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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN MACGOWAN:

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 1 October concerning the proposed establishment of an informal interim committee to effect liaison as well as to discuss and prepare recommendations with respect to cooperation in intelligence matters arising from the implementation of the Executive Order dated 20 September 1945.

2. My representative in all matters touching upon the interest of the Office of Naval Intelligence in the recently transferred functions of the Office of Strategic Services will be Captain E. K. Souers, USNR, who will be available in this connection at your pleasure.

3. The Office of Naval Intelligence will welcome and desires to be represented in any discussions looking toward cooperation in intelligence matters and the development of a coordinated foreign intelligence program.

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THOS. B. INGLIS

Acting Director of Naval Intelligence.

CC:

Major General Clayton Bissell,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Colonel Alfred McCormack  
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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MAGRUDER

1. Your memorandum addressed to Special Assistant for Research and Intelligence, Department of State, Director of Naval Intelligence and G-2 dated 1 October was delivered late 3 October. I believe that either the appointment of a liaison officer from G-2 to Strategic Services Unit or the appointment of such a committee as you suggest would serve a useful purpose.

2. Before such appointments are made, it would be highly desirable to hold a meeting at the earliest possible time of Mr. McCormack, Commodore Inglis, yourself and G2 in order that we may all be informed of the decisions taken to date with reference to the disposition of the Office of Strategic Services under the Executive Order and at which all of us would be informed of the former OSS activities that have been demobilized, the plan for further demobilization and the activities that will be continued in operation with considerable detail on their size, scope and mission. Unless these matters are clarified, either liaison officers or a liaison committee would be ineffective.

Sd/ Clayton Bissell

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Mr. McCormack

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