

II. HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRACING SERVICE

1945 - 1951
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Study prepared by IRO Administration between the end of May 1950 and the middle of September 1951. The study is based on the instructions given to Mr. THUDICHUM by IRO Director Liaison and Planning Office, 25.5.1950 ("That we need, and what we hope you will be able to let us have, is the complete story of ITS, related as closely as possible to the appropriate basic documents on which your policies and activities have been based. Copies of such documents should also be attached").

Mr. THUDICHUM is obviously the author of the bulk of the historical survey. Only the studies concerning Child Tracing have been written by other IRO representatives: one, dated 11.9.1950, by Mr. Herbert MEYER, Chief Child Search Branch, and one, dated 23.9.1951, by Miss Vera SAKSONOFF, then Chief Information Division.

Mr. THUDICHUM had finished the major part of his historical work on 24. January 1951 (see letter to Geneva, page 316) and was able to dispatch to Higher Headquarters his last chapter concerning the History of US Zone Division on 13. September 1951. (see respective letter, page 329)

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