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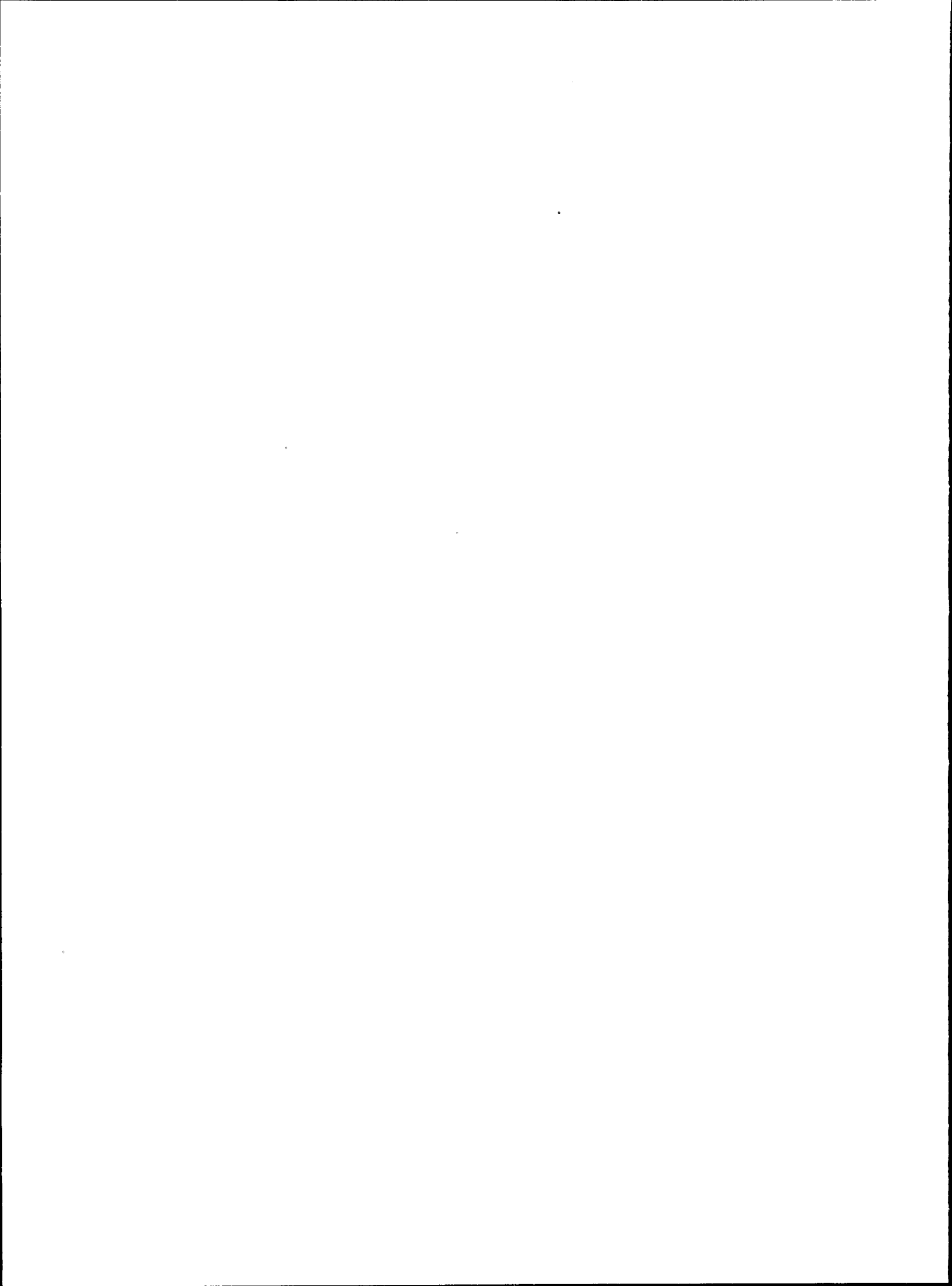
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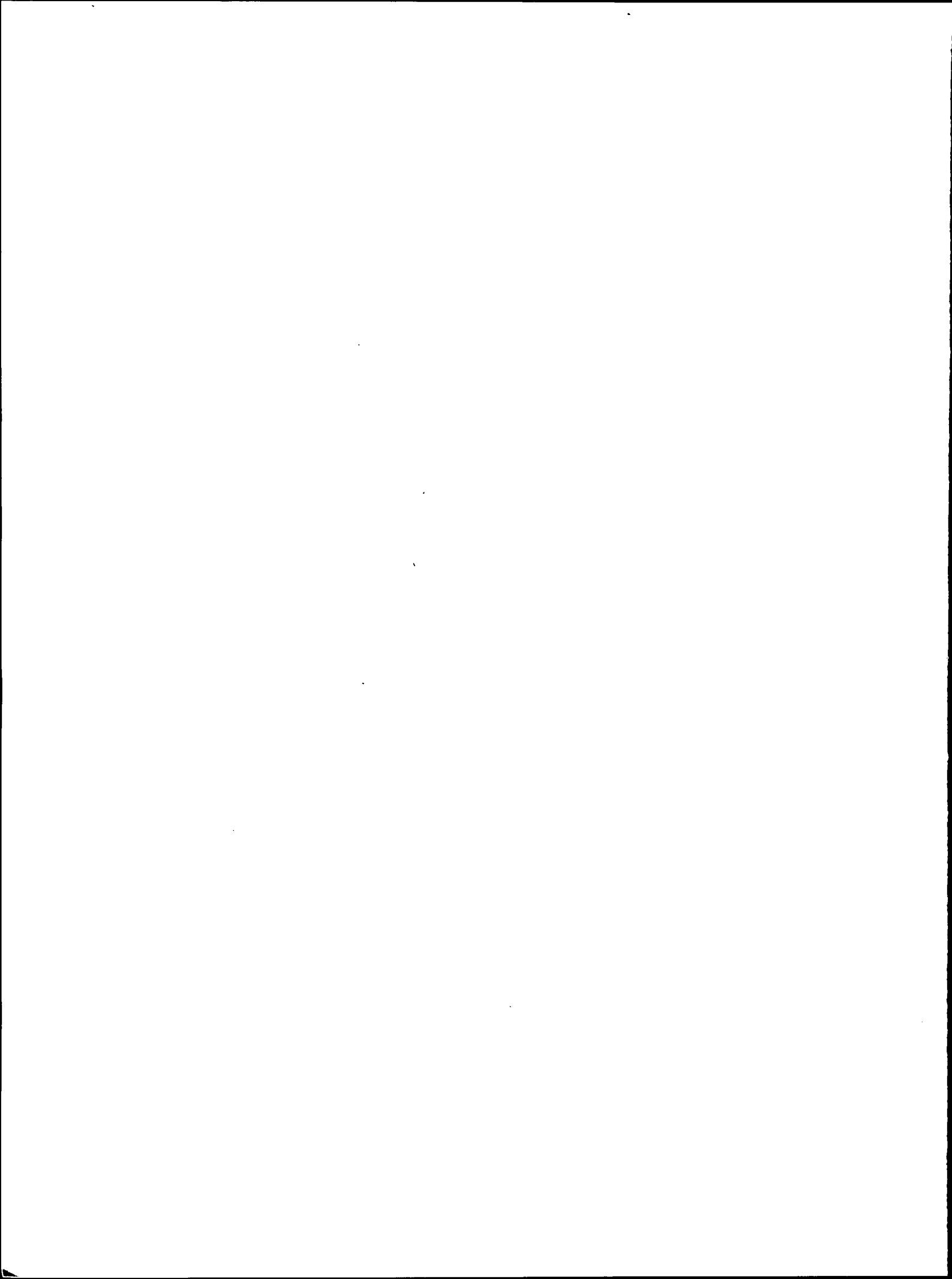
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# INTRODUCTION

