

2 November 1945

MEMORANDUM for Op-23-W

Subject: Op-23-W (Special Branch), Establishment of

1. Pending your conversation with Captain H. E. Keisker it may be appropriate to set forth for your consideration one or two points involved in establishing Op-23-W3.
2. The attached memo, or something equivalent thereto, is necessary under the procedures in force in Op-23 to bring about my change in assignment from B-7 (now D-4) to the new branch. It is respectfully suggested, however, that you hold it until Captain Keisker and yourself have come to an agreement on the whole problem. In the meantime I shall be spending a large portion of my time on necessary groundwork for the new section.
3. With respect to other personnel required from D-4, both Lt. Comdr. Carr (Captain Wharton's successor) and myself feel that it would be best for all concerned if these individuals, whoever they may be, are permitted to remain in D-4 until such time as their transfer would be decided by you on the one hand and Captain Keisker and Lt. Comdr. Carr on the other. If this were done it would serve two purposes: (a) it would mean faster and more satisfactory progress in the conversion to peacetime basis of the work of D-4 and (b) it would permit a much more thorough and smooth transfer to Op-23-W of those functions and file materials which will be needed for its operation.
4. Thanks to Comdr. Brandt I now have a desk, on a temporary basis, in his section. With your permission I should like to spend, for the next week or two, at least half of my time in Op-23-D-4 terminating my duties as Head of the Oriental Desk and overseeing the work that is being done for eventual transfer to Op-23-W3. The first part of next week I shall also look into the matter of whatever equipment may be necessary for the new section, if you deem this step necessary.

Respectfully,

Frederick Walden
Lt. Comdr., USNR

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cc: Capt. Keisker and
Lt. Comdr. CarrDECLASSIFIED
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Section Op-23W3

A. Mission:

To collect, evaluate, collate and disseminate all intelligence originating outside the United States and its possessions pertaining to foreign espionage, counter espionage and sabotage organizations which direct activities against the Naval Establishment.

B. Objectives:

1. To advise proper Naval authority of actual or planned hostile intelligence operations aimed against the Naval Establishment from abroad.
2. To maintain for use by proper Navy authority monographs on the intelligence services of foreign nations of naval interest in order to provide current information of their organization, leading personnel, objectives and activities abroad.
3. To cooperate with other sections of Op-23W, Op-23D4 and responsible other intelligence agencies (via appropriate liaison) in the collection, analysis and distribution of data related to the section mission.

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