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CONFERENCE BETWEEN LT COL YUDELSON AND LT COL HAYS:

26 December 1944

1608 to 1625Z

WASHINGTON PARTIES:

Lt Col C. E. Yudelson
Mr Parmely Herrick
Mr E. A. Plitt

LONDON PARTIES:

Lt Col W. L. Hays
Mr Carlos Warner

SUBJECT: SHAEF Approval for Repatriation of Sick and Wounded
Prisoners of War

Yudelson: This is Lt Col Yudelson of the Personnel Division,
War Department General Staff, speaking.

Hays: This is Lt Col W. L. Hays.

Yudelson: Is Mr. Warner present?

Hays: Yes.

Yudelson: Mr. Plitt and Mr. Herrick of the Department of State
are sitting here with me. I have before me a paraphrase
of telegram no. 11430 to the State Department from the London
Embassy, dated December 24. This message indicates that
telephonic approval has been received from SHAEF to a re-
patriation of German, British and American seriously sick
and wounded Prisoners of War via Switzerland as the ex-
change point. It is noted further that this approval was
to be confirmed in a message to the United Kingdom Base
Section. Before this country can reply to the German pro-
posals to conduct this exchange through Switzerland, it is

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necessary that the State and War Departments receive specific approval from SHAEF to this operation. Have you received the confirmatory message referred to by the Embassy in its message to the State Department.

Hays: No, only via telephone. I have just this afternoon wired you, wired AGWAR, and stated that SHAEF, G-4 has told me that it will be agreeable with them provided the Swiss trains can carry all of the load over and above the numbers which were given in UK Base wire to AGWAR, No. 18888, Dec. 21st. You should have that wire in a few hours.

Yudelson: We have your message to which you make reference, and for your information word has been received from the American Legation, Berne, which indicates that the Swiss are prepared to make available seven or eight hospital trains completely staffed for the purpose of transporting the sick and wounded from Marseilles to Switzerland and return.

Hays: That is right, I have also received that information from the Foreign Office here today, and we know the number who can be carried on each of those trains, and that information is going to go to you in my wire this afternoon.

Yudelson: Has SHAEF confirmed that approval of which you speak by a message from their Headquarters?

Hays: I think it is perfectly safe in doing so, however, SHAEF has not notified either me or the British authorities in writing that it is approved.

Yudelson: I see, but the only condition that has been imposed by SHAEF has been that the Swiss accommodations which are being made available must be sufficient to take care of moving all repatriables from Marseilles to Switzerland and back, over and above the accommodation which SHAEF itself has proposed to make available to us. Is that correct?

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Hays: That is correct. In addition to that, SHAEF G-4 has advised me today that they are taking the matter up with SOLOC and as soon as they hear from SOLOC, they will advise me in writing.

Yudelson: Then I may take it that SHAEF's concurrence in our proposal is also conditioned by a need to refer the matter to SOLOC, is that correct?

Hays: No, that is not correct. They are simply taking the matter up with SOLOC in regard to other matters, but they wanted to get the other matters from SOLOC before they sent me any wire. I requested that they send me a wire and then send me additional information that they were getting from SOLOC a little later. The message they wanted from SOLOC was whether or not the sufficient coal could be furnished for the trains at Marseilles, which is a trivial matter.

Yudelson: I see. That does not affect their agreement in principle to the repatriation as proposed?

Hays: No, that wasn't based on their hearing from SOLOC in that regard. I think that you are reasonably safe in concluding that it is entirely agreeable with SHAEF to proceed as planned.

Yudelson: Fine. Can you inform the War Department to this time as to whether the British Foreign Office has dispatched its message to the Germans accepting the German proposal for the repatriation through Switzerland? That is the message which was conveyed to the War Department in substance in your UKX 18888 of 21 December?

Hays: Let me read the telegram, it is not very long, which I am sending you this afternoon. May I do so?

Yudelson: Yes, if you please.

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Hays: "Reference WARK 81584, December 23rd. SHAEF G-4 informally advised UK Base today that entire exchange of seriously sick and wounded prisoners of war through Switzerland agreeable provided that the Swiss hospital trains will be available and able to handle repatriables in excess of figures set forth in our UKX 18888, December 21. British Legation in Berne has informed Foreign Office that Swiss Government can supply seven hospital trains, each with capacity of 360 passengers including 150 litter cases. Foreign Office is anxious to inform Berne along line indicated in our UKX 18888 with changes in number of repatriables mentioned in second paragraph WARK 81584, December 23, and will do so immediately upon Peake's confirmation of SHAEF formal approval of operation of entire exchange via Switzerland. SHAEF informally advised UK Base that is reasonably certain the United States can provide coal at Marseilles for Swiss hospital trains used in proposed exchange. SHAEF is contacting SOLOC reference this coal matter and will confirm to UK Base immediately upon receipt of definite information from SOLOC and UK Base will then promptly advise AGWAR. It is respectfully suggested and requested that all cables from AGWAR to UK Base for Hays, attention Combined Repatriation Committee be repeated to SHAEF Main for G-1 as well as G-4. This may help to clarify and expedite matters for which SHAEF's approval and clearance are necessary. Please advise State.

Yudelson: Fine, thank your very much.

Hays: Mr. Warner suggests that I ask if State is forwarding note to Berne on basis of this telephone conversation so that we may inform Foreign Office.

Yudelson: Just one moment, I'll ask Mr. Plitt. Mr. Plitt of the State Department. advises me that they will forward the U.S. message to Berne on the basis of this conversation, and that you may inform the Foreign Office accordingly, and this message will be repeated to the Embassy in London at the time of its forwarding.

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Yudelson: One question more, can you tell me if it is proposed that the U.S. held German repatriables in ETO are to be transported to Marseilles or whether they are to be moved via Switzerland across Western France?

Hays: They are to be moved from Northern France and brought to the UK and forwarded from the UK by ship to Marseilles except possibly 34 who are held by SOLOC and are now located in the extreme southern part of France and fairly near Marseilles.

Yudelson: What is the tentative date of arrival of the shipping from UK in Marseilles?

Hays: That is unknown at the moment. I would say approximately the 25th of January. It should be the 23rd or possibly 24th..... in time for the exchange on the 25th. Did I make that clear?

Yudelson: Yes, they will arrive at the Port of Debarkation on 23 January in time for the exchange to take place in Switzerland on 25 January.

Hays: It is planned to arrive at 23, but that may not be. It will certainly be in time for the exchange on the 25th. All we can say is that it will be in time for the 25th. We cannot give the exact arrival date of that ship at Marseilles at the moment.

Yudelson: One final question. Has French approval to the use of Marseilles and to the transportation of repatriables across Southern France been received by the British?

Hays: So far we do not know. We will let you know about that in the morning. They have not heard this afternoon and as soon as they hear we will let you know. They assume that it is all right and we will let you know as soon as they know.

Yudelson: Fine. Do the British propose to go ahead in the event such approval is not forthcoming?

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Hays: I do not know.

Yudelson: Do you have any information which could lead you to state to me whether you anticipate any difficulty in securing such approval?

Hays: We do not.

Yudelson: All right, thank you very much.

Hays: Does anybody want to speak to Mr. Warner?

Yudelson: Has Mr. Warner anything to say? if he does, I'll put Mr. Plitt on.

Hays: He wants to speak to him.

Warner: The delay is not due to anybody's fault here in London.