## High Command: The Operations Division of the War Department General Staff

In 1946 the question originally posed to me was what the U.S. Army had done right and what it had done wrong in World War II. I was told that Dwight D. Eisenhower, then a five-star general chief of staff of the army, wanted to know. The task for me was an "inquiry" in a real sense because no one knew except in very general terms what the record would reveal.

The "record," as I found it, consisted of the official document files of the whole War Department and the recollections of army officers who had helped write and compile the documents. They covered all the major aspects of high-level military planning in World War II and the responsibilities of various agencies, particularly of the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff (OPD), in formulating strategic plans and decisions.

General George Marshall, Chief of Staff, and his Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, General John Hull agreed that the OPD was a unique army institution, that it had been phenomenally powerful and successful, and that few people even in the army knew exactly what it was and what it had done. The preparation of a scholarly history would be extremely valuable.

U.S. Army staff work in tactical units was carried on in accordance with well-established doctrine. The exercise of command, following this doctrine, has as its chief function the issuance of orders that gear the actions of every element in a military unit into an organic, coordinated effort.

Effectiveness in command, it is understood, requires three things. First, the commander must be able to make an intelligence appraisal of the specific situations that the various parts of his command are facing. Second, he must formulate clear-cut decisions reflecting this appraisal. Third, he must assure himself that decisions reached are speedily and clearly conveyed to subordinates, and that subordinates act accordingly.

In the years when the menace of war was coming closer and closer to the United States—1939, 1940, and 1941—the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army tried to control the expanding military establishment with less adequate staff

assistance than was afforded to many of his subordinate commanders. His staff was the War Department General Staff, an organization whose history and traditions had made it quite different from the kind of staff that the U.S. Army had developed to assist commanders of tactical units in the field.

