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 ✓ To go with earlier papers.  
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*A. Chapman*

PAPERS OF MAJOR GENERAL ORDE WINGATE DSO

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Our correspondence on this subject rests with my letter, on behalf of Head of CS(RM), to Dr Peter Beal of Sotheby's, dated 26 June 1996.

You will be pleased to note that we have recovered the War Office part of Wingate Archives.

Following discussions with officials from the Public Record Office it has been agreed that these papers should be offered, under Section 3(6) of the Public Records Act, to the Imperial War Museum. The IWM purchased by private treaty sale other papers from the Wingate Archive. It therefore follows the presentation of the War Office set of papers will preserve the integrity of the collection.

A copy of this letter goes to Pat Andrews, Cabinet Office.

*ISA*  
*[Signature]*  
 I D Goode  
 Deputy Departmental Record Officer

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*Dr Peter Beal*

Further to our telephone conversation of 17 June 1996 when I advised that Mr Paddy Delahunty, Departmental Record Officer for the Ministry of Defence, would write to you about the sale of the War Office part of the Wingate Archives that was to form part of the specialist sale of English Literature and History, in London, on 11 July 1996.

Unfortunately Mr Delahunty has been indisposed for a number of days and I have been asked to write to you to formally record MOD's claim to ownership of these papers, as per the attached schedule.

The MOD has no desire to pursue the circumstances in which these papers were removed from War Office possession (save that it is clear that the removal of these papers was not authorised) our sole concern is to recover them and make them available at the Public Record Office or some other appropriate place of deposit, as defined by the Public Record Act of 1958. May I therefore ask you to advise the vendors of our intention, for them to confirm that they will not seek to sell the documents and to liaise with Mr Delahunty for the safe return of said items.

We look for a response from you and the vendor by 2.0 pm on Tuesday 2 July 1996.

A copy of this letter goes to Treasury Solicitor's Department and to MOD's Legal Advisor.

*I D Goode*  
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 Deputy Departmental Record Officer

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SCHEDULE

(in order of inspection only)

1. N/N File. "PLANS IN BURMA 1944 (EXTRACTED FROM OCW5)"
2. File No 21. "BRIG D D C TULLOCH MC. MOST SECRET PERSONAL"
3. N/N File. "PA to BGS". "BGS PERSONAL COPIES"
4. DDCT/16. "16 INFANTRY BRIGADE- LONG RANGE PENETRATION - CLM TRG"
5. N/N "GROUND TO AIR RECOGNITION"
6. "BGS NOTES ON CONFERENCES, VISITS, ETC"
7. " PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS TO GENERAL WINGATE"  
(MIXTURE OF PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL)
8. No 7. "OPERATIONS PLANS"
9. DDC/T 30. "PARTICULARS OF BRITISH POW OF 77BDE IN JAPANESE HANDS"
10. DDC/T 26. "PRECIS OF MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN RED AND BRIG CALVERT"
11. N/N. "AIR STATISTICS" "AIR SUPPORT. NO 1 AIR COMMANDO" PT 1  
"AIR SUPPORT. OTHER THAN NO 1 AIR CDO. PT2."
12. DDC/T/22. "SPECIAL FORCE SITREPS"
13. DDCT/31 "BRIG D D C TULLOCH - SPECIAL REPORTS ON OPS"
14. DDCT/15. "AIR MOVEMENT"
15. N/N Loose File. "OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS"
16. N/N "REORGANISATION OF SPECIAL FORCE" "CMD'S DIRECTIVE FOR OPS" (TWO INSIDE MAUVE COVER)
17. OCW/78. "WEEKLY DIARY OF CMD"
18. OCW/81 "DO FILE. MAJ GEN OCW" "BUSINESS LETTERS" (MAINLY OFFICIAL)
19. ENV. 47. INTERROGATION REPORT
20. DDCT/24. "OPERATION THURSDAY - REPORT ON INITIAL AIRBORNE MOVEMENT"
21. N/N. "MILITARY INTELLIGENCE" "COL WINTLE'S REPORT" "FIELD PROPAGANDA"
22. N/N "EARLY ORGANISATION AND GROWTH SPECIAL FORCE"

23. N/N "STATE OF READINESS SPECIAL FORCE"
24. "SITREPS, ETC, FROM COL GS, ETC"
25. ENV 52A. "TRAINING NOTES"
26. FOLDER S2B. "16 INF. BDE. TRG. PAMPHLETS"
27. LOOSE> "VISIT TO C.A.I."
28. "22". "CONFERENCES"
29. BGS Reference File. "APPRECIATIONS AND DIARY"
30. No. 27. "HISTORY OF SPECIAL FORCES"
31. "PERSONAL - BRIG. DDC TULLOCH - DIARY"
32. No 24B. "THIRD REPORT OF AIRBORNE MOVEMENT"
33. N/N. "REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 77 IND. INF. BDE." (2 COPIES)
34. No 8. "REPORTS FROM THE FIELD AND RECORDS OF ENGAGEMENTS"
35. 24A. "OPERATION THURSDAY - REPORT ON 2ND AIRBORNE MOVEMENT"
36. 26. HONOURS AND AWARDS
37. OCW/6. "AIRBORNE CO-OPERATION WITH 3 IND DIV"
38. Loose. (Handwritten) "SPECIAL FORCE CDRS. TRG. NOTES"
39. DDCT/3. "BGS MEMOS FOR CMD AND INTER-OFFICE MEMOS"
40. N/N "OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS"
41. 12 "STANDING ORDERS"
42. DDCT/19. "MISCELLANEOUS"
43. "PORTFOLIO FOR ATTESTATIONS, ETC" (Actually contains Misc. Trg. Instructions)
44. No 1A. "DO CORRESPONDENCE - BRIG D D C TULLOCH"
45. 6 loose maps (UK and East Africa) ) NOT
46. ENV ?/51 "QUADRANT ADMIN" ) FOR
47. ENV 74. OCW/ 82(b) Personal Pay Details ) PRO
48. OCW/82(b) & (c). Pay details )
49. DDCT/1. Pay details )
50. N/N ENV. "CHINDIT II" - Private report by Brig. TULLOCH on whole Chindit Expedition. Marked "Not for Publication".

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11 June 1996

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RECOVERY OF THE WINGATE PAPERS

1. As directed I spoke to Dr Peter Beal, Sotheby's, this am.
2. I advised that on Treasury Solicitors advice we are initiating recovery action of the War Office element of the Wingate Archive. I sought the name and address of the vendor and was advised that any communications should be directed to Sotheby's who are the agents:

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