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Mission to France
United States Forces, European Theater

Mr. McDonald

File 10

MEMORANDUM

Witnesses

APD 887
29 October 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Activities of Theater Counsel, ETO.

TO : Office General Counsel
Colonel Lewis M. Gable
Captain Donald Hays
Captain A. L. Lowe
Mr. James McDonald

PART I - Death and Injury Cases

File #1. Roccaserra, Joseph. This agent, on detached service from DGER was missing in action and for a short time salary payments were made from special funds to his dependent, Mme. Roccaserra, for security reasons. Subsequently the agent returned from a Germany concentration camp and the case was closed. Since agent was in fact a French officer, notice of presumed death was not filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission. Case marked closed.

File #2. Walter Edhofer (Walter Court Lederer). This agent was injured while undergoing parachute training in England. He was paid from special funds, London, and according to my information he has completely recovered and no payments are due him from OSS. Mr. Edhofer spoke to me sometime ago and advised that he might wish to file a claim with the Compensation Commission, but it is doubtful if he has any claim since he was hospitalized at the expense of the Government and it is believed that he fully recovered. Mr. Lederer did not return to see me after our first conference. Case marked closed.

File #3. Raimond Boldefeld. This agent, a deserter from the German army and recruited from a P/W cage, was dropped into Germany about 21 April 1945. He landed behind Russian lines and nothing has been heard from him since. Other members of the team returned. Agent was not under contract, and apparently volunteered for the mission without compensation. Investigation made by Amzon the latter part of August at my request revealed the following: Agent's nearest relatives are his wife, Elisabeth Bodefelf, born on 18 November 1910 in Bad Godesberg and his son, Willy Bodefelf, born on 5 October 1935 in Eudenbach. Both are living at Eudenbach near Oberpleis, Kreiw Sieglund (village about 10 miles south of Siegburg). Local police informed investigator that subject was married to Elisabeth Bodefelf, that he was in the German army and had not as yet returned home. Mrs. Bodefelf confirmed the fact that her husband had not been heard from since before he was made prisoner by

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the Americans. Amzon has been requested to make a follow-up investigation. Case marked pending.

File #4. Fred Klement. This agent, who resided at Alkmaar, Holland, was dropped in the vicinity of Hamm on or about 21 March and investigation is believed sufficient to give rise to a strong presumption of death. Agent was under contract calling for \$1000 lump sum payment to his grandfather in event of death while on mission. Subject to further investigation the payment of the death benefit has been approved since officer who dispatched agent advised it was necessary to contract for the \$1000 payment in order to induce the agent to undertake the dangerous mission. Further report yet to be received from Special Funds Officer, Amzon. Case marked pending.

File #5. Hendrick de Hartog. Subject was a civilian employee of OSS and was killed 4 June 1945 at Bremen where he was attached to an SCI Team. All information and reports have been furnished to OSS Washington and the Paris office of the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission in order that the case may be processed in the United States where the dependents of the deceased reside. Case marked closed.

File #6. Alfred Skelneck (Charles Richter). This agent was injured in the line of duty and for sometime was hospitalized in Paris under the name of Charles Richter. Notice of injury was given to the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission. Peter Sichel, Special Funds Officer, G-2, SSS, 7th Army advised that no claim will be filed since agent recovered and for security reasons was paid his salary while in the hospital. Case marked closed.

File #7. Jacob Nelsbach. This agent was dispatched 19 March and has not been heard from since. A preliminary investigation was made by Captain Good, Amzon, copy of which is in the file. All papers have now been forwarded to Special Funds, Amzon, with a letter of instruction which is to be followed in closing this case. Case marked pending.

File #8. Erwin Muller. This agent was injured 4 March near Forbach Germany and subsequently was hospitalized at 217th General Hospital, Paris. He had a mid-thigh amputation of the left leg and has now been released from the hospital without an artificial limb. He is being held at an SI area near Paris pending negotiations with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission to take over the case and arrange for the fitting of a new limb. Commission refuses to take over case until permission is received from Washington advising that it can handle cases of German nationals. SI Branch, London, was to arrange last summer to have the agent sent to London for an artificial limb but the parties charged with the responsibility for attending to matter in London left for the United States without following through. All necessary forms have been filed with the Commission. Case marked pending.

File #9. V. K. Van der Bogart. This agent was reported missing in action, but it was later determined that the report was in error. Case marked closed.

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File #10. Kurt Gruber. This agent was under contract which designated his wife, Jessie Campbell Leith Gruber, 7 Marlborough Hill, London, N.W. 8, as beneficiary. Amount of lump sum death benefit provided by contract was \$3675. This amount has been paid to the widow by Special Funds, London, and a release on form prescribed by OSS Administrative Instruction #27 in favor of the United States Government. Agent was dispatched in A-26 type aircraft with crew of four on 19 March 1945 for the purpose of parachuting him into the Ruhr. The aircraft never returned to its base at Harrington nor was any trace of it, the crew, or the agent ever found as the result of intensive investigation. Case marked closed.

File #11. Henri Utard and Etienne Vion. These two agents were never employed directly as agents or sub-agents of this organization but volunteered their services as part of the French resistance movement. They were shot by the Germans on 26 September 1944 with the Mission to Le Tholy. Since they were not employees of the U.S. government their cases were never filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission. Lt. Sichel, formerly special funds officer with G-2, SSS, 7th Army, had their cases turned over to DGER with the recommendation that their dependents be compensated by the French Government. Case marked closed.

File #12. August E. Kohler. (Dt. H. Langlois). This agent was detached to OSS by DGER and dropped into France on a joint SO/SOE/French mission. He was killed on 29 October 1944 in the Vosges, and is survived by a wife and two children. Prior to giving notice of death to his family \$500 was paid to the widow in order to maintain secrecy in connection with current operations. Thereafter family was notified of death and DGER was notified and asked to arrange pensions for agent's family. Case marked closed.

File #13. Joseph Diem. This agent, a French national, was shot by the Germans as a spy on 29 October 1944. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne-Marie Diem; and a claim was filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission. Mr. C. D. Calbeck, deputy commissioner of the Commission, has advised that payments of death benefits will be made by the French Government, pursuant to arrangements made with the French Government by the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission. Case marked closed.

File #14. Gert Stabreit. This agent, a German national, under contract dated 25 February 1945 which designated his father as beneficiary of any amounts due under the U.S. Employees Compensation Act (OSS Administrative Instruction #27), has not been heard from since sent on mission early in the spring of 1945. Notice of presumed death was filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission but for security reasons the Commission was advised that relatives of agent should not be informed regarding his connection with OSS. Agent was not married and there is no indication that his father, Dr. Kurt Stabreit, MD, Steinackerstr, 26, Berlin, was dependent upon him for support. The Commission was advised therefore that relatives of missing agent would probably have no claim against the

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Commission. Captain Peter Sichel, SI Berlin, has been asked to investigate this case further. Case marked pending.

File #15, Herbert Koebber. This agent, a German national, under contract dated 20 March 1945 which designated his father as beneficiary of any amounts due under the U.S. Employees Compensation Act (OSS Administrative Instruction #27), has not been heard from since sent on mission 31 March 1945. Notice of presumed death was filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission but for security reasons the Commission was advised that relatives of the agent should not be informed. Agent was not married and there is no indication that his father, Robert Kober of Waldenburg, Kreis Pfringer bei Feyfl, Postleitzahl 14, was dependent upon him for support. The Commission was advised therefore that relatives of missing agent would probably have no claim against the Commission. Captain Peter Sichel, SI Berlin, has been asked to investigate this case further. Case marked pending.

File #16, Antoine Wilhelm. This agent, a French national, was seriously injured while undergoing training and is hospitalized at 217th General Hospital, Paris. Salary payments were made to agent up to and including 31 May 1945 when the case was taken over by the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission. The Commission has advised that the case has been taken over by the French Government. Agent is not expected to live. Case marked closed.

File #17, Remelbert A. Jongblood. This employee, a Dutch national, was injured in a jeep accident while proceeding to Groningen, Holland, on official orders. Case was filed with U.S. Employees Compensation Commission, but we have been advised that employee will file no claim with the Commission since he lost no compensation and his medical expenses were covered by an insurance policy. Case marked closed.

File #18, Emil John Tones. This agent who was under contract was killed during the May uprising in Prague, Czechoslovakia. I visited Prague and investigated the case and while there arrangements were made to pay the widow of the deceased his accrued salary amounting to 144,665 Czech KC. Releases and supporting papers are in the file. The case was filed with the Commission upon my return from Prague and I have been advised by the Commission that all papers are in order and that benefits will be paid to the agent's widow. Agent had no children. An agreement is being drawn between the Czechoslovakian government and the Commission whereby payments of this nature will be made directly by the Czech government. Case marked closed.