Plitt: Yes, I understand.

Warner: The British have been trying as hard as we have. They sent it in a telegram dated today and they have not got a reply from the French, but they assume that no difficulties will be encountered.

Plitt: We sent a telegram to Paris on Saturday morning.....

Warner: Yes, I have that here.

Plitt: Asking for the French approval, but we have received no reply.

Warner: They are probably closed over there too, I imagine.

Plitt: I suppose so.

Warner: The British have not had a reply either.

Plitt: They have not received a reply either?

Warner: No, but they don't expect any difficulties. It is only a matter of courtesy in doing it that way.

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Plitt: So then we will just go ahead with the thing as though everything had been approved?

Warner: I think so, too.

Plitt: Anything else?

Warner: No, I'll write you a letter shortly.

Plitt: Hope you had a Merry Christmas.

Warner: Same to you.

Plitt: Goodbye.

End

ORIGINATOR: Lt. Col. Yudelson

INFORMATION: Gen Somervell
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Gen Hull
Gen Henry
Gen Bissell (State Dept)
Mr. Plitt

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To: War Department

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To Joint Chiefs of Staff from Deane M 22159.

Following is roster of all US internees now located in Tashkent:

Lieutenant Commander Charles Wayne, 74207, Internee
Camp Commander,
Lieutenant John W Murph, 104549
Ensign John Elmer Ehret, 346845
AOM 2/C Earl Adelbert Mulford, 6217050
AC RM Robert Percy Baxter, 3857209
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Darryl Foisy McDonald,
130346
Ensign Kenneth George Miles, 306558
Ensign Donnie Lee Broadwell, 351029
AO M3/C Jack Clentin Ross, 6296309
ANM 1/C John W Ross, 2022309
ARM 2/C William Francis Nicodemus, 8655761
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) John Arthur Dingle, 130146
Ensign Emil Morris Petterborg, 306126,
Ensign Eugene Frank Dulan, 337657
ANM 3/C Charles Denver Henry, 6277727
AOM 2/C Harvey Hoffman Pollard, 3128331
ARM 3/C Daniel (NMI) Leintz, 7302146
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Jack Ralston Colles,
130307
Ensign Leonardo Panella, 320433

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Ensign Millard Benjamin Parker, 329440
ARM 1/C Harold Rudolph Toney, 6440516
AOM 3/C Robert McDonald, 3381224
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Jackson Wilson Clark,
130067
Ensign Berwyn Junior Miller, Jr. 285615
Ensign John Franklin Mathers, 329363
AMM 1/C Hoyle Atma Simes, 6165544
ARM 2/C John Brennan, 3055066
AOM 2/C Herbert Charles Rowe, 6605096
Lieutenant Russell Price Bone, 98353
Ensign Glenn Wallace Mantle, 291261
Ensign Ralph Wayne Stevens, 326291
AMM 1/C Lawrence E Sommers, 3814194
ARM 2/C Samuel Gelber, 7079231
AMM 3/C Frank L Crow, 3725005
AOM 3/C Joseph Peter Horvath, 7088702
Lieutenant Howard Paul Schuette, 106023
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) John Edward Brassil,
156843
Ensign Byron Albert Morgan, 4127642
AMM 1/C Willie Aubrey Dunaway, 6240113
ARM 3/C Edward John Jage, 7257726
AMM 2/C John Francis Beggin, 6506970
AOM 2/C Walter Herbert Morris, 6428647
Lieutenant George August Mahrt, 99907
Ensign Richard Henry Johnson, 298894
Ensign William Abbott King, 354550
AMM 2/C William Edward Dickson, 3123741
ARM 3/C Clifford C Patzke, 868555
AMM 2/C William D Strom 6230006
AOM 2/C Richard T Everard, 6293184

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Lieutenant Carl W Lindell, 124088
Ensign James Stanley Head, 315528
Ensign Marlin Keith Richardson, 351132
AMM 1C Harry H Williamson, 3469495
ARM 3/C Cyril James Brown, 8696657
AOM 3/C Russell Lyle Manthie, 8697139
Lieutenant John Vivian, 86039
Ensign David R Wilson, 290687
Ensign Thomas H Edwards, 337404
AMM 2/C Kenneth G Anderson, 6188801
AMM 2/C Paul John Schasney, 6502192
ARM 2/C Frank A Virant, 6186207
AOM 2/C Emil A Nommensen, Jr., 6652013.

First Lieutenants:

William J Michish, 0670585
Jack A Diamond, 0672943
James R Rutledge, 0673731
James W Ward, 0748046

Second Lieutenants:

John K Schaefer, 0771810
William R Arensten, 0863617

Staff Sergeants:

Edward J Mertz, 35368525
Herman K Sigrist, 15334781
Therman Hassinger, 13003292

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Frederick D Brownell, 33524291

Technical Sergeant William P Mann, 18104808

Captain Weston H Price, 0728025

First Lieutenants:

Melvin E Scherer, 0667197

John E Flanagan, 0808197

Eugene P Rutherford, 0683591

Second Lieutenant Edwin Morrison, 0690488

Master Sergeant Donald J Larkin, 6933317

Technical Sergeant David Pletter, 12038170

Staff Sergeants:

Millard S Cook, 18180438

Frank A Weed, 37548463

John Bardunias, 32419959

Henry J Stavinski, 32562560

Second Lieutenants:

William L McQuillan, 0764922

Charles E Volland, 0695713

Flight Officer Donald A Ward, T 125364

Corporals:

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Joseph R Brishaber, 35691845
Robert L Sylvester, 35697507
Norman Hermansen, 36350505
Nicholas Horin, 36631600

Major Richard Morden McGlinn, 0274932

First Lieutenants:

Almon W Conrath, 0860422
Ernest Eugene Caudle, 0748356
Eugene Caroli Murphy, 0686115

Second Lieutenant Lyle C Turner, 0690739

Staff Sergeants:

Charles H Robson, 15099424
Melvin O Webb, 38068975
William T Stocks, 33419986

Sergeants:

John G Beckley, 36230782
Louis M Mannatt, 19176359
Ottis L Childs, Jr., 34353855

Lieutenant John Elmer Ott, 0805523

Second Lieutenants:

Gilbert Stetson Arnold, 0692256

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Raymond Willard Shimer, 0755115
Frank James Perlich, 0813571

Staff Sergeants:

Robert Henry Peterson, 16168737
Thomas Bryon Shelton, 34614222
Carl Willis Austin, 18191250
Leonard Robert Karkoszynski, 32766748
Dean Pat Saigh, 37421090
Technical Sergeants:

C Hoyt Clark, 14033159
Arthur G Martel, 11020310

Captain Howard R Jarrell, 0724431
First Lieutenant John Kirkland, 0751005
Second Lieutenants:

Frank C Ogden, 0740708
Edward J Golden, 0684962

Master Sergeant Mike Losick, Jr. , 6994827

Sergeants:

Jerome Zuercher, 35647273
Merl Alfred Bailey, 37232421
George Hummell, 35668122

Technical Sergeant Lewis Allen Early, 13012932

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Staff Sergeant Roy Price, 13040754
Corporal Herbert A Bost, 32453664

First Lieutenant William Woodsmall Head, 0672097

Second Lieutenants:

Ralph W Hammond, 0804573
John Bruce McIntosh, 0805189

Technical Sergeant Warren G Lawten, 32389506
Staff Sergeants:

John Francis Carr, 11101507
William Clement Crowell, 15336085

All are well cared for and in good health.

