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JOINT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE COMMITTEE  
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN O.S.S. AND BRITISH S.O.E.

Note by the Secretaries

In their 30th Meeting, August 25, 1942, the Joint U.S. Chiefs of Staff approved the proposed agreement between O.S.S. and British S.O.E. in the form attached. It is furnished for information and record.

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Secretary.

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E N C L O S U R E

1. In June, 1942, representatives of the Office of Strategic Services and of the British Secret Operations Executive reached certain agreements as to the division of their responsibilities in the conduct of psychological warfare. These documents are now transmitted to the Joint U.S. Chiefs of Staff for approval.
2. A brief summary of the agreements is stated below.

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(a) Liaison at London/Washington.

To be effected by British liaison section of the Secret Operations Executive with the Office of Strategic Services in Washington and a U. S. liaison section of the Office of Strategic Services with the Secret Operations Executive in London.

Duties -

- (1) To represent views on policy matters;
- (2) To discuss disputes referred by field agencies;
- (3) To exchange information;
- (4) To coordinate production, demand and supply of equipment;
- (5) To exchange operational and technical intelligence and information on methods of training.

(b) Coordination in the Field.

To avoid the confusion resulting from two (2) completely independent organizations working in the same field initial assignment of U.S. and British areas of operations would be made, but the U.S. could assign its own Mission, with headquarters, stations and agents to British territory, to operate under direction and control of the British "controller";

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and vice versa. Differences of opinion would be referred to Washington and London, respectively.

(c) Assignment of Territories.

(1) To British - India; East Africa; West Africa\*; Gibraltar; Balkans and Middle East#; Western Europe\*; Poland; Czechoslovakia.

(2) To U. S. - China; Australia and S.W. Pacific; South Pacific; North Africa; Finland; Atlantic Islands.

(3) Joint - Burma - Siam - Indo China - Malaya - Sumatra; Germany; Italy; Sweden; Switzerland.

(4) No agreement presently needed on - Spain; Portugal; Russia.\*\*

Notes:-

\* Temporarily British. Will turn over S.O.E. organization to O.S.S. if it, or any part, becomes a predominantly U.S. Theater of operations.

# To have a U. S. Mission

\*\* The Joint Psychological Warfare Committee recommends agreement be entered into concerning Spain and Portugal in the near future.

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(d) Training.

Arrangements made for training fifty-four (54)  
U. S. officers in various S.O.E. schools.

3. RECOMMENDATION.

The Joint U. S. Staff Planners recommend that  
the Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff approve the agreements  
entered into by the Office of Strategic Services and the  
British Secret Operations Executive in June, 1942, as sum-  
marized herein.