File #19, Hilda Olday. This agent was killed by the Germans on 19 April 1945 while attempting to escape over the Swiss border. She was buried in the church yard at Feldkirch under the name "Eva Schneider." Investigation revealed that agent probably had no dependents. She volunteered for the work without pay, and although the case has been filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission it is doubtful if she has any relatives who will make

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claim. The Commission is investigating the status of any dependents she may have. I have been in contact with the attorneys for the decedent's estate in London and have furnished them with sufficient information in order to probate her will. Should there be any further developments in this case the matter will be handled by the Commission. Case marked closed.

File #20, Rene Andres. This agent was injured by a mine and his right foot was blown off. He is presently in London where he has been furnished with an artificial limb. He is scheduled to be returned to Paris for discharge in the near future. His case has been filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission, and Mr. C. D. Calbeck, deputy commissioner, has advised that upon his arrival here the Commission will arrange for compensation payments to be made to the agent. The Commission should be advised as to the total sum paid claimant from special funds as per diem while he was hospitalized in London since such is a credit against compensation payments due the injured agent. Case marked pending.

File #21, Alexis Sommarina. This civilian employee was killed 28 March 1945 as the result of enemy action. At the time of his death he was on loan by P&PW Detachment, 12th AG, to the 4th Armoured Division of the Third, U.S. Army. All information was furnished to the Paris office of the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission and to General Counsel's Office, Washington. Since dependents of deceased reside in the United States the case will be processed there. Case marked closed.

File #22, Gilbert Grandjean. This agent, a French national, was wounded in action on 18 October 1944, suffering a rifle bullet wound of the right leg resulting in a compound fracture of the femur. He was subsequently hospitalized at the 217th General Hospital, Paris, and was released some months ago. He has a permanent partial disability of the right leg. The case was filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission, which has arranged for benefits to be paid to the injured agent by the French government. Case marked closed.

File #23, Gerrit J. Ten Hoor. This civilian employee was injured in a jeep accident in Holland and suffered only minor injuries. Notice of injury was filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission, but Mr. Ten Hoor advised me when I was at the Hague a short time ago that he would file no claim with the Commission. The Commission has been so advised. Case marked closed.

File #24, Nenad Gikic. This agent was killed in action 24 February 1945. His contract of employment designated Mme. Marise Grumel, 39 Rue de Marseille, Lyon, France, his alleged "common law wife" as beneficiary of insurance benefits under OSS Administrative Instruction #27. For a period of time after his death salary payments were made to Mme. Grumel for security reasons. When security was lifted the payments were stopped and Mme. Grumel was advised of the agent's death. Investigation revealed that Mme.

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Grumel was not in fact the common law wife of the agent, and that she was married to another man at the time the contract was made. Accordingly no payment was made to Mme. Grumel who advised the investigating officer (Captain Peter Sichel) that she did not feel entitled to any payment. The case was filed with the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission, but it does not appear that the agent has any dependents who would be entitled to compensation. The Commission is investigating the case further to determine if the agent had any dependents. Case marked closed.

File #25. Antone Markotny. This agent was dispatched as W/T operator of the Highball Mission (Eagle Project) and has been missing since he was parachuted into Germany on 23-24 March 1945 in the neighborhood of Kassel Germany. When parachuted he and his observer drifted over his pinpoint and landed in a small village. The observer landed safely but hearing shouts and shots he fled. Investigation report states that agent is presumed to have been executed. Special Funds Branch, London, has asked that Theater Counsel approve payment of the lump sum death benefit provided for in the contract in the amount of \$2500. From an examination of the file it is my conclusion that a further investigation should be made before any payment is approved. The case has been referred to Special Funds, Anzon, with instructions to be followed in closing this case. Case marked pending.

File #26. Aleksander Bohdanowicz. This agent was dispatched as an observer with the Old Fashioned Mission (Eagle Project) and was dropped on the night of 25 March 1945 in the neighborhood of Wiesbaden. Both he and his W/T operator were dropped off their pinpoint. In my opinion the investigation report prepared by Marcel Van Essen, Lt., AUS, does not sufficiently establish death. The case has been referred to Special Funds, Anzon, with instructions to be followed in closing this case. Case marked pending.

In addition to the above cases, File #27. "Sub-agents' Claims", marked pending, contains reports of death of the following sub-agents who were not covered by contracts and were not employees of the United States Government as defined by the Compensation Act: Cristophe Cegarra, Romain Raymond, Michel Peret, Jean Gilbert Gordolon, Guy Marie Ernest Bourrier, Francisque Philippe Paye, Jean Emile Froissart, Jean Sarete, Lucien Maurice Reynaud, Edouard Teyssere, Fernand Francois Mousis, Paul Gougeard, Ernest Lannebere, Henri Gourmelin, Gilbert LePage. Also in the file are papers with reference to the request of Jean Denamiel, former sub-agent, for money to treat his wife who was tortured by the Gestapo as the result of under cover activities for OSS. The original papers and supporting documents on these cases were taken to Washington by Lt. Fitzgerald, SI, for discussion there. File also contains my letter to Office of General Counsel, Washington, proposing that a fund be established to pay off these obligations provided such can be legally accomplished. To date no word has been received from Washington. The cases were informally discussed with representatives of the Compensation Commission who stated that the cases could not be processed through the Commission.

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File #28 contains various papers with reference to G-2, SSS, 7th Army, death and injury cases. This file should be kept for future reference but it is marked closed since most of the material has been transferred into regular files.

File #28-1. Frederic Leist. This agent who was employed in Spain and Southern France was injured in a jeep accident which occurred 5 December 1944. Subsequently he was hospitalized at the 48th General Hospital, Paris, and was released the end of March 1945. Thereafter he continued to work for SI Branch on a part-time basis until 31 July 1945, at which time his employment ended. It is believed the agent is suffering permanent disabilities, and I have been advised that he has been unable to work since leaving this organization. Comp. Form 124, ETO, has been filed with the Commission and Lt. Larry Hoguet, SI Branch, is preparing the report of accident and also is endeavoring to obtain the agent's medical report from the 48th General Hospital. All medical reports, when received, should be forwarded to the Employees Compensation Commission which will now take over this case.

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PART II - General Claims

File #29. Claim referred by Frederick Brown. This file contains the names of the following four agents who formerly worked for Mr. Brown in France and who were arrested by the Gestapo and have not been heard from since:

Lattard Paul	No Matricule 40779 Flossenbug Oberpfalz, Postant 2, 13 A Deutschland
Lisart Joseph	M.R. 478 Block 1, Aufenthalstlager, Bergen- Belfsen. K.R.S. Celle (Allemagne)
Rene Charton	Arrete en Septembre 1943, et qui etait il y a un an, au camp de Weimar.
Albin Davin	dit "Philippe", 53 ans, arrete en Septembre 1943 et qui etait, il y a un an, au camp de Weimar.

On 21 August 45 a request was made of the Executive Officer, Amzon, asking that an investigation be conducted in an attempt to locate these agents and to determine what happened to them after their capture by the Germans. To date no report has been received. Mr. Brown furnished no information regarding the terms of employment of these agents, the names of their dependents or the nature of their work.

This file also contains claim of C. Peyrard, 3 Avenue Saint-James, Montelinar (Drome) for merchandise taken from him by the Germans. The full circumstances of this claim do not appear in the file and Lt. Parsons is making an investigation of this claim which is for 441,486.00 French francs. File marked pending.

File #30. Claims of Marcel Roqueirol and Joseph Dominici. These sub-agents, employed by Captain Roger Lanze, Chief of Mission Frascati, were captured by the Germans and subsequently died in concentration camps after being tortured. The file contains report by Ira H. Parsons, 1st Lt., SI Branch; translation of written statement made by Captain Roger Lanze, certified as correct and translation of eye witness reports of death made by Henry Catalano, certified as correct. Captain Lanze's report states that \$1,000 lump sum death benefits were promised in each case and that he was authorized to make such commitments before his departure on mission from Algiers. In accordance with Administrative Instructions and Washington cables authorizing lump sum payments to sub-agents when such was promised by chiefs of missions, payment has been approved and Lt. Parsons is now in Southern France closing out these cases. File marked pending.

File #31. Claim of Madame J. Reynaud. Claim was filed by Madame Reynaud for personal property taken from her apartment by three French Milice agents who were commanded by a Gestapo agent. She was arrested after the Germans learned that her apartment was used by radio operators of this agency who were engaged in transmitting intelligence. The claim was fully investigated and reports

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filed by Jurgen G. Pohly, 2nd Lt., MAC, SI Branch; and after reviewing all papers I allowed the claim in the amount of 50,380 French francs. The amount requested was 156,280. French francs. Cable authority was received from Washington to pay this claim which involved security and confidential matters pertaining to activities of this agency. Lt. Parsons is presently in Southern France closing out this case. File marked pending.

