Curtis F. Pritchard landed several miles to the rear of the Japanese lines near a Japanese stronghold, Makaw Ga in the Northern Hukawng Valley. The airmen were kept awake for the first several nights by the constant cannonading of artillery and rattle of machine gun fire. Taking a chance the Americans approached a native fishing in a stream, luckily he was in the employ of 101 Det. and he guided the airmen to a larger camp where they met Father Stewart, the Irish Catholic Priest, another member of 101. Father Stewart proceeded to guide Krikorian, Miller and Ash as well as a large number of refugees along a precarious route through Japanese occupied Burma. At one time the party narrowly escaped capture by traitorous Burmese. The India China Wing was informed on 12 February 1944, by 101 Det., that their agents reported Krikorian Miller, and Ash alive and well, and that they would soon arrive at a secret air-strip located deep in enemy controlled territory. On 16 February 1944, the men were flown out of Burma by three L-5 type aircraft.

On 25 February 1944, ATC was informed by 101 that Cpl. Curtis Fritch[illegible] had been captured, while floating down the Lamung Hka River. His captor [illegible]nese nat[illegible], turned Pritchard over to the Japanese.

On a[illegible] occasion two ATC fliers, 2nd Lt. J. P. Starling and [illegible]att, [illegible] air [illegible] to friendly relations established by 101

Continued, Ltr, "Cooperation Det. 101 with ATC", 20 Aug 44

to the ATC. Their swiftness of action and their indifference towards all obstacles and danger has been particularly impressive. Our gratitude and appreciation can hardly be expressed in words.

ROBERT H. BAKER
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

William H. Cummings

WILLIAM H. CUMMINGS
Captain, AUS
Det. 101

MISSION REPORT

COMMENDATIONS RECEIVED:

Three forms of commendations have been forwarded to Detachment [illegible] the period of this report while another in the form of appreciation for information received can also be classified as a tribute to the efforts of the unit.

The first commendation concerns Warrant Officer, Jr. Robert [illegible] of the Field Photographic Section. The commendation came in the form of a [illegible] fication from General Merrill making him a member of Unit 9307 [illegible] to wear the Presidential Citation awarded that Unit.

The appreciation cable comes from Grunnert of the 14th Army [illegible] follows:

"Halfpint from Grunnert for Peers. 33 Corps [illegible] tion East of the Chidwin and plan to put agents across. Corps requests [illegible] of your agents South of Homalin in order that yours and theirs do not [illegible] Also if possible they would like a liaison officer from you. Again [illegible] information you have been giving us."

Major General Howard C. Davidson, 10th Air Force, [illegible] it appropriate to send the following commendation regarding this [illegible]:

[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS TENTH AIR FORCE
U.S. ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
A.P.O. 487

1 August 1944

TO : Commanding General, Office of Strategic Service.

SUBJECT: Contribution of Detachment 101, OSS, to USAAF in Northeastern Assam and North Burma.

1. Detachment 101, OSS, has from its very inception given the [illegible] tion and provided extremely effective assistance to the United States Army Air Forces operating from Northeastern Assam and Northern Burma. Its [illegible] commencing in February, 1943, has fallen into the following [illegible] gories:

a. Target Information

Air operations in Northern Burma were largely devoted to [illegible] campaign of the ground forces. OSS furnished the [illegible] garding Japanese troop concentrations, hostile natives, [illegible] movement. Up to 15 March 1944, some 80% of all combat missions were [illegible] on the basis of intelligence received from this source. Since [illegible] centage of direct air-ground support missions has increased [illegible] based upon OSS intelligence now average about 60% of the total.

b. Damage Assessment

Extremely important information based upon visual observation of [illegible] effectiveness and damage assessment was furnished with great regularity. Aside from the value of damage assessment in mission planning, the opportunity to report to pilots details on the effectiveness of their [illegible] attacks was found to be one of our greatest moral boosters.

c. Assistance and Rescue of Pilots and Air Crews

During the period under review, the agencies of the OSS effected the rescue and return of four fighter pilots shot down close to, [illegible] enemy lines. In addition, they participated in the rescue or rendition of assistance to 181 air crew members of Troop Carrier units and Air [illegible] Command. In almost every [illegible] these Air Corps personnel were forced [illegible] either in enemy [illegible] in the jungle-covered, mountainous terrain of Northern Burma. [illegible] for the time in human interest [illegible] stories [illegible] rescued airmen.

