## GALE PRIMARY SOURCES

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Twentieth-Century British Intelligence, An Intelligence Empire

From the international machinery of espionage and twentieth century warfare, to personal surveillance and Cold War intelligence, this uniquely broad view of the interests of the British government, her allies and her enemies is sourced from five government departments and totals around 500 000 pages.

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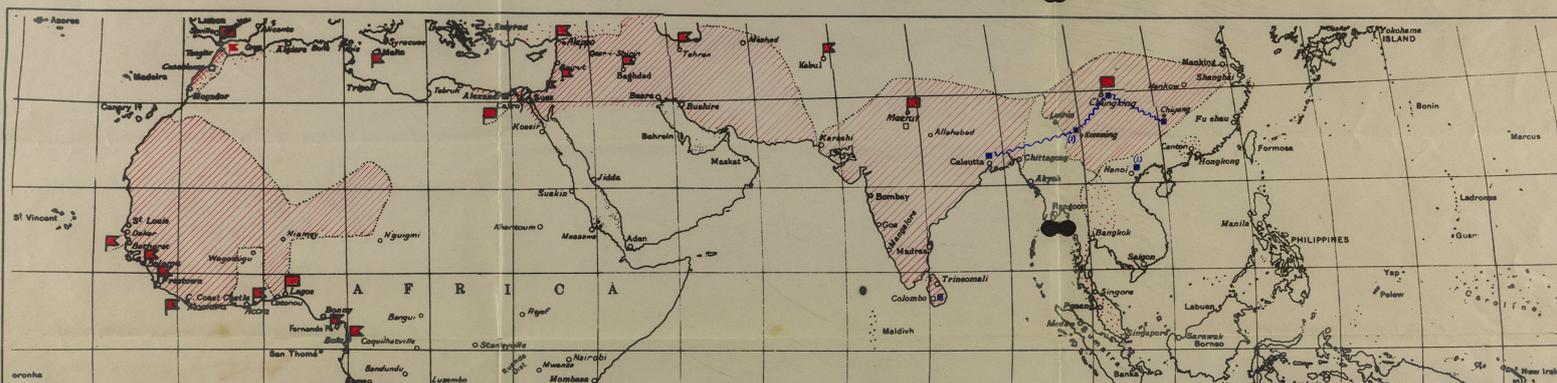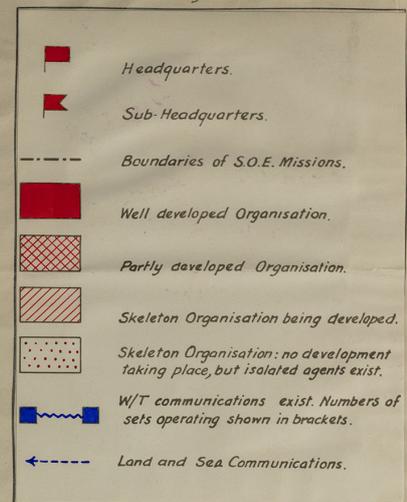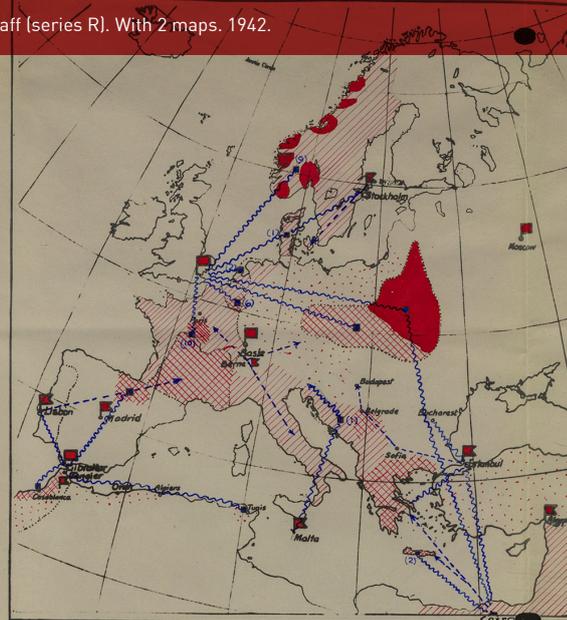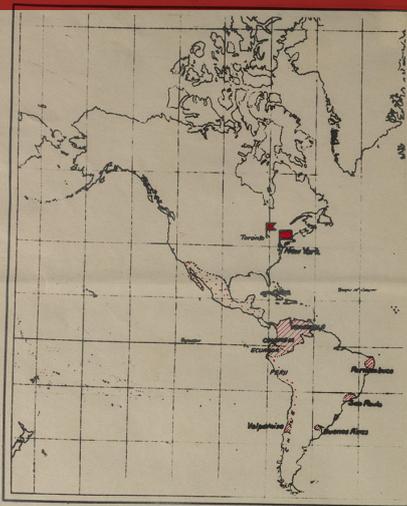
ABOUT THE ARCHIVE

This collection presents material from the Ministry of Defence, the Colonial Office, the Cabinet Office, the Special Operations Executive and the Security Service (MI5), and covers the development of a global British intelligence network that reaches from the UK and Europe to Africa, the Middle East, Canada, Asia and Australia. From the precursors to Room 40 in the First World War, to the espionage of the British Security Service and both Allied and Axis Powers throughout the British Empire during WWII, and into the geopolitics of the Cold War, the files collected here provide researchers with a wealth of material on the strategy, impact and policies of British intelligence.

Including many previously classified documents, these series offer new viewpoints on the machinery of British intelligence, decolonization, and global policy and strategy, as well as providing important insight into international politics and diplomacy in the 20th century.

ARCHIVE SNAPSHOT

Approximate Size	Date Range	Source Library
500,000 pages	**1905–2002**	**The National Archives, UK**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLLECTION

- Information on networks and circuits of the Free French and other WWII resistance movements

- Details of parachute teams of SOE Operation 'Jedburgh' in Europe

- Joint Intelligence Committee assessments

- Reports on WWII German intelligence services

- Cold War Soviet technology and surveillance records

- Material on the organisation and activities of Colonial British Intelligence in the 1950s

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