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SPECIAL EXHIBIT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ANSWERS

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1. Identify the “Founding Father” of the CIA.
Major General William “Wild Bill” Donovan
“OSS: An Enduring Legacy”
2. Name the former Jedburgh who formed the U.S. Army Special Forces in 1952.
Colonel Aaron Bank
“OSS: An Enduring Legacy”
3. List two facts about George Watts Hill.
Answers may vary
George Watts Hill posters
4. Who gave Colonel William R. Peers the porcelain cups on display?
Madame Chiang Kai-shek
Case between “Detachment 101” and “Detachment 202”
5. What device did the OSS use to produce leaflets in the field?
Press X
Case between “Maritime Unit” and “Secret Intelligence”
6. Identify possible two uses for the cigarette pack displayed.
 - Training model for Camera X
 - Microfilm container“Intelligence Gathering” case
7. For what type of warfare was the small black coffin used?
Psychological
“Individual Weapons” case
8. Why were the OSS matchboxes special?
They functioned as a secret camera – Camera X
“Intelligence Gathering” case
9. Name the substance inside the “L” capsule.
Cyanide
“Research & Development” case
10. What was the purpose of “black” propaganda?
To destabilize enemy governments and encourage resistance movements
“Morale Operations”
11. Where did Detachment 202 go for their “Mercy Missions?”
Japanese prison camps
“Detachment 202”
12. Identify three places included in Detachment 404’s area of responsibility.
Answers include: Andaman Islands, India, Indonesia, Malaya, Sumatra, Thailand, and parts of Burma and French Indo-China (Vietnam)
“Detachment 404”