[illegible] have been of inestimable value [illegible]

[illegible]

HOWARD C. DAVIDSON
Maj. Gen., U.S.A.,
Commanding.

INDIA CHINA WING - AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
A.P.O. 885, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Office of the Commanding General

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, U. S. Army Experimental Station, Nazira, Assam, India.

1. It has come to my attention through confidential sources that your organization has rendered outstanding service to personnel of the ICWATC.

2. For this cooperation and very valuable assistance, I wish to express my personal appreciation and, to commend you most highly.

/s/ EARL S. HOAG
/t/ EARL S. HOAG
Brigadier General, U.S.A.F.
Commanding.

CC: CO, Eastern Sector, ICWATC,
APO 629

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
Charles F. Bruce
CHARLES F. BRUCE
2nd Lt., AUS.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

FORWARD HEADQUARTERS

19 August 1944

GSI/OL-G/353.4-3

SUBJECT: O.S.S. Reports

TO : C.O.,
O.S.S.,
European Theatre of Operations,
United States Army.

The series of reports transmitted to G-2 - SHAEF by O.S.S. from CHARTRES in the early stages of operation OVERLORD were exceptionally able and useful. It is with great regret that we saw this source later vanish.

B.J. FOORD,
Colonel.

for K.W.D. STRONG,
Major General, G.S.
A.C. of S, G-2.

Ext 136

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
Civil Affairs

10 August 1944

Dr. Burton Fahs
8436 Piney Branch Ct.
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dear Burton:

Lloyd Millegan and I have made a round-up to see how much R & A material has actually been of use here, and we were surprised at the volume of it. It is found in half a dozen publications, sometimes with credit, sometimes without, but it has been well-nigh indispensible in some jobs and useful in all. Practically all of the material that I have brought out has been utilized. The collection that Lloyd got together for me has been a boon to six or eight agencies. Dr. Tozzer's material has been extremely useful. Lloyd is making a list of what has been of use that I will send to you.

Ed Mill has done an excellent job on his "Government of the 'New Philippines.'" It is being eagerly sought for by numerous staff agencies concerned with the reoccupation. Ed's other current activities are producing rich dividends from our standpoint. I am sorry that direct reciprocation is impossible -- you know what the situation is. All I can say is that if there is any satisfaction in making a definite although only partially acknowledged contribution to the war effort in this Theater you are entitled to it.

Things are moving along here, as you know. One feels that the goal is in sight, although still some distance off. Lloyd is indispensible. He is now a staff-sergeant and I hope that he will be wearing shoulder bars in due time.

Best regards to you and Mrs. Fahs -- also my friends in the office.

Sincerely,

(signed) J. R. Hayden

Incl.

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Three forms of [illegible] the period of this report while [illegible] tion received can also be classifi[illegible]

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[redacted]

[illegible] General, Off[illegible]

[illegible]: Consolidation of [illegible] and North Burma.

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2. [illegible] to the Air Corps.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25 D. C.

ATTENTION

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

Brigadier General W. J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
War Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

It was recently found necessary to make a [illegible] of the tests in connection with an important [illegible] project.

As security and speed were essential, and as [illegible] Services was working closely with us on a similar [illegible] requested your Field Photographic Branch to [illegible]

The pictures are now completed and have [illegible] They were made with a minimum of effort and [illegible] spirit of cooperation that has exemplified the [illegible] of Strategic Services with the Army Air Forces.