Not only was it oriented toward the Zone of Interior, where its prime duty was the preparation of "necessary plans for recruiting, mobilizing, supplying, equipping, and training the Army," but as a result of that orientation the general staff came to accept a procedural tradition limiting its right to interfere with the actual performance of duties by other army and navy agencies within the United States.

While it was supposed to "supervise" the execution of "plans and policies," this third staff function tended to be inhibited by strong emphasis on refraining from intervention in the work of so-called "operating" agencies that carried on army activities in the Zone of Interior. In short, the general staff was designed to help the chief of staff formulate decisions, to a lesser extent to disseminate them, and scarcely at all to observe that they were carried out in detail.

In the first three months after the entry of the United States in World War II, the War Department worked out and adopted a basic reorganization. The responsibilities of the War Plans Division (WPD) of the War Department General Staff were broadened to include the strategic direction of army operations. The 9 March 1942 reorganization thus provided a legal basis whereby WPD could exploit the high, central position of the War Department General Staff. Henceforth WPD, renamed the OPD, became the Washington command post.

Its new duties were similar to those of a general staff in the forward echelon of a field headquarters. OPD performed the full, triple staff function, formulating decisions, disseminating them, and observing the actions taken in conformity with them. Continuing the old WPD task of general strategic planning, particularly in committees of the national (joint) and international (combined) command

system, OPD was uniquely equipped with the information necessary for the staff formulation of decisions on behalf of the chief of staff.

From the beginning of 1942, the chief of staff had a staff that had army-wide responsibilities coextensive with his own. It was organized to issue orders and see that they were carried out. Since OPD was the headquarters of this staff, the official document files tell the story of General Marshall's overall army command throughout World War II.

### Sources

In writing what I called the life history of a staff in *Washington Command Post: The Operations Division*, I was privileged to use the files of the War Department that covered not only the everyday decisions necessary to manage a military staff at home and abroad but also the policies made at the highest level of U.S. political and strategic negotiations in wartime.

In addition to the section entitled "Bibliographical Note and Guide to Footnotes," I wish to note that primary sources were extensive and fell into five general categories:

1. communications
2. OPD drafts of communications
3. OPD studies
4. memorandum for the record and other informal notes of record
5. miscellaneous formal and informal papers

This is a rich collection. None of these sources should be disregarded about a certain subject. Even a penciled note on the margin of a study may make the only statement to be found on a given topic, and these were numerous, often providing very important information. Drafts of papers may reveal authorship of various parts of a finished document that bears no personal signatures. Texts of lectures, even though not delivered, may be good summaries of actual opinions.

For instance, although the OPD's areas of responsibility were specifically stated, multiple sources indicate that the opposite was true of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), who undertook their responsibilities without a formal written directive. The JCS guided the efforts of the three services in support of the wartime objectives under the president as commander-in-chief. General Marshall represented the army on the OPD staff.

Following are three areas of this microfilm edition in which the records are important. These are only examples of the many other subjects that are adequately covered.

### Pearl Harbor

The Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 was a violent shock to the U.S. Army as well as to the American nation. The onslaught jarred the

Americans, who had been poised between peace and war for some time, into wanting to "get even" with the Japanese. Since neither the army nor the navy had focused on Hawaii as a target, they were unprepared. The extensive damage crippled the U.S. Pacific Fleet and seriously compromised the army and navy for wartime operations in the Pacific.

The U.S. Congress in its volumes, *Hearings before the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack, 1945-1946*, published a great deal of material including the War Department documents in the WPD files. The testimony of War Department officers and the proceedings and reports of earlier investigations revealed the extent of the disaster. The hearings before the congressional committee and exhibits submitted were published in thirty-nine parts. The committee summarized its evidence and conclusion in a one-volume report.

One carefully phrased OPD message (No. 472) sent to Pearl Harbor on 27 November 1941 accurately reflected the current diplomatic-military situation prior to the attack. It bore the heading "Far Eastern Situation" and was read to General Marshall, who signed it. It stated:

Negotiations with Japan appear to be terminated to all practical purposes with only the barest possibilities that the Japanese Government might come back and offer to continue. Japanese future action unpredictable but hostile action possible at any moment. If hostilities cannot, repeat cannot, be avoided the United States desires that Japan commit the first overt act. This policy should not, repeat not, be construed as restricting you to a course of action that might jeopardize your defense. Prior to hostile Japanese action you are directed to undertake such reconnaissance and other measures as you deem necessary but these measures should be carried out so as not, repeat not, to alarm civil population or disclose intent. Report measures taken. Should hostilities occur you will carry out the tasks assigned to Rainbow Five so far as they pertain to Japan. Limit dissemination of this highly secret information to minimum essential officers.

[Signed] MARSHALL.

On the same day, 27 November 1941, the Division sent a message to its army intelligence office in the Hawaiian Department. It read:

Japanese negotiations have come to a practical stalemate. Hostilities may ensue. Subversive activities may be expected.