File #32. Claims of Andre Passetems-Marinoni and Mlle. Christiane Cumunel. Claim was filed by Mlle. Cumunel for personal property taken from her apartment by three French Milice agents who entered her apartment after she had been arrested in the Marseille railroad station by the Germans. Mlle. Cumunel was an agent employed by this agency through Commandant C. Orabona. The claim was fully investigated and reports filed by Jurgen G. Pohly, 2nd Lt., MAC, SI Branch; and after reviewing all papers I allowed the claim in the amount of 42,450 French francs. The amount requested was 87,100 French francs. Cable authority was received from Washington to pay this claim which involved security and confidential matters pertaining to activities of this agency. Lt. Parsons is presently in Southern France closing out this case.

This file also contains claim papers of Andre Passetems-Marinoni, owner of Chateau de Seillons, the garage of which was damaged by fire while being used as headquarters of Commandant Orabona's chain. A letter submitted by Commandant Orabona states the loss was covered by insurance but that the owner was prevailed upon to forego the filing of a claim since an investigation of the Chateau and its inhabitants would have revealed the headquarters of the chain and compromised the security of operations. The amount of the claim filed is for 188,158.25 French francs. I have had several conferences with claimant and it was finally decided that security considerations would permit him to now file his claim with the insurance company. This was done and I have been advised the claimant received approximately 60,000 French francs from the insurance company. Claimant has urged, however, that the insurance money received does not cover the loss. Lt. Parsons is presently in Southern France investigating the claim. File marked pending

File #33. Grendon Hall Lease. Claim for payment of £232.11.0 was made following termination of the lease between Henry Philip Markham, Executor of Violet Winifred Miller Mundy, deceased, and this organization dated 28 March 1944. This property was known as Area O, and was used for holding and briefing agents. Conferences were held with Ellis & Ellis, attorneys for the lessor and with Jackson Stops & Staff, real estate agents, and our liability under the lease was finally determined to be £153,7.6. Accordingly I prepared the necessary form of release and furnished a letter of instructions to Special Funds, London, requesting that payment be made against executed form of release. The executed form of release has been received. File marked closed.

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File #34. Delta Base Indorsements, G-2, SSS, Unpaid Account.

A memorandum was received from Headquarters Lyon District, Delta Base Section, APO 772, advising that on 12 July 1945 a communication was sent to G-2, SSS asking for approval of a statement in the amount of 786 francs for the account of the occupants of Villa Le Tourveon during the months of October, November and December 1944. The indorsements, after investigation, were returned to PACO, DBS, APO 887, with the following recommendation: "Investigation has revealed no information regarding the alleged account of Ets Grand at St. Cyr; G-2, SSS, 7th Army, has been liquidated and army personnel who might be informed are out of theater. Request that this matter be referred to French Delegee for processing as a claim under par. 15, GPA Manual No. 1." This case may be returned to us at a later date after further investigation by Delta Base. File marked pending.

File #35. Claims Matters. This file contains papers with reference to the claim filed by Geo. Berry & Strouts, agents for the owner of premises known as 20 Evelyn Mansions, London. Investigation revealed that this property was never under lease to OSS but was a personal flat of Captain Martin Nedell, formerly attached to OSS-London. Accordingly the agents were advised to look to Captain Nedell for payment and a letter was sent to him thru channels requesting that he settle his obligations to the lessor.

This file also contains memoranda with reference to manner of handling motor vehicle claims and memoranda regarding the proposal made last spring by the British that OSS join with the British secret organizations in establishing a joint fund to dispose of any claims which might be filed by non-accredited agents. File marked closed.

File #36. Chateau de Lux-Dijon. This file contains movement order issued by Headquarters Seventh Army to G-2, SSS, covering the occupancy of Chateau de Lux. The original movement order was delivered to the Area Engineer at Dijon. Before vacating the property an inventory of the contents was verified and signed by the caretaker and George L. Howe, Civ., OSS, and left with the Area Engineer. Since this property appears to have been legally requisitioned thru the Engineers all claims should be handled by Hqs, 7th Army, and it is believed the matter can be considered closed. Filed marked closed.

File #37. Chateau de La Verniere. This file contains an inventory of contents of Chateau de La Verniere and related papers. This property was formerly occupied by Mr. Schoonmaker and his associates. The file contains a release, on form prescribed by Theater Counsel, signed by Madame Charlotte Bonay. File marked closed.

File #38. Claim of Gosuel de Toux. By indorsement this claim was received through Claims Team #6821, Sub-Office A, Lorraine District, OIS, COM Z, APO 513. Claimant alleges he advanced 4,390 francs to Captain Corbet of OSS for use in obtaining food for his

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unit, i.e., G-2, SSS, 7th Army, and that he acted as an agent for G-2, SSS. Claimant also requests a certificate for recognition for work he performed in going behind enemy lines. A report furnished by Lt. Colonel N. H. Wentworth dated 22 August 1945 and prepared in Washington states that "with reference to the file of correspondence dealing with the claim of Goguel de Toux, Mayor of Schirmeck, it is my belief that he may very possibly have advanced the amount of 4,390 francs toward the purchase of supplies for the Agent Training Station maintained by Captain Croze alias Captain Corbet, at Montureaux-le-Sec, during November and December of last year. Since Captain Croze was subsequently killed in Germany, it is not possible to definitely determine the validity of this claim but I believe it would be a good policy on the part of OSS to refund the amount***" Colonel Wentworth further recommended that a certificate of recognition be given to claimant. The claim was investigated in October 1945 by Lt. Jurgen G. Pohly and payment was made to Mr. Toux and a release taken in favor of the U.S. Government. File marked closed.

File #39. British Claims Proposal. This file contains all papers with reference to the proposal made by the British for the establishment of a joint claims commission to settle claims of non-accredited agents of OSS and the British intelligence organizations. This proposal was rejected by OSS. The file contains Theater Counsel's opinions on the subject to Captain Lester Armour, USNR, and to the Theater Board of Review. File marked closed.

File #40. Hotel Powers Claim. During September 1945 the Hotel Powers, Paris, was vacated by OSS on orders of Theater Headquarters. Since property was requisitioned all claims are to be handled by Claims Service which took over the handling of the hotel before it was vacated by OSS personnel. This matter was referred to Mr. Veran, French civilian attached to this organization, and he is attending to the inventories and will see that the claim is processed thru regular channels. A claim for property damage to the hotel was filed and it was approved by Army Engineers and sent to the French for payment on a lend-lease basis. File marked closed.

File #41. Drungewick Manor Claim. J. D. Langton & Passmore, attorneys for the owner of Drungewick Manor, London, filed a claim for £1021.15.8. under the lease between OS⁵ and the owner of the property. After prolonged negotiations this matter was closed by payment of £667.13.10. File marked closed.

File #42. Claim for Damage, Delta Base Section. Indorsements were received from Claims Service Delta Base Section, requesting an investigation of the damage growing out of occupancy of Hotel des Glaieuls by members of this organization. Since it appeared that the personnel involved were connected with 2677th Regiment, the matter was forwarded to Caserta for action by Lt. Thomas G. Presutti and Captain Hays, Theater Counsel for MTO. File marked closed.

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File #43. Lease X-2, Societe Vignon & Cie. This file contains papers with reference to occupancy by X-2 Branch of property owned by Societe Vignon & Cie., notice of termination of tenancy prepared by Theater Counsel, opinion to Special Funds with reference to expenditure of special funds for rental of premises, and release furnished upon termination of tenancy. File marked closed.

File #44. Villa Belgerano. This property was originally occupied by the SI unit at Nice, France, and it was subsequently learned that the villa belonged to His Royal Highness Sardar Shah Wali Kahn, who insisted that OSS vacate the property which was never requisitioned thru regular army channels. Arrangements were made by correspondence (on file with Special Funds, Paris) for the continued occupancy of this property upon a rental basis. Subsequently the property was vacated, and a claim has now been filed with the C.O. of our Mission at Nice for damages in the approximate amount of \$30,000 and for utility services in the amount of approximately 100,000 francs. This matter was discussed with the C.O. of the unit a short time ago, instructions were given on the preparation of papers and the entire matter is to be referred to Theater Counsel. When the papers are received the claim will be sent to the French for processing under the authority of Par. 15, CPA Manual No. 1. on a reverse lend-lease basis. Case marked pending.

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PART III - General Files.