Recommend

(1) That all crews operating in far eastern area be required to wear complete woolen uniform and carry or wear as much additional heavy winter clothing as operating conditions permit.

(2) That crews remove all personal effects, including emergency kits, from plane when they leave the first time since the Soviets will absolutely not permit reentering the plane.

(3) That emergency kits be frequently inspected

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for completeness. Several kits in Major McGlinn's B29 were not complete.

(4) That the crews do not report their flights to the Soviets as training flights but as operational. Statement that flight is a training flight does not change the conditions of internment and is only annoying to the Russians when planes are obviously battle damaged.

End.

ACTION: JC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
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From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

To: War Department

Nr: M 22152.

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To AGWAR for The Joint Chiefs of Staff for their eyes only from Deane [REDACTED] M 22152

Colonel McCabe returned from Tashkent today and reported that he had taken 100 Army and Navy internees to Ashkabad in accordance with escape plan devised by the Russians.

Upon arrival at Ashkabad on 7th December he was informed that because of "Too much noise in United States newspapers on the subject of internees escaping from Russia, instructions had been received that this group would be held in Ashkabad".

On 10th December Moscow issued instructions that the group would return to internment at Tashkent. This was done and McCabe returned to Moscow this morning.

While at Ashkabad 34 of the internees tried to escape but they soon found it was hopeless because of the extreme cold and uninhabited difficult terrain. Most of them gave themselves up and the remainder were easily apprehended.

I presume the newspaper stories which caused the Soviet action were those of Pearson and Cassidy referred to in my M 21933 of December 4th.

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After the return to Tashkent, the Soviet officer in charge of the escape telephoned to Moscow. Later when slightly intoxicated, he confided to McCabe that possibly the escape would be arranged again in about one month.

I do not know how much credence to give this but I shall of course see the General of the NKVD who is in charge of the project in Moscow and try to have it arranged again.

There are now 130 internees at Tashkent with more coming from the Far East. We shall send a complete roster tomorrow.

Colonel McCabe will be in Washington in the near future and I shall have him report to Admiral Scheurman and to General Bissell with complete details.

End

Note: M 21933 is CM-IN-3718 (4 Dec 44) Gen Surles

ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy (eyes only)
Gen Arnold (eyes only)
Gen Hull (eyes only)
Adm King (eyes only)
Gen Surles (eyes only)
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FROM HAYS SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE COMBINED REPATRIATION COMMITTEE ACTION TO AGWAR INFO TO FOLLOWING: ETOUSA FOR G1, G2, PROVOST MARSHAL, CHIEF SURGEON, G4 AND JUDGE ADVOCATE, SHAEF FOR G1 AND G4 REF NR UKX 18888 TO AGWAR FOR PERSONNEL DIV G-1.

MATTERS REFERRED TO HEREIN RELATE TO COMBINED BRITISH-AMERICAN REPATRIATION COMMITTEE.

COMBINED REPATRIATION COMMITTEE CONSIDERED WARX 79521 DEC 19 THIS AFTERNOON AND ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL TO USE ONLY

SWITZERLAND AS PLACE OF EXCHANGE. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE WAR AND STATE AND SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY SHAEF THE

COMMITTEE PROPOSES THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE SEND TO BERNE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM. BEGINNING OF

MESSAGE IN SUBSTANCE - YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO ASK THE SWISS GOVERNMENT TO INFORM GERMANY WITHOUT DELAY THAT THE

GERMAN PROPOSAL TO CARRY OUT THE ENTIRE EXCHANGE OPERATION THROUGH SWITZERLAND IS ACCEPTED.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE EXCHANGE SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT

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AS FOLLOWS:

THE EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE IN TWO PARTS ON OR ABOUT 17 JAN AND 25 JAN RESPECTIVELY AT A PLACE OR PLACES WHICH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT, ACTING AS GRANTORS, WILL SELECT. THE FIRST DELIVERY WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 1200 SERIOUSLY SICK AND WOUNDED GERMAN PRISONERS

OF WAR NOW IN US AND BRITISH CUSTODY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA TOGETHER WITH SOME 700 SICK AND WOUNDED GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR

WHO WILL BE BROUGHT FROM THE UNITED STATES. THIS TOTAL OF ABOUT 1900 WILL BE BROUGHT TO SWITZERLAND VIA MARSEILLES AND IN THE

INTERESTS OF TRANSPORT ECONOMY IT IS EXPECTED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH SICK AND

WOUNDED PRISONERS OF WAR SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN SWITZERLAND.

THE SECOND DELIVERY (ALSO MAINLY VIA MARSEILLES) WILL BE MADE UP OF ABOUT 1000 SICK AND WOUNDED GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM NORTH

AMERICA TOGETHER WITH 850 GERMAN CIVILIANS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ALSO ABOUT 1270 SICK AND WOUNDED GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR NOW

IN BRITISH CUSTODY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TOGETHER WITH ABOUT 600 SICK AND WOUNDED GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR HELD BY THE UNITED STATES

IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, MAKING A TOTAL OF ABOUT 3720. IN RETURN FOR THESE IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE RE-

CEIVED BY THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND THE UNITED STATES A TOTAL BALANCE OF UNITED STATES AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH REPATRIABLE

SICK AND WOUNDED PRISONERS OF WAR AS WELL AS 850 UNITED STATES CIVILIANS. END OF MESSAGE IN SUBSTANCE.

ALL REFERENCE TO GOTEBERG WAS OMITTED BECAUSE THE SENDING OF SHIPPING TO BRING OUT ALLIED REPATRIABLES FROM TWO PORTS IS IM-

POSSIBLE. THE COMMITTEE IS SEEKING CONFIRMATION FROM SHAEF THROUGH PEAKE AS TO THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS ALSO REQUESTING THE BRITISH LEGATION AT BERNE TO CONFIRM THAT THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE AGREEABLE

TO THE SWISS GOVERNMENT AND TO ASCERTAIN WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM

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CAPACITY OF HOSPITAL TRAINS WHICH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT CAN SUPPLY. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS INFORMING THE BRITISH LEGATION AT BERNE

THAT SHAEF CAN PROVIDE HOSPITAL TRAIN ACCOMMODATION FOR 1100 SICK AND WOUNDED AND 850 ABLE BODIED (SIC) PERSONNEL ON OR ABOUT 17 JAN

AND THAT AFTER THIS INITIAL MOVE THE GREATEST NUMBER WHICH SHAEF CAN TRANSPORT AT ANY ONE TIME IS 267 SICK AND WOUNDED (CAPACITY OF ONE HOSPITAL TRAIN) AND 1000 ABLE BODIED AT WEEKLY INTERVALS.

THE * INFORMED THAT THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF MEDITERRANEAN * OF AUSTRALIA, WHICH HAS A CAPACITY OF 4592 (1087 CABIN BERTHS), WILL

BE USED TO CARRY GERMAN REPATRIABLES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO * BRING BACK BRITISH COMMONWEALTH REPATRIABLES. BRITISH AUTHORITIES

WILLING TO ALSO TAKE ALL US HELD GERMAN REPATRIABLES IN ETO TO MARSEILLES VIA EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA IF DESIRED.

