

Descriptive Summary of OSS Records
Transferred to the National Archives

Note. For each of the "jobs" or accessions listed below, the National Archives maintains a job "folder", containing unclassified correspondence, listings, and a copy of the transfer "agreement". This job folder is customarily shown to the interested scholar or student, at the discretion of the archivists at the National Archives who deal with the public. For purposes of the present summary, ^{only} the job folders for the SSU, CIG, and CIA transfers were examined; similar job folders are also available for ^{consultation on} the State Department's transfers.

Transfers by the Department of State

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Transfers by SSU, CIG, and CIA

446-132 Dec. 1946

Motion-picture films, 1942-45. Five OSS productions, in various versions, some on acetate and some on nitrate film. (For titles and details, see Annex D.) The original offer to the National Archives by ~~SSU~~ Col. Knox Pruden, SSU, was dated Nov. 27, 1945, and extended to 657 reels, including duplicates and extra copies earmarked for the Library of Congress. Col. Pruden wrote that these five films were produced by the OSS Field Photo Branch, and urgently asked National Archives to accept these films, since the Photo Branch was to be liquidated by Dec. 1, 1945. No restrictions were attached to the records.

447-320 June 1947

Property records of OSS field installations, 1942-45 (443 linear feet in bulk). These records were offered to National Archives by Col. Pruden, on an unclassified letterhead and signature jointly identifying CIG and War Department SSU, dated April 10, 1947. The records awaiting transfer were said to be stored in Administration Building, 2430 E St., in the custody of Mrs. [redacted]. Access was to be "restricted to use by CIG personnel." The records were said to contain requests for supplies, equipment, and services, purchase orders, and requisitions. According to another letter ~~by~~ by Col. Pruden, April 8, 1947, this was to be the initial ~~transfer~~ transfer of a larger group of files of OSS to the National Archives, totalling some 4500 boxes of material. (These later accessions were not made, and presumably include material that is (today) in the custody of DDP/FI.)

448-238 June 1948

Correspondence files and index cards of the OSS Pictorial Records Section, 1942-45, totalling about 33 linear feet of records. Includes correspondence of the Washington and New York offices, relating to the procurement of still pictures and motion pictures for intelligence use, and a card file of persons whose photographs were obtained

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the State Department at the end
of the war, then were transferred
to CIA, where they were
transferred to the National Archives in
(1948.)
The Pictorial Records Section was
probably an "ancestor" of CIA's
Graphics Register.) No restrictions
were ^{specifically} imposed on the records, in
the transfer agreement.

RECORDS OF OSS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Transferred by Department of State

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<u>Job No.</u>	<u>Date of Transfer</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Volume</u> (in)
446-244 x	May 1946	Order of Battle Files, 1942 - 1945	56
446-250 x	May 1946	Correspondence of Stockholm and New Delhi offices, 1942 - 1945	6
447-72 x	August 1946	Reference information file, "L" series, 1942 - 1945	110
447-55 x	December 1946	Correspondence of Europe, Africa Division, Research and Analysis Branch, 1941 - 1945	15
450-75 x	February 1950	Reference information file, "XL" series, 1938 - 1945	165
450-181 x	February 1951	Reference information file, 1941-1945	517
446-285 x	October 1946	Maps, 1940 - 1945	4
451-82 x	February 1951		

Transferred by War Department (SSS)

446-132 December 1946 Motion Picture Film, 1943 - 1945 128 reels

Transferred by CIG, CIA

447-320 x	June 1947	Property records, 1942 - 1945	443
448-238 x	June 1948	Files of Pictorial Records Section, 1942 - 1945	33

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