File #45. ETOUSA Orders. This file contains various ETOUSA orders which have answered a number of the problems raised with Theater Counsel. Complete files of ETOUSA orders, circulars, etc., are to be found in the Adjutant's Offices, Paris, London and Amzon.

File #46. Civilian Employees of OSS. This file contains the following: Contract and papers with reference to the termination of employment of Carlo E. a'Prato, formerly SI Branch, London; correspondence with reference to per diem allowances for civilian employees; correspondence with General Counsel's office regarding claim of Mary Bonack for personal property lost while traveling between Glasgow and London; correspondence to all theater counsel regarding Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945.

File #47. Chronological File--April and May. Contains memoranda and correspondence. This file was discontinued because it served no useful purpose.

File #48. Board of Review. This file contains orders and correspondence with reference to Theater and Mission Boards of Review.

File #49. Area "N" Schools & Training, Paris. This file contains the inventory and conditions report of Area N as of the date of occupancy and of the date of departure together with covering letter to the Town Major of Versailles. Also the file contains documents from the files of Schools and Training with regard to occupancy of Chateau de la RocheD'espeil by 333rd Service Unit. This file will be of value in the event claims are subsequently filed.

File #50. Agents Contracts. This file contains papers which pertain generally to contracts of agents. Included are: opinions to special funds regarding payments to agents and termination of contracts; forms of contracts drafted by theater counsel for use in ETO; opinion to Captain Lester Armour, USNR, captioned "Recognition of Services of Members of Luxe I, SI Team;" and instructions for obtaining clearances from Agents upon termination of employment.

File #51. Quit Claims--Airdale Project. This file contains releases taken from all agents dismissed from this project. The file contains 113 releases on form prescribed by Theater Counsel.

File #52. Legal Assistance. This file contains matters pertaining to naturalization, transfer of currency; powers of attorney and wills drafted for OSS personnel; casualty report matters; and opinion to SSO regarding payment for French merchandise in American dollars.

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File #53. Compensation Matters. This file contains correspondence and directions with reference to clearance of civilian personnel by Medical Services Branch in accordance with directions received from Washington; and general correspondence regarding U.S. Employees Compensation matters.

File #54. OSS German Mission. This file contains memorandum prepared by Theater Counsel and issued by Amzon dated 5 September 1945 captioned, "Final Clearance for Agents"; correspondence with Amzon with reference to Mission Board of Review; correspondence with Colonel O'Malley regarding Washington directives establishing supply procedure; report to Executive Officer on irregular procedures discovered after investigation of Amzon made by Mr. Bishop at request of Colonel Alcorn and Theater Counsel.

File #55. Cables. This is a cable file of Theater Counsel and War Crimes matters.

File #56. OSS Contracts. This file contains correspondence regarding OSS contracts; opinions with reference to contracts with W. J. Gloyn, Ltd., Cleaners, Ltd. and Great Het Ltd; memorandum regarding request made by Army that all civilian employees of OSS sign standard War Department employment form; and memorandum and correspondence regarding overseas contracting authority; OSS Order Number 126 captioned "Overseas Purchasing and Contracting Authority; ETOUSA orders with reference to (1) sales of supplies to non-military agencies and (2) procurement by special agencies.

File #57. Furze Lodge, 333rd Service Unit. This file contains handing over statement of requisitioned property known as Furze Lodge and statement of condition of chateau de la Roche D'Espell located at Commune de Buoux (Vaucluse) and formerly occupied by 333rd Service Unit. (Schools and Training Branch, Paris).

File #58. War Crimes Material. This file contains a large volume of correspondence, memoranda and documents showing the work performed by Theater Counsel on war crimes matters. There are no pending matters indicated by this file.

File #59. War Crimes Report--Karl Buck. This file contains a war crimes report forwarded to Theater Counsel by X-2 Branch, London. Report was transmitted to USFET, JAG, War Crimes and to OCC.

File #60. Basic Memoranda and Directives on War Crimes. This is a special file of material prepared by General Counsel's Office, OSS-Washington.

File #61. OSS Mission Orders. This file contains various orders and memoranda issued in ETO and Washington.

File #62. List of Cables from War Crimes. This file contains a memorandum and list of cables which were sent to OCC and subsequently were destroyed by error. Statement was taken in event any question arises regarding violation of cryptographic control regulations.

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File #63. Special Funds. This file contains correspondence, opinions and memoranda on special funds matters.

File #64. Releases. This file contains various releases signed by individuals who might have claims against the Government.

File #65. Reports of Survey. This file contains Report of Survey prepared by Theater Counsel on AGO Form 15 and ETOUSA Circular 15, dated 8 Feb 45 captioned "Simplified Property Accounting."

File #66. Requisitions--OSS Third Army. This file contains documents, inventories, statements of condition and requisition information covering activities of the OSS Detachment, 3rd Army.

File #67. Continental Bases. This file contains Report of Inspection of the 55th SCI Detachment; report on field bases in Southern France and report on advance bases; Germany, Luxembourg, Holland and Belgium.

File #68. Chronological File--June. This file contains general correspondence and memoranda.

File #69. Lt. Jean Errecalde. This file contains correspondence, memoranda and reports with reference to the death of Lt. Errecalde who was killed by the Germans. The papers were assembled at the request of OCC and sent to them for examination.

File #70. Melanie (Dutch) Mission. This is a complete file with reference to the demand made by Bureau Inlichtingen for payment of \$100,000 by OSS for intelligence furnished through the facilities of the Dutch net works which operated for the benefit of OSS and the British intelligence organizations. The file contains report dated 20 June 1945 prepared by Jan Laverge, Captain, CO of OSS Mission to the Netherlands; memorandum dated 9 June 1945 entitled "Evaluation of Dutch Intelligence Production" prepared by Philip Horton, Chief, Steering Division, Germany; correspondence from Major C. D. W. Fock, Chief of BI; report of theater counsel prepared after investigating matter and following conferences in Holland with representatives of mission and with Major Fock; release and indemnity agreement delivered by Bureau Inlichtingen upon payment of 264,960 guilders. This matter is closed.

File #71. Liquidation Activities. This file contains the following: memorandum entitled "Recommendations Respecting Immediate Liquidation Problems in OSS/ETO" dated 6 April 1945; memorandum from OSS-Washington dated 12 May 1945 entitled "Re-examination of Present Activities" and signed by General Donovan; memorandum prepared by Colonel C. M. Sears and Major H. H. Hamilton outlining problems of liquidation in ETO; draft of proposed liquidation order; memorandum of theater counsel to executive officer on matters pertaining to liquidation; liquidation letter to theater counsel from Colonel Alcorn; memorandum to executive officer from theater counsel with reference to liquidation of OSS (Fwd) and Budget for fiscal year 1946.

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File #72. Liquidation Matters--Leases. Memorandum prepared by theater counsel following survey of all OSS areas in United Kingdom. Correspondence with General Counsel's Office regarding liquidation of OSS United Kingdom areas.

File #73. Liquidation--Disposal of Surplus Property. This file contains all material with reference to the disposal of OSS surplus property. Included are copies of Surplus Property Act and regulations; forms for declaration of surplus property; instructions from Washington; and theater order establishing Office of Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner.

File #74. Liquidation--Disposal of Documents. This file contains memoranda, correspondence, and orders pertaining to the disposal of documents under act of 7 July 1943. Included are copies of orders with reference to the disposal of records which were issued by the three ETO-OSS-Missions.

File #75. Property Control and Accounting. This file contains all data with reference to the Washington Property Board and the three ETO-Mission property boards. Included are Forms 1118; information with respect to use of AGO Form 15; instructions from Washington regarding action to be taken by theater property boards; memoranda prepared by Property Board--OSS Mission to France.

File #76. Reports to General Counsel. This file contains periodic reports of Theater Counsel to General Counsel's Office, OSS-Washington.

File #76-1. Sgt. Bushrod E. Howard. This file contains a report received from Major John Miller, X-2 Branch, setting forth certain charges against the above-named EM. The matter has been referred to the Executive Officer recommending that the charges be investigated.

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PART IV - Motor Vehicle Claims and Documentation.

File #77. Citroen 3757-FE-3. This car was loaned to Colonel Black (now at Amazon) by General Koenig's headquarters which has now asked that the vehicle be returned. Investigation revealed the car was returned to the French in November 1944 by Major Broussard, after being involved in an accident. Although Major Broussard advises receipt furnished by French is believed to be in the SO vehicle file, Paris, an examination of the file does not reveal its existence. The matter is being taken up with the French by Mr. Veran and it is hoped that our explanation without the receipt will be sufficient to close the matter.

