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PROPOSED BASES FOR AGREED LIMITATION OF FUNCTIONS
BETWEEN OWI AND OSS MISSIONS IN SYRIA

1. If the OSS Mission were to engage in any open propaganda activities it might discredit all American propaganda should some of its more secret and specific functions come to light.
2. If the OWI Mission were to practice bribery, intimidation or deception; to tell flagrant lies, to inspire propaganda or action incompatible with the avowed aims of the Mission; and if these activities should become known, it would risk discrediting American propaganda and impairing its effectiveness as an auxiliary weapon of war, not only in Syria but throughout the world.
3. Consequently, the OSS will not engage in any open propaganda operations - unless authorized under special conditions to do so by the OWI Mission - and, in general, will avoid conducting itself in any way that might create an impression it was responsible for or in some manner associated with American propaganda.
4. The OWI Mission, on the other hand, will refrain from undertaking any propaganda or other operations involving or implying the practices referred to in Paragraph (2) above, or comparable practices.
5. If at any time the OWI should wish to engage directly

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in secret propaganda activities of a nature to compromise an open mission, it will establish in Syria for this purpose a separate and secret propaganda mission under appropriate cover; but no such secret mission shall be sent or established without previous consultations between OWI and OSS with a view to determining by agreement the respective functions of the three missions and their working relationships.

6. If the OSS Mission should need support in general propaganda, it will ask for such assistance from the OWI Mission, and if the OWI Missions needs the support of secret operations of the character referred to in foregoing paragraphs, it will ask for such assistance from the OSS Mission and neither Mission will undertake any activity lying even partly in the field of action of the other without previous consultation and agreement.

7. The OSS Mission in so far as its secret contacts and activity may have some influence on public opinion in broad strata of the population, will defer to the judgment of the OWI Mission in regard to problems of propaganda policy involved in such secret activity.

8. Any disputes or conflicts of jurisdiction between the two Missions will be referred to the American Diplomatic Agent in Syria.

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