URGENT THAT COMMITTEE BE ADVISED IF THIS PROPOSED OPERATION IN TOTO ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE INFORM STATE DEPT

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FROM MARSHALL TO EISENHOWER; TO UK BASE SECTION FOR HAYS, ATTENTION COMBINED REPATRIATION COMMITTEE; AND TO MCNARNEY; ALL FOR ACTION.

MEETINGS WERE HELD 18 AND 19 DECEMBER BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH ARMY STAFF, BRITISH EMBASSY, CANADIAN EMBASSY,

STATE AND WAR DEPARTMENTS TO CONSIDER THE GERMAN REPLY TO USA PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF SICK AND WOUNDED.

GERMAN NOTE AGREED TO EXCHANGE ON JAN 17, 1945 AND ALSO AGREED TO THE POINTS RAISED IN PARAGRAPHS 6, 7, AND 9 OF

THE US NOTE CONTAINED IN OURAD 71025 OF DEC 1. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT PREFERS NOT TO CONSIDER AT ALL THE USE OF THE

GRADISCA AND PROPOSES THAT THE ENTIRE EXCHANGE INsofar AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE HANDLED VIA SWITZERLAND, STATING

THAT THIS WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN REPATRIABLES INTERNED IN MIDDLE AND SOUTHERN

GERMANY. GOTEBOURG WAS NOT REJECTED IN SO MANY WORDS, BUT THE GERMAN NOTE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE GERMANS ARE RE-

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LUCTANT TO USE GOTEBOURG. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE CONSIDERED AT THESE MEETINGS FOREIGN OFFICE MESSAGE 10642 DATED DECEMBER 18,

UKX 18442 DATED DECEMBER 18 AND 2 MESSAGES OF THE SAME DATE FROM BERN TO STATE DEPT. THE FIRST BERN MESSAGE STATES THAT THE

GERMAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THE EXCHANGE OF CIVILIANS FOR MIDDLE OF JAN, THAT IT PROPOSES SWITZERLAND AS THE EXCHANGE POINT, AND

THAT THE CIVILIAN EXCHANGE AND THE PRISONER OF WAR EXCHANGE SHOULD TAKE PLACE APPROXIMATELY 4 DAYS APART IN ORDER TO AVOID TRANSPOR-

TATION DIFFICULTIES. THE SECOND BERN MESSAGE INFORMS STATE DEPT THAT THE SWISS AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO OFFER THE USE OF SEVERAL

HOSPITAL TRAINS, INCLUDING LOCOMOTIVES AND ALL EQUIPMENT, TO CARRY PRISONERS BOTH WAYS FROM NORTHERN SWITZERLAND TO ANY MEDITERRANEAN

PORT. THIS NOTE STATES FURTHER THAT THE SWISS GOVERNMENT OFFERS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY HOSPITALIZATION BUT DESIRES TO KNOW THE DATE

OF ARRIVAL AND THE NUMBER TO BE HOSPITALIZED.

THE MEETINGS ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DATA:

1. THE GRIPSHOLM AND THE LETITIA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SAIL FROM

NEW YORK BEFORE JAN 6. CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE EXPEDIENT TO SEND THE US CONTROLLED

SICK AND WOUNDED TO EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT AS SUGGESTED IN UKX 18442 BECAUSE OF TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER DIFFI-

CULTIES. MOREOVER, THIS WOULD NOT MAKE POSSIBLE ANY EARLIER SAILING OF THE GRIPSHOLM.

2. IN UK 17392 DATED DEC 9, SHAEF ADVISES THAT IT IS FEASIBLE TO REPATRIATE GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR THROUGH MARSEILLES TO SWITZER-

LAND, AND THAT SOLOC CAN HANDLE AT ONE TIME A TOTAL OF 3000 CONSISTING OF 2,000 ABLE BODIED PERSONNEL AND 1,000 SERIOUSLY SICK

OR WOUNDED.

3. CONCERNING WESTERN FRANCE, INFORMATION IN UKX 18341 DATED DEC 17 IS THAT US CONTROLLED GERMAN REPATRIABLES FROM UK CAN BE RE-

PATRIATED TO SWITZERLAND BY THIS ROUTE.

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4. THERE ARE 1400 GERMAN PWS WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR REPATRIATION IN CONTINENTAL USA TO DATE. IN ADDITION US IS RETURNING 850

CIVILIANS AND CANADA WILL RETURN ABOUT 100 PW'S. ETO INDICATES THAT 553 US HELD GERMAN PW'S AND 25 CIVILIANS MAY BE RETURNED,

AND AFHQ, ITALY, INDICATES THAT 595 US HELD AND 587 BRITISH-OWNED GERMAN PW'S ARE REPATRIABLE. SINCE THE GRIPSHOLM AND THE LETITIA

HAVE A TOTAL COMBINED CAPACITY OF ONLY 1,850, THE SURPLUS GERMAN REPATRIABLES FROM NORTH AMERICA ARE NOW 500, INSTEAD OF THE 380

MENTIONED IN UKX 18442 AND MAY GO HIGHER BY THE DATE OF SAILING.

5. THERE WAS ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE SAILING TIME FROM NEW YORK TO GOTEBOURG IS 16 DAYS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR,

WHEREAS THE SAILING TIME TO MARSEILLES IS 13 DAYS. ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE DATA, SOME OF WHICH WAS NOT AVAILABLE

TO YOU OR TO FOREIGN OFFICE WHEN YOUR MESSAGES WERE DISPATCHED, IT WAS THE OPINION OF ALL THE CONFEREES AT THE MEETINGS REFERRED

TO THAT THE ENTIRE OPERATION WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED IF WE WERE TO INSIST ON GOTEBOURG AND TO REQUIRE THE GERMANS TO USE THE GRADISCA.

FURTHER, A JAN 17 EXCHANGE WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS WE PROCEED AS RECOMMENDED BELOW. IT ALSO APPEARED FEASIBLE TO CONDUCT THE

OPERATION OR ANY NECESSARY PART OF IT THROUGH SWITZERLAND, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE SWISS OFFERS TO MAKE SEVERAL HOSPITAL TRAINS

AVAILABLE AND, IF NECESSARY, TO FURNISH HOSPITALIZATION IN SWITZERLAND.

ACCORDINGLY THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE AGREED:

(A) IN ORDER TO DISPOSE OF THE SURPLUS GERMAN REPATRIABLES FROM NORTH AMERICA, APPROXIMATELY 700 ARE BEING DISPATCHED BY US

HOSPITAL SHIPPING TO MARSEILLES ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 29. ETA WILL BE NOTIFIED TO YOU AT A LATER DATE.

(B) WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE GERMAN PROPOSAL TO USE SWITZERLAND INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE BUT AT THE SAME TIME RESERVE THE USE OF GOTEBOURG AS

AN ADDITIONAL POINT OF EXCHANGE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT BE CONVENIENTLY TRANSPORTED TO SWITZERLAND. THE GERMANS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO

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NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY HOW MANY THEY WILL TRANSPORT TO SWITZERLAND AND HOW MANY TO GÖTEBORG, BROKEN DOWN INTO NATIONALITIES.

