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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

(Through: Brigadier General E. S. Greenbaum.)

1. The Secretary of the Navy, on 13 October 1945, suggested that the matter of joint intelligence (see paragraph 2 of his memorandum of 13 October) be a subject of discussion between you and him in the near future.

2. General Greenbaum, on 17 October 1945, directed that the Deputy Chief of Staff obtain staff studies on each of the subjects proposed for discussion by the Secretary of the Navy.

3. Because the Strategic Services Unit is attached to this office, its views would not naturally be included in any report filed by the staff. Accordingly I asked General Greenbaum's permission to obtain a separate study of this point by the Director, Strategic Services Unit.

4. This study has now been obtained and is forwarded to you for information. I do not know what Mr. McCloy's present views are on this subject and this, therefore, is not submitted as representing the views of this office. I believe that he felt that decision on the future intelligence system should await further progress on the interdepartmental planning directed by the President in his letter to the Secretary of State (20 September) at the time O.S.S. was dissolved. However, I think you should have the views of the Strategic Services Unit before you.

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