I wish to express my deep appreciation for [illegible] assistance extended by your splendid organization.

Sincerely yours,

H. M. McClelland
Brig Gen, USA
Air Communications

[redacted]

Supreme Headquarters
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Office of the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

MAIN

Colonel John HASKELL,
Chief, SI Branch,
Hq. & Hq. Detachment,
Office of Strategic Services, ETOUSA,

Dear Colonel Haskell:

1. The results obtained in the reports from the [illegible] operation have been very helpful. Not only were [illegible] mation useful, but compared with the great volume of [illegible] reports received the level of accuracy has been [illegible] high. The manner in which the operation [illegible] out reflects the obviously excellent training and [illegible] intelligence teams had been given.

I am aware that in addition to the [illegible] are other OSS SI teams attached to First [illegible] Army, [illegible] yet received sufficient reports on their [illegible] judge their performance.

Sincerely yours,

T.J. BETTS
Brigadier General, [illegible]
D/A. C. of S., G-[illegible]

[redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

SECRET

July 26, 1944

Dear Whitney:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Major Parish's last report. I agree with you that it is an extremely impressive document. I have passed it along to Secretary Hull with particular reference to the suggestion of Major Parish that a tripartite commission be formed to try to pull together the different factions in this Yugoslav conflict. And I certainly feel, with Parish, that we ought to exhaust every effort to that end.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. A. Berle, Jr.

Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1944.

Dear Donovan:

I noted with interest the activities outlined in your recent memoranda. Detachment 101 appears to have been of great assistance to General Merrill's troops in his campaign against the Japanese over difficult terrain. General Stilwell has also remarked on their value. In view of the success of the Simalur Island reconnaissance group in completing its mission, I have brought that report to the attention of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me these reports, and I am confident that future activities of OSS will be of comparable help toward the successful completion of the war.

Faithfully yours,

G. C. Marshall

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

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

7 July 1944.

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

Dear General Donovan:

A small group of us preceded the U. S. Chiefs of Staff to the U. K. to prepare for the recently completed conference of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

While in London several of us took the opportunity offered by your Colonel Joe Haskell to visit his Headquarters. We visited their operations rooms and were thoroughly read into the past, current and projected activities of that branch of your establishment with respect to the invasion of France.

While I had a general knowledge of OSS activities both in my Air Staff duties and as a member of the Joint and Combined Chiefs of Staff organizations, I had not fully appreciated the great contribution your organization is making in the European fight.

In Assam and Burma in March - 1944, I was again surprised and pleased to learn in detail of your very great assistance to the operation of our air units which are supporting General Stilwell and particularly in the recovery of airmen who bail out over the "Hump".

[redacted] instances I have acquainted General Arnold with [redacted] of the value of OSS and want to take this [redacted] to you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

L. S. KUTER,
Major General, U.S.A.
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Plans.

[redacted]

ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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

My dear General Donovan:

In reply to your inquiry of 3 July 1944, I am only too happy to give my personal approval to the arrangement you are making with General Maitland Wilson with regard to the furnishing of "search parties" in Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Your organization has been of valuable assistance to the Army Air Forces and the Army Air Transport Command - particularly, in the aid which was afforded in the evacuation of air crews grounded in Yugoslavia, Burma, and Albania.

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the activities of your office in the various theaters of operation.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

H. H. Arnold

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

6 Jul 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for presentation of a United States award to source HOUSTON.

TO : Commanding Officer,
2677th Regiment, A.F.H.Q.

Source HOUSTON, formerly known as HO a sub-source of the MADRID chain, has been furnishing information on Southern FRANCE for a period of over twelve months. In the last three months alone this source has turned in the remarkable total of nearly 400 reports from a total of some 40 identified agents and has provided information of operational importance on almost every type of enemy activity and installation.