Unfortunately the messages were very secretive and limited. The WPD information was accurate, but somehow the army and navy commanders in Hawaii did not pay too



much attention to it. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor occurred before OPD, or its forerunner WPD, was organized as an efficient command post for the chief of staff. The records, as indicated in the above messages of warning to the commanders in Hawaii, do not reveal OPD's failure but rather how the failure affected the status of OPD as it was later established.

### Europe First

Since one of the OPD main staff duties was the preparation of international conferences, these records are informative. The reports of the Arcadia Conference at the end of December 1941 was the first effort to describe the roles not only of U.S. forces but also of British forces, their objectives, and their plans. They contained the twists and turns taken to reach the conclusion of concentrating forces and equipment on the European theater to defeat Hitler and the German army. They advised conducting a holding pattern in the Pacific despite the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

OPD was a major player in drawing up the blueprints for mounting Overlord, the Allied invasion of Western Europe. Called the Bolero Plan, its first version was completed in March 1942. The fifth version ruled out assaults on the Balkans, the Iberian Peninsula, and Dakar. As the plan evolved its purpose was to create a second U.S.-British front in Western Europe to divert German strength. All five versions appear in the War Department record and form a history of the development of this strategy.

In mid-April 1942, General Marshall presented the Bolero Plan to the British chiefs of staff and the British government. They accepted it and called it the "Marshall Memorandum." From then on it became official British-American policy.

The records amply document the various stages of the development of the policy that led up to the agreement on the objective, the timing, the combat strength, and the actual assault on the French coast. From then on the plans involved joint action between the combined forces of the U.S. Army and Navy and the combined forces of Great Britain.

Since several officers from OPD were assigned to work with the British joint planners, the files of the U.S. War Department are extensive, detailing the many arrange-

ments made for close liaison between Washington and London. An obvious problem was "just staying ahead of the war or even just keeping up with it."

Meanwhile, one memorandum noted, the problems of establishing the same kind of unified policy for U.S. Army and Navy forces in the Pacific "was virtually insoluble" because General Douglas MacArthur was "unalterably opposed" to such a move. It is clear at this time that OPD did not regularly receive plans for operations in this theater as is indicated by its request for information on negotiations in progress with the Soviet Union about U.S. bomber operations based in Siberia.

Only after the invasion of Normandy were General Albert Wedemeyer and his OPD staff able to make frequent visits to the Asian theater.

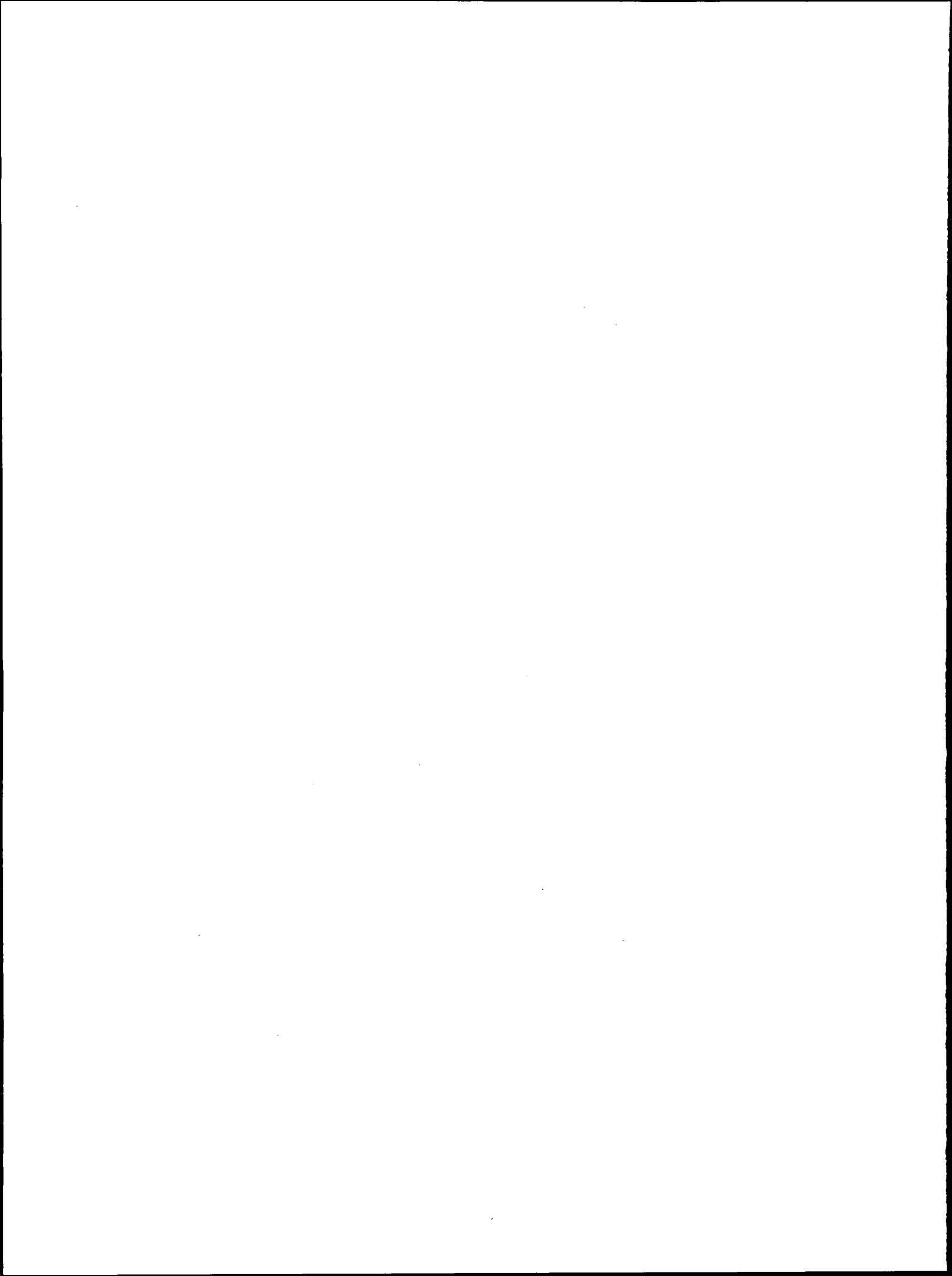
### Early Opinions about Soviet Interest in Allied Plans