File #78. Matford V-8. 4 door sedan; motor No. 3619647. This car was purchased for 38,000 francs (Special Funds) by Aquitaine Mission and for two used cars--a Buick 1939 (no further identification) and a Citroen (no further identification). The Matford, at my direction, has been returned to the Paris motor pool and it is in good condition. There were no papers with the car, but Lt. Fitzgerald has obtained an informal bill of sale signed by the former owner. Since this car was at least partially acquired from appropriated funds, I have directed that it be picked up on our property records.

File #78. Buick. 1939; 4 door sedan (no further identification). Investigation reveals this car was requisitioned in Perpignan by French civilian authorities for the use of personnel attached to Mr. Schoonmaker's unit. According to statements on file, the car was completely wrecked while being driven by an agent. The parts were subsequently turned in by Mr. Schoonmaker on the purchase of the Matford above referred to. We were unable to obtain the name of the owner of the car, but subsequently papers were received from Headquarters, Delta Base Section, asking information regarding the irregular requisitioning of a Buick No. 1743 NT 2 in Perpignan, the property of Mr. Luc Bonada. The indorsements indicate that the Buick 4 door sedan, above referred to is probably the property of Mr. Bonada who has made claim for 96,710.10 francs. In order to dispose of the matter a report was furnished to Headquarters, Delta Base giving the facts available here and requesting that if it is established that Mr. Bonada's car is the same as the one herein referred to that the matter be handled by The Departmental Delegate A.F.A. on a lend lease basis under the authority of paragraph 15, GPA Manual No. 1.

File #78. Citroen. 11 HP (traction avant); 4 door sedan (no further identification). This vehicle was turned in by Mr. Schoonmaker on the purchase of the Matford above referred to. Investigation reveals the car was assigned by 7th Army, SSS, G-2, to Mr. Wayne Nelson of this agency for a trip south in connection with his TD with Aquitaine Mission. Mr. Schoonmaker signed a statement that the car was wrecked beyond repair in Toulouse and was junked. Other papers in the file indicate, however, that the car was turned in on the purchase of the Matford for an established value of 12,000 francs. We have been unable to ascertain the name of

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the owner of the car and a claim may be filed in the future. I have been unable to ascertain whether this car was legally requisitioned or regularized by G-2, SSS, 7th Army.

Matford V-8

File #79. 4 door sedan; numbers unknown. Investigation reveals this car was found and reported to Aquitaine Mission by Captain Garnier of the 5th Bureau of Poitiers. Lt. Fitzgerald has reported the car was returned to Captain Garnier and that no receipt was taken. He has been unable to locate Captain Garnier in order to obtain an appropriate receipt and release. Lt. Fitzgerald believes no claim will be filed. The car was not legally requisitioned.

Matford V-8

File #80. 4 door sedan; no numbers available. Investigation reveals this car was loaned to the Aquitaine Mission by Captain Casa of FFI in Toulouse. At my direction the car was returned to Captain Casa on or about 10 July 1945, and I have obtained a receipt and release, without payment, in favor of the U.S. Government.

File #81. Various cars returned to Paris for salvage (Schoonmaker). The following cars were used by Mr. Schoonmaker's unit and were returned to the Paris motor pool for salvage:

- (a) Packard Coupe, convertible; motor #1020; chassis #436166; USA #456166. Investigation indicates this car was abandoned by the owner in western France during the French route in 1940 and was hidden by a farmer who subsequently turned it over to Aquitaine Mission. The owner is unknown and a statement signed by Mr. Schoonmaker states that farmer had heard nothing from owner for five years. The file contains Q.M.C. Form No. 490 evidencing delivery of the car to Ord. Depot O-679.
- (b) Citroen Sedan: #WFF-438141; Type 11; Series BL; Chassis #456238; Type 51236; Motor DT 08005. Investigation states car was captured from the enemy during operations on the Atlantic coast. The file contains Q.M.C. Form No. 490 evidencing delivery of the car to Ord. Depot O-679.
- (c) Renault Sedan, Chassis #889372; motor #24812. Investigation indicates this car was captured during operations near Royan and was badly damaged while being driven by an agent. The file contains copy of Q.M.C. Form No. 490 evidencing delivery of the car to Ord. Depot O-679.
- (d) Peugeot Sedan: #302 WFF10. Investigation states this car was received from members of the Maquis near Carcassone, France, in August 1944 and was driven to Lyon by parachutists. There is no information regarding circumstances of acquiring the car from the Maquis. The file contains copy of Q.M.C. Form No. 490 evidencing delivery of the car to Ord. Depot O-679.
- (e) Peugeot Sedan 202; FD 368. Investigation states car was recovered by agent in Bordeaux sector during German retreat. There is no further information available. The file contains copy of Q.M.C. Form No. 490 evidencing delivery of car to Ord. Depot O-679.

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- (f) Citroen Sedan: FD 368: WFF130. Investigation indicates this car was abandoned by persons unknown during operations in Rhone Valley and was recovered by an agent. The file contains copy of Q.M.C. Form No. 490 evidencing delivery of the car to Ord. Depot O-679.
- (g) Citroen Sedan: Type 11; Series B; Chassis #142210; Engine #04309; USA D-368. Investigation states this car was abandoned with essential parts missing near Saintes (Charente Maritime) by the FFI. Its presence was reported to Mr. Schoonmaker's unit by Captain Garnier of the 5th Bureau at Poitiers who suggested that Mr. Schoonmaker take it. The car was taken in exchange for a paper given Captain Garnier stating that the car was of unknown origin and ownership. Upon closing out Aquitaine Mission Lt. Fitzgerald was unable to locate Captain Garnier. The file contains copy of Q.M.C. Form No. 490 evidencing delivery of the car to Ord. Depot O-679.
- (h) Citroen 11 HP (traction avant); 4 door sedan; Body #451695; AJ 50255; Type 11 BL. Investigation states this car was brought in by an agent from Valence in September 1944 in extremely bad condition after it had been taken from the Wehrmacht. The file contains copy of Q.M.C. Form No. 490 evidencing delivery of the car to Ord. Depot O-679.

File #82. Cars used by Major Quereau's Unit. Nice.

In liquidating this SI unit at Nice, France, it will be necessary to properly dispose of the following vehicles:

- (a) Citroen Sedan. NC 212; Model 11 BL; Motor No. 261-39/155; Chassis No. 426790. This car was requisitioned thru the French authorities when the unit was under the command of Captain Jones (now Major Jones). The owner is Mr. Velay of Ste-Maxime. The car is said to be in perfect mechanical condition but the body and fenders need tightening. Major Quereau was advised to return the car to the owner, after clearing the matter with the French authorities, and obtain a release from the owner.
- (b) Citroen Sedan: 3325 BA 5; Model 11A; Motor No. 01323/4 MPVa 78; Chassis No. 116834. This car was requisitioned thru the French on 30 October 1944 when the unit was under the command of Captain Jones (now Major Jones). The owner is Mr. Emile Martin of Cagnes. Motor and body are said to be in good shape, although the clutch disks need changing. Major Quereau was advised to return the car to the owner, after clearing the matter with the French authorities, and obtain a release from the owner.

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- (c) Matford sedan: MC 712; Model V8 F 83A; Motor #2547; Chassis #405444. This car was requisitioned thru the French on 30 October 1944 when the unit was under the command of Captain Jones (now Major Jones). The owner is Mr. Agliani of Monaco. Chassis and body are said to be in good condition. Major Quereau was advised to return the car to the owner, after clearing the matter with the French authorities and obtain a release from the owner.
- (d) Matford convertible: 9871 RK 2; Carte Grise 1528 MC; V8. This car was requisitioned thru the French on 30 October 1944 when the unit was under the command of Captain Jones (now Major Jones). The owner is Comtesse Zogheb of Nice. Car is said to have been recently overhauled. Major Quereau was advised to return the car to the owner, after clearing the matter with the French authorities, and obtain a release from the owner.
- (e) Rosengart Supertraction. NR 8942 YU-4. This car is said to be a prise de guerre, having been taken from the enemy by Major Jones. It will be disposed of in accordance with directions of the motor transportation officer, Paris.
- (f) Peugeot. Model 402; Nr. 927 EK 2. Major Quereau's vehicle report states that this car was brought to Nice by Mr. Stoneborough who said it was an OSS vehicle. Major Quereau states that he does not know the history of this car and that he has no papers on it. Vehicle is to be returned to Paris motor pool for disposition by the motor transportation officer.
- (g) Citroen and Chenard-Walcker (no further identification at this time.) Major Quereau's report states these two cars were turned over to his unit by French civilians in Lyon on a loan basis when Mr. Stoneborough was in charge. Major Quereau states that he will furnish further identification of these cars and will return them in good shape to the owners against the delivery of proper releases in favor of the United States Government.

