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To: General Donovan

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From: W. L. Langer

Subject: Problems of R. and A. Outposts.

ETO:

Our major concern continues to be the relationship to the American Group CC. Though no major problem exists at present, we are still in doubt whether it would be best to plan on having the larger part of the staff in Berlin or at the headquarters of the American zonal command. I have suggested to Morse that he return to Washington for a few weeks so that various angles of future plans can be discussed.

You might want to reexamine the recent decision with regard to the SIRA Boards. There seems to be some feeling, at least among R. and A. people, that the requirements of the field were not sufficiently considered, and that close cooperation of the branches can be furthered through the SIRA idea.

The present situation in Paris and the Low Countries seems on the whole satisfactory. Deutsch continues to call for German experts of high calibre, because of the need for attaching men to the various armies and army groups. We are doing our utmost to find more men, but the prospects are discouragingly small.

Deutsch stresses also the need for current intelligence on Germany, as expressed by the army G-2s. You might consider making available to them the Weekly Intelligence Report and especially the German section of the weekly Situation Reports. These have hitherto been restricted to OSS.

MEDTO:

Everything seems to be running smoothly in this theater. The City teams are organized, though we are still trying to add to them qualified members of the USSR Division, with special reference to liaison with the Russians. Hughes will probably return to Washington for consultation in the near future. As yet we have found no adequate replacement for Peck and Colin in the field of Italian reporting.

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The Cairo staff has been completely revamped, with emphasis on reporting on the Arabic and Near Eastern countries. We have been in close touch with SI on this matter and are trying to work out a common program. It would be a great thing if Colonel McDowell could be gotten to head up this work.

FAR EAST:

We have had many conferences with Coughlin and Heppner during their stay here and have settled everything that could be settled now. Fahs has been in India and China for some time and is now returning to Washington by way of London.

Heppner has agreed that for the next few months Joe Spencer shall function as head of R. and A. China, after which time he shall return to Washington as soon as a replacement has been found. Ed Martin may be sent out if his health permits. Martin Wilbur may also be considered. We are hoping very much that the entire OSS operation in China can be unified, with headquarters in Kuming. The R. and A. China staff now numbers about 50 all told. We are hoping to increase this gradually to about 100.

All our efforts to find a replacement for Kates as head of Indec in China have thus far met with disappointment, the latest candidate having been turned down by the S School. I have cabled Kates asking him to carry on, and am urging John O'Gara to do his utmost to find us a qualified man.

My impression is that relatively very little is coming out of SACO. We have two good men there, who could be used very profitably elsewhere.

Coughlin has agreed that Miss Dubois should continue as head of R. and A. Kandy. She has done a superb job, despite the handicap of her sex, which alone makes it impossible to name her as head of the branch in the China-Burma theater. In the meanwhile Charlie Cox will serve as chief of the branch at 101. Ultimately we hope to find an officer to serve at Coughlin's headquarters as chief of all R. and A. activity. Major Nordbeck is just leaving to take over Indec work in India, thus relieving Mandelbaum for other jobs.

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