It was during the period of developing the Bolero Plan that OPD formulated its thoughts about the sincerity of the Soviet Union in cooperating in the Allied war effort. As early as 1942 it became clear to the planners that the leadership in Moscow really wanted to fight on the side of the United States and Great Britain and then gradually to develop the Soviet military forces. When considering inviting a Soviet delegation to the Cairo conference in 1943, an OPD memorandum drafted for General Marshall suggested that the Soviet Union would regard the offer with suspicion or would believe it was a move to find out about future Soviet military operations.

In fact, the minutes of the four conferences attended by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill stressed the cooperation of these two leaders in the European war. The complications of their relationship with their Soviet and Chinese counterparts gave a forewarning of problems in reaching a final conclusion to the war in the Pacific. It was only after the United States used an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to eliminate Japanese military power that the Japanese had to surrender.

The issues during wartime were subject to urgency while under debate in the Congress and the press. The records present a full flavor of OPD's desire to perform successfully to the end of hostilities. ♣

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## NOTE ON SOURCES

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## EDITORIAL NOTE

Included in this microfilm publication are all the files in Entry 419 decimal number 381 (National Defense. Preparations and preparedness for war: instructions, plans, statistics, and tables). University Publications of America has microfilmed each file in its entirety.

Documents classified below Top Secret can be found in Entry 418, Security-Classified General Correspondence, 1942–1945. UPA has microfilmed selectively the files from Entry 418 decimal number 381 that pertain to the European and Pacific theaters of World War II and has made them available as *Records of the War Department's Operations Division, 1942–1945: Part 1. World War II Operations, Series A. European and Mediterranean Theaters and Series B. Pacific Theater.*

# ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations/initials are used frequently in this guide and are spelled out here for the convenience of the researcher.

<b>ETO</b>	European Theater of Operations
<b>OPD</b>	Operations Division
<b>OSS</b>	Office of Strategic Services
<b>POWs</b>	Prisoners of War
<b>SEAC</b>	Southeast Asia Command
<b>SHAEF</b>	Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force
<b>USSR</b>	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

# REEL INDEX

The following Reel Index denotes major topics found in each of the folders listed in bold. Also included is the date, if any, as well as the total frame count. The four-digit number to the left is the frame number at which the folder begins. The user is referred to the list of abbreviations on page x.

