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Map Room
Box 52
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MEMORANDUM FOR Interested Naval Activities.

SUBJECT: O.S.S. Map Index.

1. The O.S.S. has prepared for the use of cognisant government agencies a complete index of maps, which includes maps collected or prepared by the following agencies:

- O.S.S.
- State Department
- Army Map Service
- Library of Congress
- New York City Library
- American Geographic Society.

2. The index is provided on 5½x8½ index cards of 88-lb. paper, giving pertinent descriptive data and sources. The entire project will consist of some 800,000 cards, each card describing in pertinent detail an individual map. Naval activities which are interested may request one or more indices based on the following breakdown:

- Overall index (approximately 800,000)
- O.S.S. index (approximately 8,000)
- Classified and restricted of (a) or (b)
- Geographical areas of (a) or (b) as follows:
  - Europe-Africa theatre
  - Pacific & Far East
  - U.S.S.R.
  - Latin America.

3. No completed index is available at this time, but a large percentage of index cards are ready for distribution, and others will be sent to those on the dissemination list periodically as completed in response to requests.

4. The application for the procurement of maps themselves should be made to the publishing or collection source.

5. Naval Activities which may be interested are asked to discuss their needs with the Naval Aids Officer, Naval Command, O.S.S., by telephone, Effective G200, extension 291, before preparing their written request.

August 8, 1944.

Daniel Barnard, Jr.
LA. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
With special reference to BIGOT HUSKY operations (from Marshall to Eisenhower and Darman for their eyes only) and others to follow, the President directs that special instructions be issued to our commanders that they make every effort possible to preserve at the time of occupation and thereafter the local archives of all of the towns and seats of governments occupied. In past wars a great loss, inconvenience, and trouble has been due to the destruction of such archives in occupied localities. Therefore special care should be taken to preserve at all times local archives in the towns and seats of occupied countries in this war.

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INFORMATION: O-2 Gen Strong (for State)
Adm. King
Gen. Deane (CCB)
Gen. Somervell
Gen. Arnold
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