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January 17, 1985

Dean George Gerbner  
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Dear George Gerbner:

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It was most coincidental to hear from our mutual friend Hal Ryder not only of your enthusiastic interest in his project OPERATION FRIENDSHIP, but to discover your whereabouts as a former member of OSS. I look forward to the pleasure of meeting and working with you on both fronts.

I have taken the liberty, therefore, of enclosing herewith our form "packet" to newly rediscovered former OSS comrades as I understand you were unaware of the existence of our VSS Organization (and we will be sending you under separate cover an explanation of our recently formed Donovan Memorial Foundation). I look forward to your joining us and your telling us of your activities with OSS -- as I note in our official Decorations list that you received a BSM as a Second Lieutenant.

I highly approve of your much appreciated advice and recommendations to Hal and hope that we can get this most important project properly organized and underway for next August.

Looking forward to hearing from you. With all best wishes,

Yours truly,

*Geoffrey M. T. Jones*  
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Dear Former Fellow OSS'er:

Having just rediscovered your whereabouts, we thought you might like to know of our existence and/or revitalization as a functioning organization made up of only former members of our very special WW II group. I believe the enclosed President's Report for 1983 can fill you in on our recent as well as continuing interests and activities.

First, I would appreciate your assistance in locating former members of COI/OSS. To this end, please also find herewith our latest LOCATE SECTIONS (updated) of specific former friends/associates with whom we have lost or would like to contact. Can you help with any of these -- or any other names/addresses?

But more important, I would like you to join (or rejoin) our revitalized VSS Membership.

To this end, I have taken the liberty of also enclosing a Membership Application Form in the hope that you will join VSS. So please take a moment to fill it out and mail it to us with a supportive check of your choice.

As a new Member you will receive copies of the Reports on the Prime Minister Thatcher, John McCone and Richard Helms Donovan Award Dinners as well as our Fall 1982 Newsletter (to catch up on past news), plus a LIST OF MEMBERS (with addresses) Booklet and our latest Winter 1984 Newsletter (that covers the special INTREPID Donovan Award dinner/reunion) and other recent mailings. Further, we will also send you a recently compiled List of known names/addresses of former COI/OSS'ers who for whatever reason have not as yet joined VSS so that you can also be in touch with these former comrades -- as well as urge them to join our revitalized association.

And, naturally, as a new Member you will also receive your appropriate Membership ID Card, per the reverse side of this letter -- a most pleasant marking/reminder of the sometimes exasperating, but always exhilarating time in our lives when we toiled for "109".

Looking forward to hearing you too agree it's a good idea for former COI/OSS'ers to keep in touch, with all best wishes,

Yours truly,


*Geoffrey M. T. Jones*  
Geoffrey M.T. Jones  
President

WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THE TIME/TROUBLE TO JOIN V.S.S. AS WE FEEL WE ARE NOW, AND WILL CONTINUE TO FULFILL ITS "OBJECTS" AS SET FORTH IN OUR CONSTITUTION (WRITTEN/ADOPTED IN 1947), NAMELY THAT:

This organization is formed to preserve and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States; to preserve and foster the spirit of fellowship among those who served in the Office of Strategic Services and in its predecessor, the Office of the Coordinator of Information, and to provide an organization through which they may unite in comradeship; to render such aid as may be possible to all former members of the Office of Strategic Services and the Office of the Coordinator of Information, as well as their widows and orphans; to preserve the traditions, memories and incidents of the Office of Strategic Services and the Office of the Coordinator of Information; to hold sacred the history and memory of the members of the organization who have given their lives to their country.

MEMBERSHIP ID CARDS


The holder of this card  
honorably served  
The United States of America  
In World War II as a member of  
The Office of Strategic Services



GEOFFREY M. T. JONES  
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WILLIAM J. DONOVAN  
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