(C) WE SHOULD PROPOSE TO THE GERMANS THAT THIS EXCHANGE BE EFFECTED IN 2 PARTS. THE FIRST PART WOULD TAKE PLACE ON THE DATE PRESENTLY

AGREED, I.E. 17 JAN 1945, AND WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE APPROXIMATELY 1182 GERMAN REPATRIABLES NOW IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA PLUS THE

700 GERMAN REPATRIABLES WHO ARE BEING DISPATCHED FROM THE US. THESE WOULD BE EXCHANGED VIA MARSEILLES AND SWITZERLAND. THE

GERMANS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO DELIVER ON THIS OCCASION A SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL NUMBER OF ALLIED REPATRIABLES IN ORDER TO PERMIT US

TO MAKE THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF THE AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

(D) THE LAST PORTION OF THE EXCHANGE WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON JAN 25. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE BALANCE OF GERMAN REPATRIABLES AND CIVILIANS

IN BRITISH, CANADIAN, AND US CUSTODY, WHO WOULD BE RETURNED VIA SWITZERLAND TO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER FEASIBLE, AND THE REST VIA

GÖTEBORG. (THIS IS NOT INTENDED TO PRECLUDE BRITISH OWNED REPATRIABLES IN UK BEING EXCHANGED VIA GÖTEBORG ON JAN 17 IF THIS

DATE IS FOUND MORE SUITABLE).

(E) THE BRITISH WOULD PROVIDE ANY SUPPLEMENTAL SHIPPING TO UK FROM MARSEILLES AND/OR GÖTEBORG IF FOUND TO BE NECESSARY AS A RESULT

OF GERMAN REPLY TO (B) ABOVE.

A TWO INSTALLMENT OPERATION HAS THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF DISPOSING

OF APPROXIMATELY 1900 GERMAN REPATRIABLES AND SECURING THE RETURN OF AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR ON THE DATE

ORIGINALLY AGREED AND AT AN EARLIER DATE THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF PARA 1 ABOVE.

EXCHANGES ON THE DATES SUGGESTED HEREIN WOULD PERMIT AT LEAST SOME OF THE FIRST GROUP OF RETURNING ALLIED PW'S TO BE ACCOMMO-

DATED TEMPORARILY ABOARD THE GRIPSHOLM AND THE LETITIA AT MARSEILLES AND TO THAT EXTENT RELIEVE THE BURDEN ON HOSPITAL SPACE IN THE

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MEDITERRANEAN AREA. IN THIS CONNECTION, CONSIDERATION MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO USING ONE OF THE OTHER OF THESE VESSELS, IF NECESSARY, TO TRANSPORT TO ALGIERS IN THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE TWO OPERATIONS BRITISH COMMONWEALTH REPATRIATES DESTINED FOR THE MIDDLE EAST.

SEPARATION OF THE EXCHANGE INTO THE TWO PROPOSED INSTALLMENTS WOULD ALSO MEET THE CONDITION MADE BY THE GERMANS IN THE FIRST OF THE BERN MESSAGES REFERRED TO ABOVE, THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES THE EXCHANGE OF CIVILIANS SHOULD TAKE PLACE APPROXIMATELY 4 DAYS APART FROM THE EXCHANGE OF SICK AND WOUNDED PRISONERS. IN ANY CASE, IF TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES SHOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IN SPIITE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SWISS HOSPITAL TRAINS AS NOTED ABOVE, THE PERSONNEL CONCERNED COULD BE COMFORTABLY ACCOMMODATED IN SWITZERLAND FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS IS NECESSARY.

IT IS NOT KNOWN PRECISELY HOW MANY ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR WILL BE RECOVERED IN THIS FORTHCOMING EXCHANGE. ADVICES FROM COLONEL D'ERLACH STATED THAT 2400 ALLIED PW'S HAD BEEN PASSED BY THE MIXED MEDICAL COMMISSIONS. LONDON ESTIMATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 4,000 ALLIED PERSONNEL, INCLUDING CIVILIANS, WILL BE RETURNED IN THIS EXCHANGE.

DESIRE THAT WE BE INFORMED BY URGENT MESSAGE WHETHER ABOVE IS AGREEABLE AND OPERATIONALLY FEASIBLE. UPON RECEIPT OF FAVORABLE REPLY US WILL ANSWER GERMAN MESSAGE ACCORDINGLY

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BRITISH OPERATIONAL AUTHORITIES HAVE CONCURRED IN
 ROUTE PROPOSED IN REF ADMTY MSG 171636 DEC.

- (2) IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM COMBINED REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
- (A) THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPOSED THAT HMS LETITIA SHOULD
- SAIL FROM NEW YORK. IT SEEMS IMPROBABLE THAT SCHED-
- ULE ENROUTE ARRANGED FOR HER TO REACH GOTHENBURG BY
- JANUARY 17TH AND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION

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BE GIVEN TO SAILING HER FROM HALIFAX OR ST JOHN ND,
 DIRECT FAEROE ISLANDS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE RETURN
 VOYAGE WILL BE MADE VIA UK TO EMBARK SICK AND WOUNDED
 CANADIAN PERSONNEL.

(B) THAT GRIPSHOLM WILL PROBABLY SAIL DIRECT TO
 FAEROES ON BOTH OUTWARD AND HOMEWARD VOYAGES.

(C) THAT A SHIP ADDITIONAL TO EMPRESS OF RUSSIA
 WILL SAIL FROM UK TO GOTHENBURG

(3) TO ARRIVE GOTHENBURG MIDDAY 17TH JANUARY. RENDEZVOUS
 IN FAEROES P M 13TH JANUARY WILL BE NECESSARY.

(4) CINMA CONFIRM USE OF LIVERPOOL FOR EMBARKATION
 OF REPATRIABLES FROM UNITED KINGDOM

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(6) REQUEST VERY EARLY INTIMATION OF YOUR PLANS

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GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAVE ACCEPTED ANGLO-UNITED STATES PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE OF SICK AND WOUNDED PRISONERS OF WAR AT GOTHENBURG ON JANUARY 17TH.
 (2) PLANNING IS TO PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE SWEDISH SHIP GRIPSWOLM, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S HOSPITAL SHIP LETITIA AND BRITISH GOV'T'S EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.
 (3) SUGGEST ROUTES FOR OPERATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS

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(A) FOR GRIPSHOLM FROM NEW YORK THROUGH

- (A) ALL POS N&W 41-30 71-10
 (B) 42-37 71-10
 (C) 45-10 71-10
 (D) 46-10 71-10
 (E) 1 1/2 MILES NORTH OF TORY ISLAND, THEN DRIER LOCAL CONTROL OF RENDEZVOUS LETITIA AND EMPRESS OF RUSSIA

(B) FOR LETITIA, FROM HALIFAX THROUGH

- (U) 180 DEGS CAPE RACE 1 1/2 MILES
 (V) 450-10 244-00 THENCE THROUGH POSITION C D AND E
 (D) 456-00 220-00

(C) FOR EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, LETITIA AND GRIPSHOLM, THROUGH