File #83. Matford 3 1/2 ton truck: Model 39; Type 79; Engine No. 3946491; Chassis #394691. This truck was returned to Paston Pitte and Henry Larde, 17 rue Saint Denis, Paris, and a release and indemnity was taken in favor of the United States government. This vehicle was allegedly the property of these two men who placed it at the disposition of OSS during the war.

File #84. Opel Super 6; Berlin license No. W3023E20. This car was turned over to Lt. Alain D. Darnis, French Officer, by two American officers not connected with OSS. The French officer asked that we arrange for him to purchase or use this vehicle. Since OSS does not seem to have entered into the picture, Lt. Darnis was referred to CIC, officers of which organization allegedly delivered the car to him. File contains memorandum of facts written by the

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Paris motor transportation officer in the event it later turns out this organization had some connection with the transaction.

File #85. Schoonmaker Repair Bill. A statement was submitted by Garage Garibaldi in the amount of 6,043 francs for repair of one of the OSS vehicles at Toulouse. The claim was referred to Delegeue Departemental due Service D'Aide aux Forces Alliees (AFA), Toulouse for settlement under Par. 15, GPA Manual No. 1.

File #86. Chevrolet #1559264; convertible (P638) C-CBL-38; civilian registration #20636. This vehicle was requisitioned by Lt. Sickler through the French authorities at Perpignan for use of the 88th SCI Unit. The car has been returned to the garage from which it was taken and a receipt taken from Roussillon-Automobiles, 37 Quai Vauban, Perpignan. A claim was filed by the garage owner and it has been referred to the local Delegeue for processing under reciprocal aid arrangements. Investigation revealed car was left in the garage from which it was taken by the owner who left France as the American army advanced. Representatives of this unit, at direction of theater counsel, advised the local Delegeue that the claim should be disallowed since garage owner was not the owner of the car.

File #87. Opel. 4 door sedan; Engine #39-19705. (Alex Klieforth). This car was delivered to field Base B (near Paris) by Pfc Alex Klieforth who departed for the United States without furnishing any information regarding the manner of acquisition of the vehicle. In order that any claims may be met and the car properly disposed of in accordance with theater directives a cable has been sent to Washington asking that Pfc Klieforth, SI Branch, furnish a report on this matter. To date no information has been received.

File #88. Schoonmaker. Delta Base Indorsements: Citroen, traction avant, 11 E.V., No. 7197404; and two other cars. This vehicle and two other cars which, according to Mr. Schoonmaker, were either Renaults or Peugeotts were taken by Mr. Schoonmaker from FFI of Barjols, 19 August 1944, under a receipt signed "Lt. Frantz Schoonmaker". Claims were filed through Army channels and a request was received from the Commanding General, Delta Base, that this organization explain the requisitions and reply by indorsement. I reviewed the matter with Mr. Schoonmaker who signed a statement that these three cars were lost in the course of operations and that he could not further identify them. He stated that he believed the Citroen was lost during the course of combat operations and that one of the other cars was involved in an accident and burned and that the third was removed to an unknown location during the course of operations. This headquarters replied by indorsement to the Commanding General, Delta Base, setting forth briefly the results of my investigation and requesting that in view of the circumstances the claim be turned over to the French government for processing under reciprocal aid arrangements. This case may come back to haunt us at a later date.

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File #89. Delta Base Report of Stolen Vehicle: 5192 BA 6: Bumper Marking G-2. SSS. DBS Hqs. (No further identification).
A communication was received from Hqs, Delta Base Section, dated 26 September 1945 requesting information as to the status of this vehicle which is being carried as stolen on military police records at Delta Base. By indorsement Delta Base was advised that OSS Mission to France has no report on this car and that if further identification of the car or individuals involved is furnished attempts will be made to investigate the matter further. No further communication has been received as of this date from Delta Base.

File #90. Chevrolet #837591-4; Chassis #FA 494. Investigation revealed this car was loaned by a Mr. Gandoula to the Aquitaine Mission against a receipt stating that the car was in good condition when received. The car was returned to the owner and a release and receipt was taken, without payment, in favor of the U.S. Government. The latter part of September 1945 a letter was received from Headquarters, Toulouse Detachment, DBS, enclosing a claim for indemnity and damages from M. Condoulas against Mr. Waterman and Lt. Fitzgerald formerly members of OSS G-2 Detachment stationed at Auterive. The letter requested an investigation. A letter was sent in reply 5 October 1945 outlining my investigation of the matter and enclosing one of the releases allegedly signed by the owner. This matter may arise at a later date since the owner may claim that the signature on the release is that of his wife. There is nothing in the file to indicate that the signature is not that of the owner.

File #91. Hotchkiss, Type 615, #33049 (Schoonmaker). This vehicle was sent to Toulouse with Mr. Haviland from the Paris motor pool and was returned to Paris by Lt. Fitzgerald. On 31 August 1945 the vehicle was turned in to Ord. Depot O-679 and the file includes executed tally-out slip to the depot.

File #92. Dalage D51586; 2 door sedan. Investigation revealed this car was requisitioned by Anougliene military authorities and was loaned to Aquitaine Mission on an oral basis. Apparently no receipt was given for the car. Lt. Fitzgerald was unable to learn the identity of the owner. Upon investigation of this case, I learned the car was in a civilian garage in Paris, and I directed that it be placed in the motor pool for disposition. In order to liquidate the OSS motor pool the car was delivered 5 September 1945 to Ord. Depot O-679, and the file contains the tally slip to the depot. Lt. Fitzgerald advises that a claim may be presented by the owner.

File #93. Ford No. 54-427700, Field Base F. Investigation reveals this car was purchased in Switzerland in the early part of 1945 by OSS and presently is being used by Lt. Peter Hoguet's unit at Annamasse, France. This car was originally brought to Southern France by Lt. Colonel Kenneth Baker and sometime ago Captain Coffin, supply officer, Paris, was advised to pick the vehicle up on the property records and tally it out to Lt. Hoguet. Title was in the name of Colonel Baker and prior to his departure for the U.S. he executed forms of transfer. Disposition of this car will be determined by the motor transportation officer, Paris.

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File #94. Claim of Mr. Leon Amayen (Schoonmaker): Citroen 1937. Engine #DM 0241; License #272 AX. Leon Amayen, owner of this vehicle which was irregularly requisitioned by G-2, SSS, filed claim for 100,000 francs. A complete report was obtained from Ira H. Parsons, 1st Lt., formerly with G-2, SSS, which outlines the irregular acquisition of this vehicle. The car was eventually wrecked in the neighborhood of Epinal and was taken to a garage where it was stripped of all removable parts and abandoned. According to the report Gaston Roux took the car from M. Amayen, allegedly acting on the authority of Frank Schoonmaker. The claim was referred to the local Delegee for processing under Par. 15, GPA Manual #1.

File #95. Lincoln No. 86H 191-12-86H. MC 2535 (Schoonmaker). This car was requisitioned by the FFI for Mr. Schoonmaker's unit, and the file contains the requisition form. The original owner of the car is unknown and no claim has been filed to date. The statement signed by Mr. Schoonmaker indicates that the vehicle was wrecked outside Grenoble while being driven by a French civilian driver and was taken to American Ordnance dumps at Grenoble where its tires and wheels were removed for use by G-2, SSS, 7th Army.

File #96. Citroen No. 3429 BN 4; 11 HP. Series No. 397152. Report filed by Major Benjamin Welles, X-2 Branch, states that this car was not requisitioned but was borrowed from Robert Bonhoure, the owner. Major Welles was directed to return the car to the owner and to obtain a receipt and release on the form provided by Theater Counsel. This was done and the file contains a receipt and release signed by the owner.

File #97. Citroen No. ES00570. 4MPV B72AS. This car was loaned to Mr. Schoonmaker's unit by two agents and the cars were returned to them. The file contains a release signed by the agents.

File #98. Oldsmobile. Motor No. F711318 (Colonel Downs). This car was being used by Colonel Downs and he was directed to return it to the owner and obtain a receipt and release on form prescribed by Theater Counsel. The car was returned and the file contains executed receipt and release signed by the owner.

File #99. Renault "Juvaquatre"--2 door sedan; no numbers. Report signed by Mr. Schoonmaker states that this vehicle was delivered to Aquitaine Mission by an agent who stated that he found the car out of gas beside a road in the suburbs of Marseille and took possession. Investigation reveals the car was junked sometime ago. No claim has been filed.