This source has particularly distinguished itself in the matter of coast defenses and has provided excellent ground reports on German fortifications, especially between PORT VENDRES and SETE and in the environs of TOULON. Detailed mechanical drawings of a great many batteries and Regelbau, which were forwarded with their legend in German, were a particularly noteworthy contribution to our knowledge of enemy defense constructions.

This source has furthermore furnished a quantity of accurate information on German Order of Battle and reports on enemy TOOs (notably a complete breakdown of the TOO Alpenrose, which brought 2 S.S. Panzer Division DAS REICH from BORDEAUX to the TOULOUSE area) have been most helpful.

Qualitatively as well as quantitively, Source HOUSTON has proven one of the best of the purely American contributions to Allied intelligence and the principal organizer of this chain can be said to have done, in an extremely important area and at an extremely important time, an outstanding job.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

C. C. SLOANE, JR.
Colonel, G.S.C.
G-2 Section, G.I.

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SUBJECT

No	DATE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	21 July	Capt. Allen	Mr. Ryan	

1. Following our recent conversation in Paris on evaluation of reports compiled by G-2 Section here the following information might be of interest to you, though slightly out of date.

a) Reports V-2304, AM-2017-1174, 1176-1193, [illegible] were evaluated as not photo interpretation, out of [illegible] items contained in these reports, the following results were shown:

confirmed: 57
possible: 15
probable: [illegible]
unconfirmed: 30

b) Though the following are particularly old reports you might be interested in knowing that they were classed "especially good."

AM 2132-AM 2129

c) Report AM-2134 was given an "excellent" and the comment: "Very high credibility".

[illegible]

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ANNEX

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[redacted] ALLIED AIR FORCES
APO 650

9 June 1944.

[redacted] Memorandum from Supreme Allied [redacted]

[redacted] Allied Naval Headquarters,
[redacted] Allied Air Forces.

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MESSAGE CENTER
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TO FOR ACTION : AIR CINC MAAF AND SOMTO URGENT.

FROM : GENERAL WILSON

REF NO : F 54769

SIGNED : SACMED CITE: FHCOS

1. Am very much impressed by the figures for May showing the tonnage of supplies and leaflets delivered to the BALKANS, POLAND and FRANCE, and the large number of Partisans wounded and other personnel evacuated from the BALKANS.

2. I would like you to congratulate the British, American and Polish Squadrons concerned, and the units responsible for the packing of supplies. A truly remarkable performance at a time when such efforts are of the greatest value. Keep it up.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512 U.S. ARMY

Major General K. W. D. STRONG

GBI/1300/AFHQ

20 May 1944

My dear Colonel,

I would like to thank you and through you all the members of your staff for the excellent and invaluable work which they have achieved during the time I have been at A.F.H.Q.

The quality of work which has been reached and maintained sets a very high standard indeed, and its results have made an extremely important contribution to our intelligence tasks in this theatre. We are all very conscious of the debt owed to you and your organization.

[illegible] good luck and further [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours sincerely,

K. W. D. Strong

COPY

[illegible] 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. The 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 used 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. The personnel have been most cooperative and have spared neither time nor energy in their effort to render services. There is no other place in [illegible] the other government services where work of this type can be [illegible] quickly, secretly, and with such a high degree [illegible] I hope that there will be no curtailment which [illegible] of the work which the Presentation Division [illegible] Government and the Army.

Sincerely yours,

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

S.E.E.X

June 9, 1945

[illegible] Philips, Jr. Director
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 that it is essential that it be executed with the highest degree of skill and artistic merit.

[illegible] with Mr. Barton of the Presentation [illegible] feel that this Division is the [illegible] in Washington to do the work. [illegible] your official approval [illegible] provided.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Deshining, Jr.

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Unofficial file
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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,

George C. Marshall

Colonel William J. Donovan,

Director, Office of Strategic Services.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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,

THURMAN ARNOLD
Assistant Attorney General

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

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON

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

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

JAN 15 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,

Frank Knox

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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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,

Henry L. Stimson

Secretary of War.