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SUBJECT: The Strategic Services Unit at the Beginning of November.

TO: The Assistant Secretary of War

1. This letter covers developments during the last half of October in the situation of SSU as described in previous reports dated 9 and 25 October 1945.

2. The total personnel strength of SSU has been reduced from 7,640 to 6,447 in the fortnight from 19 October to 2 November. Of the latter figure more than 2,500 persons are in process of separation, either in this country, en route here or awaiting transportation from overseas. Details of SSU deployment are set forth in the table attached as Exhibit 1.

3. For details of liquidation of seven OSS operational branches see Exhibit 2. Of these branches, nuclei of no more than nine persons from the Morale Operations Branch and three persons from the Special Operations Branch will be transferred to the Secret Intelligence Branch to process and study information on foreign developments in clandestine propaganda and sabotage and to preserve the techniques evolved by OSS in the past war. The other five branches, viz. Operational Groups Command, Field Photographs

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Special Projects, Field Experimental Unit, and Research & Development, are being liquidated completely. Their records and reports will be maintained by ISU.

4. The following progress has been made in arranging transfer from ISU rolls of personnel engaged in War Crimes, Strategic Bombing Survey and Intelligence Photographic Documentation work. (Initial steps were reported on 25 October).

a. The Strategic Bombing Survey personnel has all been transferred to USAM.

b. Mr. Justice Jackson has agreed that ISU War Crimes personnel be transferred to another agency of the War Department for attachment to his office on temporary duty. When necessary data has been received from Mr. Justice Jackson discussion will be had with representatives of the Office of the Judge Advocate General to affect this transfer.

c. G-2, A-2 and ONI have indicated approval of a plan to place the Intelligence Photographic Documentation Project under the direction of the Joint Topographic Subcommittee of the JIC of JCS. Under this plan ISU members of the Field Photographic Branch would be transferred out of ISU and detailed to IPTF. This proposal has already been submitted to you for approval.

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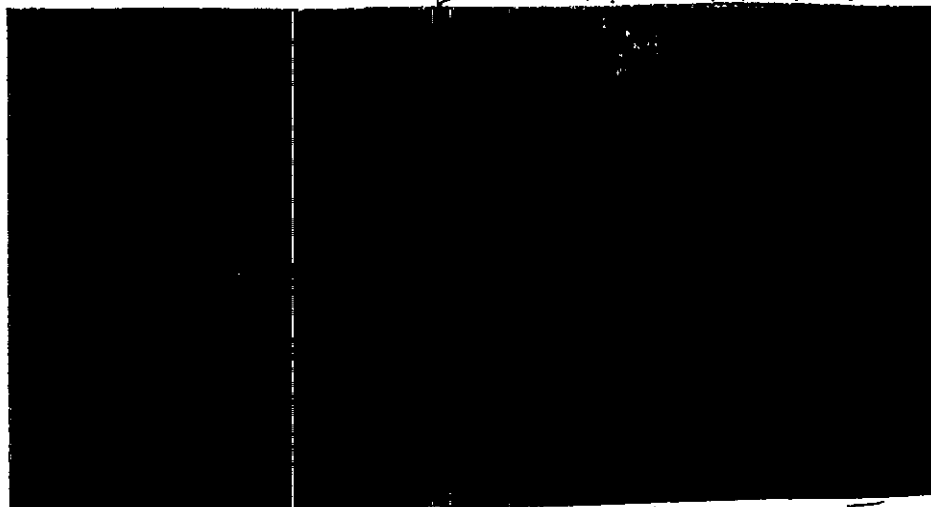
3. The following are the major developments in the missions overseas:

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a. Europe-Africa-Near East. In France, MTO, and the Near East, reorientation of activities continues along the lines indicated in the previous reports. The missions in Germany [REDACTED] are now concentrating on strategic intelligence, with an acceleration of clandestine activities in Germany. SI and I-S operations will be closely coordinated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New efforts were made by SSU/Germany to obtain an increased volume of intelligence [REDACTED]

