



14 March 1973

Dr. Josef C. James
Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
Hyde Park, New York 12538

Dear Dr. James:

I am contemplating a visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, possibly as early as April 1973, to survey the defense-classified holdings for which the Central Intelligence Agency is responsible for declassification action, viz., documents originating from the Office of Strategic Services and its predecessor organization, the Office of Coordinator of Information. The purpose of the survey is to obtain a better understanding of the magnitude and complexity of the declassification task and to discuss with you or members of your staff, alternative methods for its accomplishment. The possibility of such a trip has been raised with Dr. Reed, and he suggested that I contact you directly.

It would be very helpful in planning the visit if an estimate of the volume of classified records involved could be provided. If inventories or shelf lists exist for the groups of records containing classified OSS/COI documents, perhaps it would be possible to duplicate selected portions of them and forward them to the Agency. Any assistance along these lines that your staff can provide me would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant to the CIA Archivist

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