- (A1) 270 DEGS OVERSAY 6 MILES
 (B1) ALL POSITS N&W 57-00 11-00
 (C1) 62-00 12-00
 (D1) FAERDES
 (E1) 62-00 MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH
 (F1) 62-00 NORTH 003-00 EAST
 (G1) 57-58 NORTH 004-20 EAST
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- ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT.
- (J) ROSTER OF SHIPS TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT WHICH SHIPS WILL BE MET FOR EXERCISE 143
- (K) THIS TO FLIT THROUGH DANGEROUS WATERS WITHIN 2 MILES OF FOREIGN WATERS
- (L) FAERER. THE ICE AFTER PASSING NORTH OF THORVORNSKAG DIRECT TRESTELINE AND INTO SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS AT HALSO THENCE TO GOTHENBURG
- (D) RETURN VOYAGES WILL BE BY REVERSE OF YOUR OUT
- (E) PRESSURE OF TIME MAY NECESSITATE SAILING OF GRIPS AND/ OR LETITIA DIRECT FAERUES OMIT TO CALL AT U.K. IN WHICH EVENT ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WOULD BE FROM POSITION (C) THROUGH (Q) 559-10 NORTH 323-32 WEST (R) 558-00 NORTH 319-00 WEST THENCE DIRECT TO SKOPENFJORD FAERUES
- (X) IT IS PROPOSED THAT SAFE CONDUCT SHIPS SHOULD BROADCAST THEIR POSITION EVERY 4 HOURS ON 500/WHILST IN VOYAGE BETWEEN U.K. AND GOTHENBURG; THAT THEY

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 ARE ACCEPTABLE
 (6) CINCPAC REQUESTED TO CONFIRM LIVERPOOL IS ACCEPTABLE
 AT PORT OF EMBARKATION FOR EMPRESS OF RUSSIA

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
77500

5 December 1944

Commanding General
Mediterranean Allied Air Force
Caserta, Italy

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WARX 73096

[REDACTED] to Eaker from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Reference
your M 38041, December 2nd.

Recent developments necessitate utmost security in movement
this personnel. Suggest you use same procedure as in case
of previous group if this worked satisfactorily.

End

ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
Gen. Arnold
Gen. Hull
Gen. Bissell
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From: US Military Mission, Moscow

To: War Department

Re: M 21933

4 December 1944

For General Marshall EYES ONLY from Deane [REDACTED]
M 21933.

Henry Shapiro, United Press Correspondent in Moscow, has just shown me two cables from his home office citing stories recently published by Drew Pearson and by Henry Cassidy of the Associated Press concerning the escape of Doolittle internees from Russia. The United Press directed Shapiro to write a story on Russian reactions to Pearson's and Cassidy's stories and also on the reactions of Americans in Moscow.

I told Shapiro, off the record, that this is a subject that I considered so secret that I did not want even to think about it, and that I definitely had nothing to say to him for publication. Further that any publicity on the subject constituted a grave disservice to the United States. I explained that the seriousness on such publicity went far beyond the subject of interned airmen and affected all Soviet-American collaboration strengthening Soviet lack of confidence in our security. I suggested to him that he cable his company stating that he could not write the story they had directed as the result of an interview he had had with me, and that I recommended that the United Press should consult

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From: US Military Mission, Moscow

Re: M 21933

4 December 1944

with General Surles before publishing anything on this subject. It was my understanding that Shapiro would do this.

101 of our internees are due to arrive at Ashkhabad today enroute to Teheran. I hope that it will not occur to the Soviet authorities to have this group returned to Tashkent for internment.

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

ACTION: Gen Surles (eyes only)

INFO: Gen Arnold (eyes only)
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From: CG Dakar Base Command, Dakar
To : War Department
No : 80 1 December 1944

For MILID from Lavoie. Cable report number 80.

Situation regards 1300 French troops mutinous action greatly improved. French military forces fired on and killed 30 repatriates and wounded 50. Best available figures at moment. Leaders have been segregated and other troops placed in separate camp. Further details will be reported.

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Reference CM-IN-1002 (1 Dec 44) G-2

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Colonel Park
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Personnel Division, G-1, WDGS
Legislative & Special Branch
WDGAP 383.6 Repatriation
73528 Lt. Col. Yudelson

30 November 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta Italy

Headquarters, Communications Zone
European Theater of Operations
Main Echelon
Paris France

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Number WARK 71025

Signed for the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

Herewith follows text of US note to Swiss concerning proposal for an exchange of sick and wounded. Begins proposal: "Please inform the German Government that the Government of the United States proposes an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war upon the following basis:

1. This operation to take place on or about January 17. It is suggested for the consideration of the German Government, subject to the agreement of Sweden, that the Port of Goteborg be used as the exchange port to which German repatriables from the North American continent and western Europe, other than those included in paragraph 2, will be brought.

2. In connection with the return of these German sick and wounded, it is proposed that the German Government employ the hospital ship Gradisca to collect from Mediterranean ports to be designated later, the

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German repatriables who may be held in U.S. custody in that theater, and to deposit these sick and wounded at Trieste or other port to be agreed upon. In order to facilitate the movement of German repatriables, the Government of the U.S. would be willing to arrange for the Gradisca to make call prior to the exchange date and remove such German repatriables as can at that time be delivered to German custody. Except for such special call, any remainder of German repatriables to be carried by the Gradisca will be delivered contemporaneously with the Goteborg Operation.

3. If the foregoing is agreeable, the number of German sick and wounded to be returned through each of these points would be notified sufficiently in advance to permit the German Government to make appropriate arrangements.

4. The number of German seriously sick and seriously wounded prisoners of war in U.S. custody to be returned to Germany in this operation is expected to be about 2800. This number includes personnel in categories II A and II B of the model agreement annexed to the Geneva Prisoner of War Convention, who have been found eligible for repatriation by mixed medical commission and U.S. military medical officers in accordance with the recent arrangement between this government and Germany.

5. This government proposes to dispatch nominal rolls of those German prisoners of war who will be repatriated in this exchange not later than 10 days prior to the exchange date. For its part, this government expects the German Government likewise to transmit not later than 10 days prior to the exchange date, lists of American personnel who will be repatriated in this exchange by Germany.

6. Further, the United States Government expects to be assured that

(A) The lists furnished by the German Government comprise all U.S. sick

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and wounded in German custody who, at the time of dispatch of these rolls, have been found eligible for direct repatriation or hospitalization in a neutral country, by either mixed medical commissions or German military medical officers;

(B) After the transmission of nominal rolls, Germany will continue to examine sick and wounded U.S. prisoners of war and will return those found eligible for repatriation in time to be included in the exchange;

(C) That all U.S. personnel in (A) and (B) above will be repatriated in this exchange.

The Government of the United States now furnishes to the German Government the equivalent assurances as to those Germans in its custody determined to be eligible for repatriation.

7. The Government of the United States is informed that the German Government apparently was not able to return at Goteborg, Sweden on the occasion of the September 8, 1944 exchange, 5 United States seriously sick and seriously wounded prisoners of war who had been approved for repatriation by the mixed medical commission in its May 1944 tour of German Prisoner of War Camps. This government expects that the German Government will also include these individuals in the group to be returned in this exchange.

8. The U.S. Government proposes to use the motor ship Gripsholm and such additional supplementary shipping as may be necessary to convey German repatriables in U.S. custody to the exchange points. Upon the acceptance of these proposals by the German Government, this government will request assurances of safe conduct from the German Government and its associates as to the

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the vessels used in this exchange. In this connection this government recalls the incident which occurred off Kristiansand, Norway on 11 September 1944, when the M.S. Gripsholm, which was carrying United States and British repatriates from the exchange port at Goteborg, Sweden, was stopped and forced to put into Kristiansand where 2 members of the crew were forcibly taken from the vessel. The United States Government desires assurances that the German Government will not interfere in any way with any of the vessels to be used by the United States in this exchange, the members of their crews or the passengers being carried aboard such vessels.

9. If the German Government is agreeable, the Gripsholm and supplementary shipping used by the United States in this operation will also carry prisoner of war mail and relief supplies in both directions.