File #100. Mercedes-Benz. Sedan. Engine No. 428922. This vehicle was obtained by Lt. Alexander B. Maley from a garage of the Wehrmacht in Stuttgart on or about 22 April 1945. The vehicle was registered with Hq, 7th Army and was issued No. 7A-CAP-5004. At the end of hostilities Lt. Maley returned to Paris and placed the car in the OSS garage. The acquisition and use of the car was in all respects regular and it will be disposed of by the Motor Transportation Officer in accordance with theater directives.

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File #101. Citroen. Motor No. 389353. Claim of Leon Prades and A. Molinier (Schoonmaker). This car, according to a report filed by Mr. Schoonmaker, was loaned to the head of HOHO chain in August, 1944, by the owner, A. Molinier. The car was returned to the garage of Mr. Leon Prades, No. 6 Mazagram, Narbonne, from which it was originally taken and a receipt was taken from the garage owner evidencing delivery of the car. During September a letter was received from the owner demanding reparations. On 5 October 1945 a letter was written to the owner, enclosing letter of direction to the Delege Departemental due Service D'Aide aux Forces Alliees, Grand Hotel, Toulouse, to recognize and process the claim under the authority of paragraph 15, GPA Manual No. 1.

File #102. Transportation Claims (Sidler). This file contains copies of statements submitted to 88th SCI Unit, Toulouse, for transportation furnished the unit. The claims were turned over to the local Delege, Perpignan, for processing under authority of Par. 15, GPA Manual No. 1.

File #103. Citroen. Type 11. Series BL. Motor No. DF 06236 (Schoonmaker). This car was loaned to Mr. Schoonmaker's Unit and subsequently was returned to the owner, Alfred Martin. Claim for reparations was filed and the necessary letter of instruction was prepared and forwarded in order that Mr. Martin may look to the French government for payment under the authority of Par. 15, GPA Manual No. 1.

File #104. Ford V-8. Motor No. 4917465 (Schoonmaker). This car was requisitioned for Mr. Schoonmaker's unit by Mr. Bertaud, Commissaire de la Republique. When the unit finished using the car the owner could not be located and the car was returned to the Service Regional des Relations Inter Alliees et d'Aide aux Forces Alliees and a letter was furnished by that office to this headquarters acknowledging receipt of the car and stating that it would process any claims arising by reason of the requisitioning of the car. Subsequently a letter was received from Army Headquarters, Delta Base, stating that the car had been stored with Metropole Garage, Toulouse, and that the garage was demanding payment for storage charges. On 3 October 45 I wrote to Hqs, DBS, advising them of the facts and requesting that the matter be referred to the chief of the region of Toulouse for the aid of the Allies.

File #105. Claim of Eugene Romieu. Celtaquatre 3246 PF 9. On 26 June 1945 a letter was received from this claimant regarding the alleged irregular requisitioning of his car. Investigation failed to reveal any information regarding the transaction and on 13 September 1945 I wrote Mr. Romieu advising him of this fact and requesting further information. No reply has been received.

File #106. Claim of J. Grzbowski (Ray H. Foster, Captain) Chrysler. Motor No. 4208RM5. For a complete report on this matter reference is made to Theater Counsel's report to General Counsel, Washington, dated 29 August 45, page 10 (file #76). Since that report affidavits were received from Captain Foster and Lt. Colonel Alfred T. Cox explaining the transaction and the original affidavits

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with covering letter were delivered to Colonel Loos, JAGD, Claims Service, Seine Section. It is believed that this matter can now be considered closed since Colonel Loos was to arrange for the owner to obtain the car from the headquarters now having possession of the vehicle. In view of the contents of the affidavits and the fact that Captain Foster is in China, it is believed that no court martial charges will be filed.

File #107. Renault. #930803 (Jack Forrester). During our motor vehicle investigation it was learned that Jack Forrester, civilian, had in his possession the above described car, the property of Mlle Gui. Mr. Forrester was instructed to complete the motor vehicle questionnaire, return the car to Mlle Gui, and obtain a receipt and release from her on the form prescribed by Theater Counsel. It is believed that Mr. Forrester departed for the U.S. without following these instructions. Major Miller, X-2 Branch, has been fully informed regarding the matter and he has been asked to obtain the receipt and release from Mlle Gui. To date the matter has not been attended to although the last memo on the subject was sent to X-2 branch on 13 September 1945.

File #108. Pontiac Sedan. Engine No. 249390; claim of Garage Ollier (Orwin-Sickler). Investigation reveals this vehicle was requisitioned through the French authorities for the use of "Captain Petersen, Officer de L'Armee Americaine." The name "Captain Petersen" was used by Lt. Sickler (then Sgt. Sickler) of this headquarters. The vehicle was delivered to Captain R. J. Orwin, Communications Branch, of this headquarters for use in Southern France. Owner of the car, as appears on the French order of requisition, is Adolf Wolf, 86 Avenue Planten Moretus, Antwerp, Belgium. The car was taken from Garage Ollier and was returned to the garage 26 June 1945 and a receipt taken, original of which is in my file. The owner of the garage presented a substantial claim and the matter has been referred to the local Delegee for processing. Appropriate objections have been made to the claim since it appears the claimant is not the legal owner of the vehicle. This car was not requisitioned in accordance with theater directives.

File #109. Nice cars. Captain C. B. Dawes. This file contains information furnished regarding motor vehicles used by the OSS unit at Nice. The report was furnished to the motor transportation officer, Paris, 3 April 45, and may be of assistance in the event claims are filed with respect to any of the cars listed in the report.

File #110. Terraplane. Stoneborough. SI Unit. Nice. For complete information on this car the file should be examined as well as Theater Counsel's report dated 29 August 45, page 14, (file #76). Since the report was written the car has been returned to Major Quereau at Nice and he has been instructed to return it to the owner and obtain a receipt and release from the owner on form prescribed by Theater Counsel. To date the receipt and release have not been received and the matter may be considered open. A claim may be filed by the owner.

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File #111. Mercedes-Benz, No. 188844, Captain LaRus, X-2. Captain J. J. LaRus, X-2 Branch, claims to have acquired this vehicle as a prize of war and to have had it registered with Ordnance under No. 1827714. Investigation has revealed that the car is not registered with Ordnance but that the aforementioned number was issued to a Simca sedan Motor No. 811516, property of the 24th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad, APO 418, U.S. Army. A letter dated 8 August 1945 was received from Colonel F. J. Burk, Assistant Chief of Ordnance, advising that the registration of this vehicle is "unauthorized, illegal and contrary to regulations." Accordingly, I directed Captain LaRus to deliver the car to the OSS motor pool. The Motor Transportation Officer has been advised of the circumstances and he will dispose of the vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Circular 133, dated 26 July 1945, Hqs, Communications Zone, USFET.

File #112. OSS German Mission Cars, (Edward Erne). This file contains a memo to the German Mission regarding theater directives pertaining to the disposition of captured, surrendered or abandoned vehicles, and information regarding the German Open (KPT 39, 1939, six-12 CV) which Mr. Erne used prior to his leaving the German Mission. OSS-Germany was directed to register the car in accordance with theater directives. File also contains information regarding the Daimler-Benz, convertible four passenger automobile, Motor No. 154183, which Mr. Erne brought to Paris without authority. This car was returned to Military Government headquarters in Germany and a receipt furnished.

File #113. Simca 8; Delta Base Indorsements. This file contains a communication from Headquarters, Delta Base, requesting information regarding a Simca 8 in order that garage bills allegedly due Garage des Brotteaux may be paid in accordance with instructions from Chief of Ordnance. On 18 August 1945, after investigation, I wrote the PAC Officer, Delta Base, advising that records on file at this headquarters do not reveal the information requested. This matter may come up again if Delta Base is able to definitely establish the car in question as having been used by OSS personnel.

File #114. Citroen, No. 266-OR3 (Field Base F). This file contains a completed questionnaire with respect to this car which was originally purchased in Switzerland in the early part of 1945 and placed in the name of Lt. Colonel Kenneth Baker (now in the U.S.). The car was picked up on OSS property records and it was tallied out in the name of Lt. Hoguet. Form of assignment of title is believed to have been executed by Colonel Baker prior to his departure for the U.S. In case any question arises with respect to this car, Captain Lowe and Special Funds Officer, Paris, can complete the details. Car is to be returned to motor pool, Paris, for disposition.

File #115. Lincoln Zephyr (Edwin Brush). This car was borrowed from the 2nd Armored Division by Edwin Brush, Field Photo Branch, and according to a statement signed by Mr. Brush the car was turned over to him on a non-returnable basis since it was a

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captured German vehicle. On 30 August 45 I sent a memorandum to Captain Lowe explaining the transaction and asking that the car be delivered to the OSS motor pool, Paris, and that it be returned to the army as a prize of war in accordance with theater directives.