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*Major Topics:* Joint staff study of Operation HAILSTONE; Report on situation in Asiatic Theater and Southeast Asia; Plans for operations in northern Burma; Major objectives in war against Japan; Objectives of land operations from India; Developments on strategy in Southeast Asia; Deception policy for war against Germany; Strategic planning for Alaska; Planning study on operations in southern Philippines; Operational plans for 8th and 15th Air Forces; Operations for seizure and control of the Bismarck Archipelago; Plans for strategic support of Operation MERCANTILE FOREARM; Combined staff planners' study of Plan "Drake"; Command relationships for Operation MATTERHORN; Employment of B-29s against Japanese shipping; Method of control for 20th Bomber Command; Amphibious operation against the south of France; Operation plan and joint staff study of Operation CATCHPOLE; Base development plan for Eniwetok Island; Logistic plan for Operation CATCHPOLE; OSS activities in the Middle East; Deception Plan Dundee.
- 0354 **Security—Section X (Case 278: Logistic Plan for Land Based Forces, Revision CATCHPOLE Operation). 245frs.**  
*Major Topic:* Planning, air plan, and joint staff study of Operation CATCHPOLE.
- 0599 **Security—Section X (Case 278: CATCHPOLE II, Joint Staff Study, Outline Plan, Alternative Outline Plan, and Detail Plan). 91frs.**  
*Major Topic:* Base development plans for Eniwetok and Engebi Islands.
- 0690 **Security—Section X-A. 143frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Operational plans for SWPA; Future operations, strategy, and plans in the Pacific; 1944 operations in the Pacific Theater; Report on strategy in the Pacific; Effect of movement of main Japanese fleet to Singapore; Plans for Operation BEEFSTEAK.
- 0833 **Security—Section XI. 217frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Joint staff study of Operation STALEMATE; Operations against Bangkok; Plans for operations against Cassino; Australia as a base for operations in SWPA; Operations instructions for SWPA; Planning for Operation FORAGER; Information regarding Burma Theater; Plan for operations in SWPA; Operation against Hollandia, New Guinea; Joint staff study of Operation DESECRATE; Problems regarding occupation of Germany; Base development plan for Engebi Island; Occupation of Green Island; Preparations and plans for Operation GYMKHANA-ROADMAKER; Plans for war against Japan; Land operations in China; Operation CULVERIN.
- 1050 **Security—Section XI (Booklet—"Operations Against Japan"). 15frs.**

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- 0001 **Security—Section XI (Case 318: DESECRATE—Joint Staff Study). 34frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Joint staff study of Operation DESECRATE; Carrier operations in support of Hollandia operation.

- 0035 **Security—Section XI (Case 326: Operations Instructions Numbers 32 thru 49).** 568frs.  
*Major Topics:* Operations instructions for SWPA dealing with operations in New Guinea; U.S. Fleet attacks on Palau, Yap, and Woleai Islands; Evacuation of Trobriand Island; Occupation of Aitape-Humbolt Bay-Tanahmerah; Occupation of Emirau Island; Seizure and occupation of the Admiralty Islands; Green Island operations; Areas of responsibility for air and naval action for SWPA and South Pacific area; Development of air strip on Tanahmerah; Evacuation of Woodlark Island; Gasmeta and Arawe operations; Naval attack on Salamaua; Establishment of Radar and Radio Countermeasure Division in SWPA.
- 0603 **Security—Section XI (Case 326: Operations Instructions Numbers 50 thru 59).** 421frs.  
*Major Topics:* Operations instructions for SWPA dealing with Search Plans "C" and "D"; Occupation of Vogelkop; Cape Sansapor operation; Noemfoor Island operations; Submarine safety lanes; Transfer of forces from South Pacific area to control of Commander in Chief, SWPA; Marianas Islands operations; Wakde and Biak Island operations; Evacuation of Goodenough Island.

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- 0001 **Security—Section XI (Case 334: STALEMATE Joint Staff Study).** 56frs.
- 0057 **Security—Section XI-A (Case 335: Folder 1).** 209frs.  
*Major Topics:* Joint staff study and logistic plans for Operation FORAGER; Reduction of facilities at advanced bases during Operation FORAGER; Deception plans and planning for Operation FORAGER; Army support in capture of the Marianas.
- 0266 **Security—Section XI-A (Case 335: "Forager" Joint Staff Study).** 103frs.
- 0369 **Security—Section XII.** 96frs.  
*Major Topics:* Plans for Italian operations; Establishment of Base Stevedore; Base development plan for STEVEDORE; Establishment of Base Tattersalls; Base development plan for TATTERSALLS.
- 0465 **Security—Section XII (Case 337).** 388frs.  
*Major Topics:* Establishment of Base Tearaway; Base development plans for TEARAWAY, TATTERSALLS, and STEVEDORE.

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- 0001 **Security—Section XII (Case 337: Base Development Plan, TEARAWAY).** 98frs.
- 0099 **Security—Section XII (Case 337: Base Development Plan, TEARAWAY, Change #3).** 21frs.
- 0120 **Security—Section XII (Case 337: Base Development Plan, TEARAWAY, Change #7 and #8).** 70frs.
- 0190 **Security—Section XII (Case 337: Operations Plans, TEARAWAY).** 139frs.
- 0329 **Security—Section XII (Case 338: Base Development Plan, TATTERSALLS).** 122frs.  
*Major Topic:* Base development plans for Tattersalls and Stevedore.
- 0451 **Security—Section XII (Case 339: Base Development Plan, STEVEDORE).** 171frs.
- 0622 **Security—Section XII (Case 339: Base Development Plan, STEVEDORE, Change #1).** 67frs.

