

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF MAY 25, 1940

ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE EXECUTIVE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS GOVERNING ITS
ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, I find there is a threatened national emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes, and in pursuance of Part I of Executive Order No. 8248 of September 8, 1939, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. There is established in the Executive Office of the President an office to be known as the Office for Emergency Management which shall be under the direction of one of the Administrative Assistants to the President, to be designated by the President.

Section 2. The Office for Emergency Management shall:

(a) Assist the President in the clearance of information with respect to measures necessitated by the threatened emergency.

(b) Maintain liaison between the President and the Council of National Defense and its Advisory Commission, and with such other agencies, public or private, as the President may direct, for the purpose of securing maximum utilization and coordination of agencies and facilities in meeting the threatened emergency;

(c) Perform such additional duties as the President may direct.

**APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY THE CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DATE: 2001**

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House

May 25, 1940

MILITARY ORDER

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

1. The office of Coordinator of Information established by Order of July 11, 1941, exclusive of the foreign information activities transferred to the Office of War Information by Executive Order of June 13, 1942, shall hereafter be known as the Office of Strategic Services, and is hereby transferred to the jurisdiction of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. The Office of Strategic Services shall perform the following duties:

a. Collect and analyze such strategic information as may be required by the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.

b. Plan and operate such special services as may be directed by the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. At the head of the Office of Strategic Services shall be a Director of Strategic Services who shall be appointed by the President and who shall perform his duties under the direction and supervision of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.

4. William J. Donovan is hereby appointed as Director of Strategic Services.

5. The Order of July 11, 1941 is hereby revoked.

Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Commander-in-Chief.

THE WHITE HOUSE
June 13, 1942.

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