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Detailed Description:

When President Truman disbanded the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) by Executive order 9621 of September 20, 1945, the Research and Analysis (R & A) Branch of OSS became part of the State Department and was renamed the Interim Research and Intelligence Service (IRIS) and headed by U.S. Army Colonel Alfred McCormack. IRIS was later renamed the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. The R&A Branch continued to prepare reports and studies as it had since its beginning under the predecessor of OSS, the Office of the Coordinator of Information (established in July 11, 1941). This effort lasted until 1961 when this single series of numbered intelligence reports was discontinued.

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