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- 0001 **Security—Section XIII. 398frs.**  
*Major Topics:* British report on the problems of the war against Japan; Lethbridge mission; 220 Military Mission report; outline of Plan "Diadem"; Establishment of bases, joint staff study, operational orders, fleet logistic plan, cryptographic aids, and garrison shipments for Operation STALEMATE; Air support for Pacific operations; Plans for campaign within China; Operation ENTERPRISE; Plan "Bodyguard"; Australia as base of operations in SWPA; Operation BRASSARD; Plans for Operation TRANSOM; Review of conditions in Europe, April 1944; Expansion of India as a base of operations; Air operations in the Balkans; Occupation of Dalmatian Islands.
- 0399 **Security—Section XIV. 312frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Planning for future operations in the Pacific; Occupation of the Marianas; Report on Pacific strategy; Mopping-up operations in the Pacific; Air support of Pacific operations from China; Review of conditions in Europe, May 1944; Plan for recapture of Luzon; Plan for seizure and occupation of Formosa; Plans for seizure of Biak Island; Plan "Royal Flush"; Study on operations in southern Philippines; Operation GRANITE II; Operations of U.S. air units from Chinese bases; Planning for Operation NEPTUNE; British report on the problems of the war against Japan.
- 0711 **Security—Section XIV (Case 370: STALEMATE(Revised) Joint Staff Study). 87frs.**
- 0798 **Security—Section XIV (Case 370: Garrison Shipments for STALEMATE II, Phase II). 36frs.**

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- 0001 **Security—Section XV. 207frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Plan for establishment of Decompose area; Plan for establishment of Cuckold base; Plan for establishment of Domestic base; Base development plan for DOMESTIC; Plans for future operations in SWPA; Plans for establishment of Earthenware-Acepiece base; Base development plan for EARTHENWARE.
- 0208 **Security—Section XV (Case 397: Western Naval Task Force Operation Plan #4-44). 186frs.**
- 0394 **Security—Section XV (Case 397: Annex "C" to Commander, Western Task Force Operation Plan 4-44). 112frs.**  
*Major Topic:* Communication plan for Operation ANVIL.
- 0506 **Security—Section XV (Case 397: Correction to Operation Plan 4-44 and Annexes). 97frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Operation plan for Western Naval Task Force during Operation DRAGOON; Plans for Operation NUTMEG, Operation YOKUM, and Operation DUCROT; Departure and rendezvous plan for Operation DRAGOON.
- 0603 **Security—Section XV (Case 397: Change Number 1 to Commander, Western Task Force Operation Plan Number 4-44). 196frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Operation plan for Western Naval Task force during Operation ANVIL; Report on characteristics of theater and enemy strength, plan of air operations, and departure and rendezvous plan for Operation ANVIL.
- 0799 **Security—Section XV (Case 401: Base Development Plan—DOMESTIC). 35frs.**
- 0834 **Security—Section XV (Plan for the Employment of Northwest Africa Air Forces and Attached Air Forces in Operation HUSKY). 92frs.**

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- 0001 **Security—Section XVI. 283frs.**  
*Major Topics:* List of documents from SHAEF; Policy regarding Japanese mandated islands; Coordination of Allied air operations with Soviet authorities; Operation order for commander of Cruiser Division Five; Strategy in Southeast Asia Command; Plan to seize Noamfoor Island; USSR collaboration against Japan; Demolition of U-boat bases in liberated territories; Operations against Kyushu; Joint staff study of Operation CAUSEWAY; Plan for establishment of Domestic base; Operations against Japan after Formosa; Policy for final defeat of Japan; Plans for future operations in the Pacific; Trans-Adriatic operations; Operations in Southeast Asia; Reduction in facilities at advanced bases in the FULLCRY area; Establishment of communications facilities for Operation FULLCRY; Plan for establishment of Cuckold base.
- 0284 **Security—Section XVII. 384frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Occupation of Norway; Joint staff study of Operation INSURGENT; Operations in Italy; Army Service Forces plan for redeployment, readjustment, and demobilization; Plan for seizure of Bonin Islands; Overall objective in war against Japan; Outline Plan "Talisman"; Order and plans for 81st Infantry Division on Anguar Island; Plan for operations in Burma; Plans for operations in SEAC; Operation VANGUARD; Strategy in Southeast Asia Command; Neutralization of Japanese air force on Luzon; Plans for employment of XX Bomber Command; Plan for campaign within China; Plan "Y" for forces in Aleutian Islands; Logistic plan for land-based forces in the Pacific; Logistical support of air forces in future Pacific operations; Operation order for Commander, Northern Pacific; British participation in the war against Japan; Plan "Bodyguard"; Plan for establishment of VOCALIST base; Base development plan for VOCALIST; Plan for establishment of HORROR base; Base development plan for HORROR; Plan for airborne operation in Avignon area.
- 0668 **Security—Section XVII (Case 427: Base Development Plan—HORROR). 65frs.**
- 0733 **Security—Section XVII (Case 428: Base Development Plan—VOCALIST). 87frs.**
- 0820 **Security—Section XVII (Case 439: Landing Attack Order Number 16-44). 65frs.**  
*Major Topic:* Landing attack order for operations against Guam.
- 0885 **Security—Section XVII (Case 473: Operation Order, Com Nor Pac Number 8-44). 173frs.**  
*Major Topic:* Operation order for Commander, North Pacific Force (Kurile Islands operations).
- 1058 **Security—Section XVII (Case 472: Letter from General Russell Hull Regarding Coming Operations in Italy). 7frs.**  
*Major Topic:* Map relating to operation in Italy.