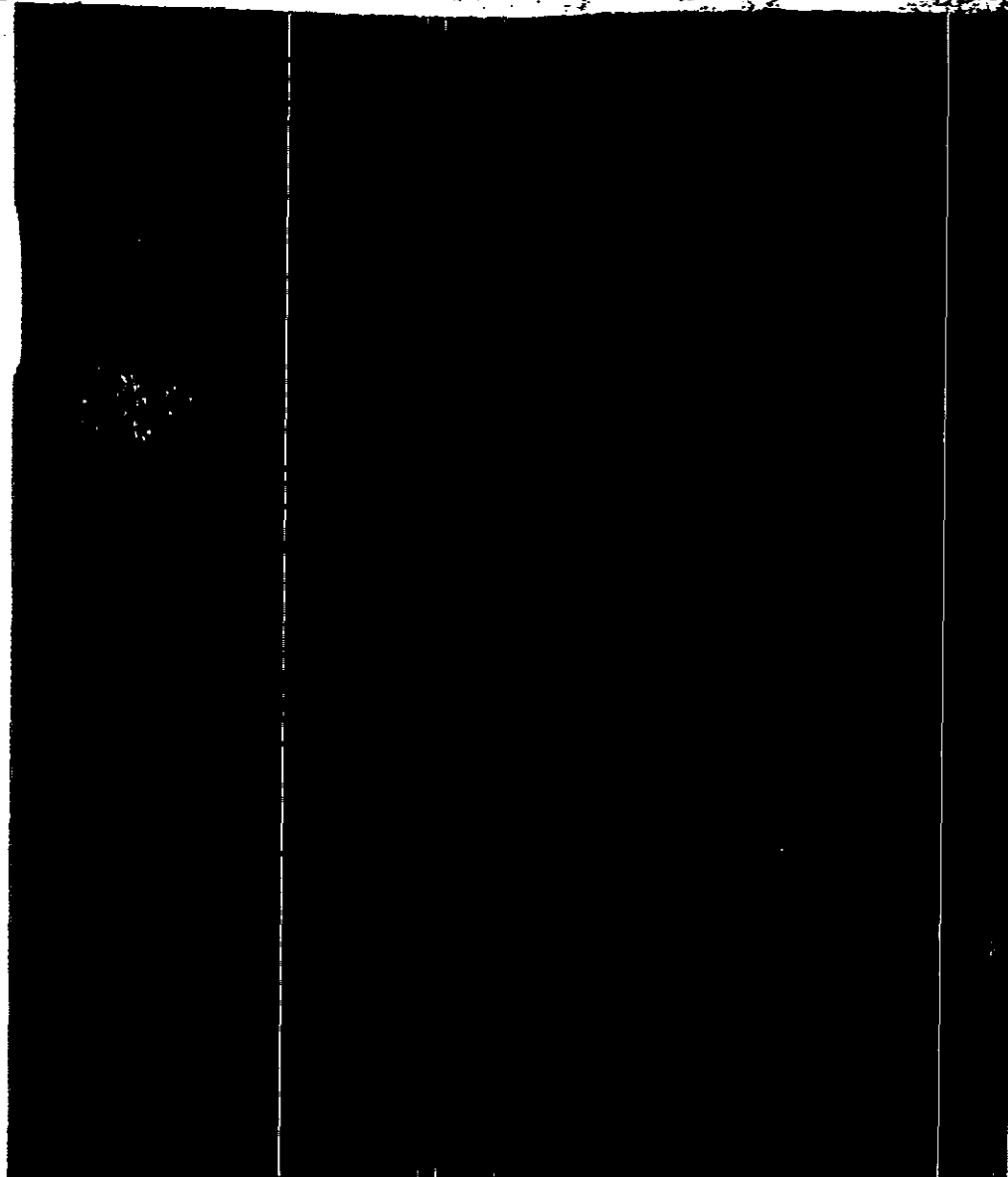
The situation of RAA personnel within SSU/Germany is being reviewed in the light of needs of UNCCC for assistance in that type of work. [REDACTED]



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EXHIBIT ONE  
DEPLOYMENT OF ASU

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<u>Mission</u>	<u>Personnel as of</u> <u>19 Oct. 1945</u>	<u>Personnel as of</u> <u>3 Nov. 1945</u>
	556	518
	245	247
	207	415
	145	136
	118	88
	88	80
	73	730
	230	209
	632	374
	2,270	2,067
	<u>2,272</u>	<u>2,253</u>
Total	7,640	6,447

- \* No figures being available for 3 Nov., total of 73 is carried over from last report.
- \*\* Casuals include all personnel in process of separation, either in the United States, en route here, or awaiting transportation from abroad.

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EXHIBIT 250

PROCESS OF LIQUIDATION

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OF OSS OPERATIONAL BRANCHES

	<u>Strength</u> <u>on 1 Oct.</u>	<u>Strength</u> <u>on 1 Nov.</u>	<u>Nucleus</u> <u>to SI</u>
NO	256	20	0
SO	448	223	3
GO	417	226	
Field Photo.	235	180	
Special Projects	199	28	
FKU	31	8	
RAD	40	4	

NOTE: The Maritime Unit of OSS, responsible not only for maritime sabotage but also for providing means of clandestine coastal infiltration to personnel of other branches, was completely liquidated as of 1 July 1945.

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