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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

Washington, D. C.

GENERAL ORDERS)  
NO. 7)

19 November 1945

I. Under the authority vested in me as Director, Strategic Services Unit, the following partial organization is announced. Additional details of organization will be announced at appropriate intervals. The organization will follow the lines of the partial chart appended hereto, which includes the office of the Director and the general organization of the offices of SI and X-2.

II. The Deputy Director; the Chief, SI; and the Chief, X-2, shall, within their respective spheres of responsibility, take such steps as necessary or appropriate effectively to establish without delay the organization herein defined.

III. The authority and responsibilities of the several offices, branches, and divisions are set forth as follows:

I. Office of the Director:

a. Deputy Director:

Shall serve as a deputy to the Director and act for Director in his absence.

b. Staff:

(1) Executives:

Shall exercise all functions appropriate to a chief of staff.

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(2) Staff Division I:

Shall advise, and prepare studies and reports for the Director on matters relating to personnel.

(3) Staff Division II:

Shall advise, and prepare studies and reports for the Director on intelligence plans and operations.

(4) Staff Division III:

Shall advise, and prepare studies and reports for the Director on all matters relating to administration, budget, and supplies.

(5) General Counsel:

Shall advise, and prepare studies and reports for the Director on all legal matter arising in connection with the work of the organization.

(6) Secretary to the Staff:

(a) Shall furnish secretarial service for the Director's office and maintain all files and records for the Office of the Director and the staff.

(b) Shall be responsible for the flow of correspondence, orders, and other papers within the office of the Director and the Staff.

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(c) Registry:

1. Shall maintain records and files on behalf of all offices, branches, and divisions.
2. Wherever appropriate, shall maintain separate sections within the central Registry to correspond to offices, branches, or divisions, with such special security safeguards for particular sections of the Registry as may be appropriate to the character of the materials contained therein.
3. Shall serve as a clearing point and repository for code names and numbers to be assigned to operations and agents.

(d) Cable Control:

Shall perform the functions prescribed in General Orders No. 3 this Headquarters, dated 8 November 1945.

e. Special Liaison Division:

Under the supervision of the Deputy Director:

- (1) Shall serve as a clearing point for all contacts between personnel of SSU and any private organization.
- (2) Shall serve as a clearing point on cover arrangements between personnel of SSU and any other governmental agency.



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- (3) Shall maintain such information concerning, and, with the approval of the Director, initiate such contacts with, private organizations as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with its responsibilities under (1) and (2) above.
- (4) Shall maintain liaison with the State Department in all matters of over-all policy for the Office of the Director.

2. Office of SI:

a. Chief, SI:

Subject to policies fixed by the Director, the Chief, SI, shall:

- (1) Determine objectives and lines of inquiry for the procurement by secret means of political, economic, military, technical, and other forms of positive intelligence.
- (2) Direct the procurement of such intelligence.
- (3) Direct the processing and distribution of such intelligence.
- (4) Arrange for such liaison with the State Department, War Department, Navy Department, or other departments or agencies of the U.S. or foreign governments as may be necessary or appropriate to the discharge of his responsibilities.

b. Staff of Chief, SI:

The Chief, SI, shall be assisted by an Executive and Staff Sections I, II, and III, whose duties shall be similar to those of the corresponding sections of the Director's staff.

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3. Chief, P (Planning and Processing) Branch:

- (1) The Chief, P Branch, shall be responsible for determining objectives and lines of inquiry to guide the procurement by secret means of political, economic, military, technical, and other forms of positive intelligence, and for the processing and distribution of such intelligence.
- (2) The P Branch shall include a Political-Economic Division, with appropriate sections corresponding to major geographical areas; a Military Division, with sections for air, naval, ground, and sabotage intelligence, together with such other sections as may be deemed appropriate; a Technical-Scientific Division; a Propaganda Analysis Section; a Distribution Section; and such other divisions or sections as may be deemed appropriate.

4. Chief, O (Operations) Branch:

- (1) The Chief, O Branch, shall direct the procurement by secret means of political, economic, military, technical, and other forms of positive intelligence.
- (2) The O Branch shall include area divisions corresponding to major geographical areas, and country sections for countries within the respective area divisions.

5. Recruiting Sections:

The Recruiting Section shall consist of officers charged with responsibility for recruiting agent personnel for SI. To the extent deemed appropriate by the Chief, SI, such officers shall be

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assigned to the respective area divisions or country sections.

3. Office of X-2:

a. Subject to policies fixed by the Director, the Chief, X-2, shall:

- (1) Direct the procurement, processing, and dissemination of intelligence concerning foreign espionage and counter-espionage systems and agents.
- (2) Direct the operations of controlled or "double" foreign agents.
- (3) Be responsible for the security of all SI and X-2 operations.
- (4) Arrange for such liaison with the State Department, War Department, Navy Department, FBI, or other departments or agencies of the U.S. or foreign governments as may be necessary or appropriate to the discharge of his responsibilities.

b. Staff of Chief, X-2:

The Chief, X-2, shall be assisted by an Executive and Staff Sections I, II, and III, whose duties shall be similar to those of the corresponding sections of the Director's staff.

c. Area Divisions:

For purposes of operations, the Office of X-2 shall be organized in area divisions, corresponding to major geographic areas, and country sections for countries within the respective area divisions.

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d. Vetting Section:

The Vetting Section shall serve as the instrument through which the chiefs of the several country sections and area divisions of SI or X-2 shall obtain the opinion of the Office of X-2 concerning the security of any agent or informant.

e. Liaison Section:

The Liaison Section shall:

- (1) Arrange for liaison between the Office of X-2 and other departments or agencies of the U.S. or foreign governments; and
- (2) Disseminate such counter-espionage material as the Office of X-2 may determine.

f. Recruiting Section:

The Recruiting Section shall be charged with responsibility for recruiting agent personnel for X-2.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. SI and X-2 shall be organized, for the purposes of operations, into identical area divisions and country sections.
2. Each country section of SI or X-2, as the case may be, shall see all incoming messages received by, and all outgoing messages originating with, the corresponding country section, in accordance with appropriate procedure designed to safeguard against undue delays.
3. Each country section shall be fully informed concerning the operations of the corresponding country section.

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4. Each country section shall keep the other fully informed concerning contacts with other government agencies, agencies of foreign governments, or private organizations.
5. Each country section shall clear all recruits and covers with the other.
6. Each country section is authorized to solicit the assistance of agents or chains operated by the other.

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