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- 0001 **Security—Section XVIII. 466frs.**  
*Major Topics:* Joint staff study of Operation DETACHMENT; Logistic plan for land-based forces in Operation DETACHMENT; Fleet logistics plan, fire support, and garrison shipping for Operation DETACHMENT; Joint staff study of Operation ICEBERG; Fleet logistic plan for Operation ICEBERG; Logistic plan for land-based forces in Operation ICEBERG; Resources for Operation DRACULA; Directive to commander of ground forces in Greece; Joint staff study of Operation HOTFOOT; Operation KING TWO; Carrier operations against Okinawa, Formosa, and the Philippines; China-based air support for Pacific operations; Plans for liberation of the Philippines; Plans for operations against Kyushu; Plan "Bodyguard"; Agreement for employment of French forces; Plans for future operations in the Pacific; Strategical deception for the war against Japan; Operations in the western Pacific; Operations in Italy; Plan "Wedlock."

- 0467      **Security—Section XVIII (Case 518: Joint Staff Study—DETACHMENT).** 55frs.
- 0522      **Security—Section XIX.** 352frs.  
*Major Topics:* Defense of XX Bomber Command's airdromes; Military situation in China; Narrative of Operation MARKET; Airborne operations in Holland; Deception strategy; Control of special operations in Austria; Operations in Burma; Operations against Hainan; Joint staff study of Operation INDUCTION; Staff study of Operation GEORGE; Change of mission for Iceland Base Command; U.S. policy regarding Russian participation in war against Japan; Staff study of Operation LOVE-THREE; Operations of Twentieth Air Force; Staff studies of Operations MIKE-ONE and MIKE-TWO; Cover and deception plan for Operation MIKE-ONE; Landing attack order for Commander, Transport Division 38; Attack plan for Commander, Third Amphibious Force; Occupation of Norway; Reserves for Operation STALEMATE; Plan for Operation MUSKETEER III; Strategy in the Pacific; Objectives for Operation CAUSEWAY.
- 0874      **Security—Section XIX (Case 531: Base Development Plan—WORKMAN).** 104frs.
- 0978      **Security—Section XIX (Cases 519–538).** 138frs.  
*Major Topics:* Plan for establishment of WORKMAN base; Establishment of communications facilities at WORKMAN base; Tentative landing echelons for WORKMAN; Base development plan for WORKMAN.

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- 0001      **Security—Section XX.** 263frs.  
*Major Topics:* Planning for preparation of India as a base for operations; Weight of strategic air effort required in operations leading to earliest defeat of Japan; Outline plan for Operation PRINCETON; Staff studies of Operation MIKE-FOUR and Operation MIKE-THREE; Outline plan for Operation ECLIPSE; Operation TALISMAN; Operations in the Balkans; Operations for the defeat of Japan; Occupation of Hainan; Report on operations in the Pacific; Objectives within Germany for air-supplied flying column; Report on future operations in the Mediterranean Theater; Plan for seizure of Ryukyu Islands; Command relationships in Ryukyus operation; Cover and deception planning; Plan for establishment of Leguminous base; Logistical plan for operations of the 20th Air Force in the Marianas; Report on conference held at Hollandia, New Guinea.
- 0264      **Security—Section XX (Case 562: Report on the Pacific Ocean Area—China-Burma-India—Southwest Pacific Area Conference held at Hollandia, New Guinea on November 3–5, 1944).** 120frs.  
*Major Topics:* Conference on Operation MIKE-ONE and future operations; Logistic support in the Philippines for Pacific Ocean area forces; Allocation of reception and mounting areas in the Philippines; Base development of Philippine Islands.
- 0384      **Security—Section XX (Case 565: Establishment of Leguminous, Plan for).** 49frs.
- 0433      **Security—Section XX (Case 575: Occupation of Hainan).** 5frs.  
*Major Topic:* Map of Hainan Island.
- 0438      **Security—Section XX (Case 579: “Eclipse” Memorandum Number 1 and Operation “Eclipse” Appreciation and Outline Plan).** 111frs.  
*Major Topic:* Planning for Operation ECLIPSE.
- 0549      **Security—Section XXI.** 308frs.  
*Major Topics:* Withdrawal of XX Bomber Command from operations from Changtu bases; Japanese capabilities and intentions in China; Air defense system of the Marianas; Operation plan for Commander, Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Coordination of European operations; Operation orders for Commander, North