Please request the Swiss to transmit this proposal to the German Government by 6 December, if possible, and to ask the German Government to reply urgently, and, if possible, by 13 December as to whether it agrees to the proposals made herein, in order that the necessary technical arrangements for this very considerable movement may be initiated within the necessary time."

End

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INFORMATION: ASF-PMG
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G-2 (State Dept - Mr Clattenberg
British Embassy - Mr Ranken
Canadian Embassy - Mr Magann)
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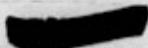
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Legislative & Special Br.,
WDGAP 383.6 73528 Lt Col Yudelson

22 November 1944

Central District
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Headquarters Communications Zone
European Theater of Operations
Main Echelon
Paris, France

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

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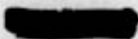
From Marshall to Eisenhower for immediate submission to full membership of Combined Repatriation Committee.

Meeting of Canadian Embassy, British Embassy, British Army Staff, State Department and War Department representatives was held 21 November.

War Department has received no response to its successive urgent cables in connection with proposed disposition of surplus protected personnel in United States custody and our draft of message submitted to the Combined Repatriation Committee relative to initiating negotiations for an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war (reference ourad 60190 of 9 November 44). However Department of State and British Embassy Washington have received messages from their representatives in this connection. This message is based on the foregoing.

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British view that exchange of sick and wounded should be made before U S returns surplus protected personnel to Germans indicates misunderstanding of U S position. The proposal transmitted by our previous messages (ourads 59300 and 59301 of 7 November) contemplates only that the message outlined in ourad 59300 would be transmitted to the Germans prior to the presentation of parallel messages on behalf of the United States and British Commonwealth Governments initiating negotiations for another exchange. It is intended here that the proposals for exchange of sick and wounded will be transmitted to the German Government 24 or 48 hours after transmittal of our proposals relative to the return of this surplus of protected personnel. There is no connection between these 2 proposals except as to the timing as described above. The purpose of this timing is to keep separate the negotiation regarding protected personnel and that regarding sick and wounded. United States committed itself in connection with the last exchange at Goteborg on 8 September 44 to return its surplus protected personnel as soon as practicable after the precise number was ascertained and without regard to future exchanges of sick and wounded. The Germans were informed at that time that these numbers would probably be known by mid-September, and on 23 October asked to be informed when the United States proposes to return such personnel. There is no surplus existing within continental United States but U S Forces in Italy and ETO are holding a surplus of approximately 3600. Upon securing satisfactory conditions from the German Government, which are necessary in view of the Goebbels statement, the United States must return this surplus as soon as practicable. It is important that we make clear our intention to fulfill our commitment subject only to the condition that the German Government agree to give us satisfactory assurances. In this connection you are referred, for information, to message being dispatched from State Department to U S Embassy London with regard to paroles heretofore taken from protected personnel, which apparently sets forth German understanding as to Article 9 of Red Cross Convention.

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U S is not prepared to accept the position that there does not exist an obligation to return these surplus protected personnel if Germany gives satisfactory assurances against employing them as combatants.

It is considered here that in the present circumstances the earliest practicable date for an exchange of sick and wounded would be on or about 17 January and this date is recommended for consideration subject to finding a solution of the present shipping difficulties which are discussed below.

In connection with proposing a January date for an exchange and in determining the exchange port or ports to be utilized, the following data is submitted for consideration:

(A) The Gripsholm will be available subject to the reservation of 850 spaces needed for that number of German civilians to be exchanged at the same time and subject also to the consummation of this exchange so that the Gripsholm may be back at New York on or about 1 February 45 or shortly thereafter.

(B) The United States will be returning approximately 1100 German sick and wounded prisoners of war from continental U S in addition to the above number of civilians. Canada may return 100 prisoners of war, making the total from North America approximately 2050. In order to return all of these personnel it will be necessary to utilize at least 2 vessels in addition to the Gripsholm. U S military authorities state that United States hospital shipping will not be available in January for a Goteborg run but could be utilized to return substantial numbers of sick and wounded through Marseilles in the event Switzerland should be included as an exchange point. The Canadians have offered a vessel for a December exchange date and are now investigating whether it will be possible to use this ship for a January repatriation. Will it be possible for the British to furnish the necessary supplemental shipping in the event Goteborg is the only exchange port agreed upon? In connection with this problem there should

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be borne in mind the fact that there were in United States custody in Italy as of November 10 approximately 557 repatriable sick and wounded prisoners of war, which number may be increased by January. It is not known here what number of German sick and wounded repatriables are in United States custody in ETO.

In view of the foregoing it is recommended that you again canvass with SHAEF the possibility of an exchange through Switzerland around the suggested date of 17 January or shortly thereafter.

There is no data here as to the number of German POWs the British intend to return or as to the shipping possibilities on your side. Therefore it is recommended that the above data furnished by us and the proposed message referred in ourad 60190 be referred to the Combined Repatriation Committee for use in connection with the preparation of draft proposal to Germany for an exchange of sick and wounded POWs. It is understood this draft will be submitted to U S for approval.

End

ORIGINATOR: G-1

INFORMATION: ASF-PMG
CCS-BAS (Maj Thorpe)
OPD
G-2 State Dept (Mr Clattenberg)
Canadian Embassy (Mr Mazann)
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From: US Military Mission Moscow
To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in Middle East Cairo Egypt
Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy
Nr: MX 21450 21 Oct 1944

For the Secretary Joint Chiefs of Staff **EYES ONLY**
and to Eaker and Giles for addressees from Deane [REDACTED]
MX 21450 Caserta pass to Hq MAAF.

I am concerned over the dissemination that has already been given regarding the escape of internees from Russia. War Department message WARK 47045 addressed to me was sent to General Eaker for information. This morning I received a message from General Giles in Cairo asking for information on the subject.

I am afraid that a leakage would be fatal to Soviet confidence in our security which at best is shaky but which was improved by the manner in which the last group of internees were handled. For this reason I am addressing this message to all those headquarters who know of the prospective escape with the request that the knowledge of it be restricted to the fewest possible number, all of whom have had impressed upon them the necessity for secrecy.

I do not know the date of the escape but would like to handle it as it was handled before. I will let Connolly know in ample time for their reception and departure from Teheran. Connolly will then arrange with Giles for their reception and departure from Cairo by

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Nr: MX 21450 21 Oct 1944

water to the United States. I will give all the individuals concerned specific instructions as to secrecy from the time they escape until they report to the proper authorities in Washington. For planning purposes, it now appears there will be 90 persons involved, and I estimate their time of arrival in Cairo as about November 10.

End

ACTION: Gen MacFarland (JC/S)

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Handy
Gen Henry
Gen Bissell
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

Nr: S 63277 SCAF 110 21 October 1944

To for action AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff
info Central District UK Base for British Chiefs of Staff
ref no S63277 from Eisenhower cite SHGAP. This is SCAF 110.

Recent note from Soviet Government to US and
British Governments regarding treatment of Russian nationals
captured while serving in German military or part military
formations is reference. Present position is as follows:

1. All Russian nationals falling into hands of
21st Army Group are being segregated and evacuated to UK they
are being formed into Russian units under their own officers
preparatory to being repatriated. Several thousand scheduled
for repatriation this week.
2. Those falling into hands of 6th US Army Group
after segregation are being evacuated to North Africa where
under agreement made by War Office they are being repatriated
to Russia.
3. Those falling into hands of 12th US Army Group
are being passed to Communications Zone where they are being
segregated and held pending further instructions. Soviet
Mission arriving 19th October to supervise handling of

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Russian nationals to whom it will be difficult to explain
the difference of treatment accorded to those falling into
12th US Army Group hands. Authority is therefore requested
to implement to the fullest extent ~~the~~ **** government in
respect of their nationals.