File #116. Claim of Madame Moussand; Matford, Engine No. 384908 and Rosencart, Engine No. 43696. The Matford above described was requisitioned from Madame Pierre Moussand, of Toulouges, for use by 88th SCI Unit. The car has been returned to the owner and there is a receipt for it in the file. A substantial claim was filed and it has been referred to the local Delegee for processing under Par. 15, CPA Manual #1.

File #117. Citroen, Engine No. DZ05822. Investigation reveals this car was brought to Marseille by an agent in 1944, having been picked up near Avignon bearing Wehrmacht registration. The original owner was unknown and the car was brought to Paris by an agent and given to Mr. Fred Ostheimer. Shortly thereafter it was taken from Mr. Ostheimer on orders from Colonel Giblyn and was picked up on OSS property books as a prize of war. Investigation does not reveal whether this car was properly regularized as a prize of war. The car was tallied out to Lt. Fitzgerald early in 1945 for use at the Aquitaine Mission. The car was stolen from in front of the Grant Hotel, Toulouse, on the night of 22-23 June 1945. The individual using the car at the time was Pfc Nelson E. Ash, ASN 35230428, now assigned to OSS Hqs, Paris. Written statements have been taken both from PFC Ash and Lt. Fitzgerald. Since this property was picked up on OSS property books, it will be necessary to survey the loss on OSS Form 1118, and the matter should be referred to the OSS Property Board. Lt. Fitzgerald advises there is little likelihood that a claim will be filed.

File #118. Packard, 4890 NT 2; Engine No. 120-C-1027. This vehicle was requisitioned from a Mr. Riche, Hotel Vilnay, Nice, for use by the 88th SCI Unit. My file indicates the vehicle has been returned to the owner and a substantial claim has been filed. The claim has been referred to the local Delegee for processing in accordance with CPA Manual #1 and appropriate objections have been made to the amount of the claim.

File #119. Lt. J. Sarlie-John Edwards, Civilian Vehicle No. B458877. This file contains statements regarding the above-described car which was the subject of a communication received from Ordnance. The car was used by Lt. Sarlie on the authority of Lt. Edwards who had borrowed the car from his mother who resides in Paris. Lt. Edwards' statement indicates the car has now been returned to his mother and that no claim will be filed.

File #120. Citroen, No. DS04090 (Field Base F). This file sets forth facts regarding the above-described car which was stolen in Paris 14 August 1945. The questionnaire was prepared

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by Lt. Hoguet who states that the car was originally purchased in Switzerland in the early part of 1945, and that facts with reference to the theft of the car have been furnished to the Finance and Motor Transportation Officers, Paris. This loss will have to be surveyed by the Property Board on Form 1118.

File #121. (John Potter) Marque-Renault. Motor No. 767058.
The existence of this car was called to my attention by Special Funds Branch when Mr. John Potter, X-2 Branch, arrived in Paris in order to straighten out his financial matters. According to my file, Mr. Potter was advanced the equivalent of \$1,070.49 for the purchase of an automobile in Madrid. In January Mr. Potter left for Southern France and took the car with him. He sold this automobile and used the proceeds to purchase a second automobile; sold this and used the proceeds to buy a third car, the Marque-Renault above described. Since the car was acquired by use of Special Funds I have had it picked up on our property records and Mr. Potter delivered a form of assignment of title. All of the papers were turned over to Mr. Veran who arranged for registration of title in the name of this agency. As matters now stand, the car is duly registered in the name of OSS.

File #122. Citroen #LY04819. This vehicle was requisitioned from a Mr. Fabre, 78 Avenue Marechal Joffre, Perpignan, for use by 88th SCI Unit. My file reveals the car has been returned to the owner who has filed a claim for 43,710 francs. I have referred the claim to the local Delegee for processing in accordance with GPA Manual #1. Appropriate objections have been made to the amount of the claim.

File #123. Buick #43534219 (Patrick Dolan). This vehicle was placed in the OSS motor pool sometime ago by Patrick Dolan of this headquarters, who is now in the United States. A short time ago Captain Toby E. Rodes of P & PW Section, 12th A.G., appeared in Paris with a letter signed by Max Besler, Lt. Colonel, Inf., Hq, Information Control Det., ICD-USFET, requesting that the car, property of Mr. Michael Perrin of Luxembourg, be delivered to Captain Rodes. Captain Rodes advised that the car had been rented from Mr. Perrin from funds of PWD, SHAEF, and that Mr. Dolan had neglected to return the car at the time he left for the States. The car was turned over to Captain Rodes and a receipt taken for the vehicle.

File #124. Opel. Engine No. 28-20210 (Lt. Col. Wentworth).
Investigation revealed this car was acquired by Colonel Wentworth, formerly attached to G-2, SSS, 7th Army. Since it appears that the car was the property of a French civilian, a letter was sent to General Counsel's Office in Washington requesting that Colonel Wentworth furnish a report regarding the manner of acquisition of this car. A report dated 22 August 45 was subsequently received from Colonel Wentworth stating that the car was seized as a prize of war at Kitsingen near Wurtzburg, Germany. A copy of the report was furnished to the motor transportation officer, Paris, in order that he could proceed with the disposition of the vehicle in accordance with theater directives.

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File #125. Claim of Mr. Florentz, Citroen. #11 BL 367830.

A statement submitted by Rene Florentz states that while attached for duty with X-2 Branch, Paris, he was sent on 25 February 1945 to Strasbourg for duty with the SCI Det. Mr. Florentz states that the car (his personal property) was placed at the disposal of the SCI Unit and was stolen while being used by one of our officers. Mr. Florentz has made a claim for the value of the car and the claim has been referred to the French for processing under reciprocal aid arrangements.

File #126. Packard No. 1192-3279; 3135 MD 4 (Field Base F).

A report received from Lt. Hoguet revealed that this vehicle is the property of a Prof. Emile Delannoy. A claim was filed by the owner with Army Claims Service and the matter was referred to Theater Counsel for action. At my direction the car was returned to the owner and a receipt and release were obtained from the owner's wife who executed the instrument under the authority of a power of attorney.

File #127. Cars--Lt. Colonel Kenneth Baker. This file contains forms of assignment of three cars which had been registered in the name of Lt. Colonel Kenneth Baker. The cars, i.e., Citroen (Motor No. DT 03036); Ford (Motor No. 54-427700); and Citroen (Motor No. DS 04090) were originally purchased in Switzerland with special funds. Lt. Coffin, Supply Officer, was advised to list these cars as OSS property and to tally them out to Lt. Hoguet. File also contains correspondence from Lt. Peter Hoguet regarding origin of Carry-all Dodge (Serial No. 81585691).

File #128. Motor Vehicles X-2. This file contains completed questionnaires and correspondence with reference to civilian vehicles used by X-2 Branch in France. This file will be of importance in the case claims arise or information is needed in order to make the proper disposition of the vehicles in accordance with theater directives.

File #129. (Patrick Waldbert) Peugeot 202. #2780 and Citroen. #404069. The Citroen above referred to was requisitioned by Patrick Waldbert, civilian, SI labor desk, over his signature on OSS and Embassy stationery. The owner of the car, Mr. Laubinet, 98 Avenue Kleber, Paris, presented a claim for 100,000 francs in view of the fact that his car had not been returned. Investigation revealed the car was not legally requisitioned and that Mr. Waldbert did not advise anyone in this agency of his acquisition of the car. Mr. Waldbert was questioned by General Counsel's Office, Washington, with respect to this transaction, and he furnished the information that the car was stolen off the streets of Paris a short time after he had acquired it. During my negotiations with Mr. Laubinet, I advised him that his claim would have to be presented to the local Delegee for processing by the French under reciprocal aid arrangements. Mr. Laubinet refused to accept this disposition and insisted that the car be replaced. He then took the matter to Claims Service, ETOUSA, and the JAGD intervened and attempted to have the acquisition regularized by GPA in order that the claimant could be paid through army channels. GPA refused to

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regularize the transaction in view of the illegality of the requisition. Finally I convinced the JAGD that the matter should be turned over to the French for processing and this has been done.

During the first part of October 1945 a second claim was presented by the owner of the above described Peugeot who furnished an original illegal requisition form signed by Mr. Waldberg on 11 September 1944. Investigation has failed to reveal what disposition Mr. Waldberg made of the car and a cable has been sent to Washington asking that information be obtained from him.

File #130. Mercedes-Benz. No. X-1828004; Volkswagon. No. WH-163341; Mercedes-Benz (No number). This file contains completed questionnaires covering the manner of acquisition and disposition of the above-mentioned vehicles which were used by Communications Branch, Paris. There is sufficient documentation in the file to handle any claims which may arise by reason of our acquisition and use of these vehicles.

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