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Op-16-B-7-Exec

4 June 1945

ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR DATED 3 October 1944.

Subject: Highlights of B-7 War Activities.

42. In October 1944, Op-16-B-7 provided Cominch F-20 with information from special sources which served to give over a month's advance warning of the resumption of German submarine activities in the western Atlantic Area which actually took place in December of 1944.

43. During the same period, the section advised higher authority of the probability of an early Japanese operation on the West Coast of the United States motivated by revenge. Thus the time - though not the method - of the Japanese balloon offensive on our West Coast (see paragraph 37,000) was reported in advance by the section.

44. As a continuation of the general studies of Far Eastern Areas - first requested in September, 1944 (see paragraph 39) - during the first week in October 1944, the section forwarded to JICFOA a 216 page report on collaboration and puppetry in the Philippine Islands. This study contained information on 898 Filipino collaborators and suspects, 202 Japanese of importance in the Islands, 40 pro-Japanese associations and a directory of 94 houses owned and operated by Japanese in Manila.

45. This series has continued uninterruptedly up to the present date of writing and includes:

(a) An extensive Counter-Intelligence Survey of Taiwan (Formosa) dated 6 November 1944, in which emphasis was placed on the changing character of the counter-intelligence problem as U. S. Forces advanced toward the Japanese homeland.

(b) A study on the Izu and Bonin Islands, dated 29 November 1944, including biographical notes on 125 residents of importance.

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- (c) Study on Pacific Island groups of the Nansai Shoto, including Satsunan Shoto and Ryukyu Ketto, in which extensive translation by B-7 officers produced a full picture of governmental organization and functions in the Islands and included biographical material on 929 individuals of importance - most of them officials appointed under the direct supervision of Tokyo.

These latter studies went forward to JIGPOA during January, 1945.

46. During the early months of 1945, the section began work on its most ambitious study up to the present - the compilation of counter-intelligence data on Japan. It was decided to compile and distribute this study in several parts, of which four have now been forwarded. Intelligence functions of all branches of the Japanese Government - local as well as national - the more strongly nationalistic organizations, and biographical data of thousands of individuals making up these organizations are included.

47. During the closing months of the war in Europe, the section cooperated closely with special personnel of Op-16-Z in the preparation of material for the interrogation of certain German prisoners of war who had held key positions in the Nazi Naval Intelligence organization. Similar questionnaires were submitted for the interrogation by the U. S. Navy of the two German spies apprehended in New England, Colepaugh and Gimpel. In this respect, B-7 prepared for higher authority a critique from the counter-intelligence point of view of the interrogation by another government agency of these two individuals.

48. In May, 1945, Op-16-B-7, in conjunction with Op-16-PT, produced a booklet on Japanese sabotage. The purpose of this booklet was to anticipate the methods and materials that might be used by Japanese undercover agents against Allied Naval facilities both ashore and afloat. Some 8,000 copies of the booklet were disseminated to U. S. Naval units in the Pacific.

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