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INFO : ADM LEAHY
CG AAF
OPD
GEN HENRY
GEN BISSELL
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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

Nr: S 62369 15 October 1944

S 62369 to AGWAR for Joint Chiefs of Staff from
Venables signed Eisenhower cite SHGAP. Reference your
W 46083 dated 13th October 1944 G-1 SHAEF PWX.

Conferred with Doctor Tracy Strong regarding welfare
of United Nations prisoners of war after the cessation of
hostilities. Strong requested and would appreciate a YMCA
representative, namely Paul B. Anderson, be permitted to
work with British-United States Red Cross in planning during
the interim period for welfare of such prisoners. This was
agreed by G-1 SHAEF (PWX).

This Headquarters does not know of a repatriation
commission of prisoners of war and feels assured Strong is
confused in name used. No objection travel of Strong,
Anderson and Ward. This Headquarters does not encourage
travel of Lagler and wife to visit German prisoners of war,
however, Communications Zone requested to reply direct.

New subject: Repatriation commission of prisoners
of war unknown this Headquarters. Care, maintenance and
evacuation of United Nations prisoners of war after cessation
of hostilities is responsibility of G-1 SHAEF (PWX). It is
presumed this is what Strong referred to.

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HERE IS FIRST OF INFO ON INTERNEES RESULTING FROM VISIT OF CAPTAIN FELT AND PARTY. YOUR 152150 AUGUST LISTS LINDELLS CREW CORRECTLY EXCEPT FOR RUSSEL LYLE MANTHIE 8697139 ARM 3/C. REFER NOW TO MY 271501 SEPT. I SHALL CORRECT THIS LIST AS INDICATED BELOW. WHERE NAMES AND NUMBERS ARE SKIPPED THEY ARE CORRECT IN THE REFERENCE LIST.

LT RUSSEL PRICE BONE

ENS MANTLE

ENS RALPH WAYNE STEVENS 326291

JOSEPH PATRICK HORVATH

SAM GELDER ARM 2/C

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ENS MORGAN AVIATION CADET NUMBER 4127642.
WILLIE AUBREY DUNAWAY 6240113
EDWARD JOHN JAGE
LT GEORGE MAHRB
ENS JOHNSON
ENS ABBOTT KING
RICHARD EVERARD JR
WILLIAM DEWEY STROM
CLIFFORD PATXKE
ENS BERWYN JUNIOR MILLER
ENS MATHERS
HOYLE SIMES
JOHN BRENNAN 3055066 ARM 1/C
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LT JG RALSTIN COWLES
ENS PANELLE JR
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HAROLD TONEY
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THESE 51 NAVAL MEN PLUS 11 ARMY WHOSE NAMES ARE BEING
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AND BENEFICIARIES NOTIFIED THAT ALL ARE IN GOOD HEALTH
AND SPIRITS RECEIVING GOOD FOOD AND CLEAN QUARTERS FROM
RUSSIANS. EXERCISE AND RECREATION FACILITIES ADEQUATE.
SANITATION SATISFACTORY. CLOTHING. AMERICAN FOOD ITEMS
SMOKES AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT INCLUDING SHORT WAVE
RADIO RECEIVER DELIVERED TO MEN. MEDICAL OFFICER MADE
PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND ADMINISTERED CHOLERA AND TYPHUS
INOCULATIONS. PERSONAL LETTERS ARE IN ONI POUCH SCHEDULED
DEPART TOMORROW. MEN HAVE GIVEN AMERICAN EMBASSY CARE OF
ONI MAIL AND DESPATCH ROOM OR APO 193 OR BOTH AS THEIR
RETURN MAIL ADDRESS. REQUEST BOTH YOUR MAIL _____
APO NEW YORK BE GIVEN A COMPLETE LIST SO THAT MAIL WILL

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
77500

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U S Military Mission
Moscow, Russia

Commanding General
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces
Caserta, Italy

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

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INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell,
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
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U S Military Mission
Moscow, Russia

Commanding General
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces
Caserta, Italy

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
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From: US Military Mission Moscow, Russia.

To : War Department.

Nr : M 21354 12 October 1944.

For Joint Chiefs of Staff from Deane [REDACTED] M 21354.

The ambassador has recently persuaded Mr Molotov to arrange for the release of American Airmen interned in Russia. As a result, I was informed this afternoon that the 62 internees now at Tash Kent will be joined in two or three weeks by 28 additional American Airmen now in Siberia or Kamchatka. When this is done an escape will be arranged for these prisoners similar to the one that took place last February. There are 11 American airmen who are in hospitals in Siberia and as soon as they are well enough to travel, arrangements will be made for their release.

I shall, of course, impress on all of these men the necessity for secrecy in the matter. Most of the internees are Navy airmen. I would like to have instructions from the Navy and from the Army Air Forces as to where they wish these men sent upon their being assembled in Teheran.

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ACTION: JCS

INFO : Adm. Leahy, Gen. Arnold, OPD, Gen. Bissell, Adm. King
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FAN 420 - W.D. 77500
Col C R Peck

19 September 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
London, England

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Number: WARX 33306

Book message to Wilson for action, SHAEF London for Eisenhower, United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff and Headquarters Communication Zone Main for information, FAN 420, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have had under consideration a proposal put forward by the United States Department of State that for political reasons and particularly for the purpose of providing a concrete sign of sympathetic Anglo-American willingness to help Italy regain her independence and appropriate place in the family of nations, Italian prisoners of war in United States and British custody be removed from prisoner of war status and returned to Italian command.
2. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed that this general proposal is unacceptable.
3. It has been suggested, however, that the prisoner of war status of the Italians employed in Italy is inconsistent with the parallel employment in Italy of Italian combat troops. Subject to your views and to security considerations, the

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Combined Chiefs of Staff are therefore prepared to agree to the Department of State proposal in the special case of Italian prisoners of war employed in Italy itself, other than those prisoners who fought on the side of the Germans after the effective date of the Italian armistice.

4. Request you forward to the Combined Chiefs of Staff as early as possible your views on Paragraph 3 above.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, CGAAF, OPD, Gen Bissell, Adm King,
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To: SHAEP
Info: Joint Staff Mission
From: Chiefs of Staff
Kr: OZ 5326 17 September 1944

Following from Chiefs of Staff for General Eisenhower.

Following received from German Government by United States and British Governments.

"It is intended to despatch German Hospital Ship Berlin to Brest for the purpose of removing several thousands German wounded. German Government request assurance at earliest possible moment that said Hospital Ship will not be obstructed by British forces in fulfilment of its task. As Hospital Ship is to make its way from North Sea through Channel communication is at the same time awaited whether adherence to (? plotted) course is necessary for utilizing this route."

2. Relief to Germans in Brest resulting from evacuation of useless mouths and embarrassment to our operations by passage of a large enemy vessel through our waters and by its presence in Brest harbour are obvious objections.

3. Under convention we can control her route, search her and put a commissioner on board and detain her temporarily if circumstances require during and immediately after an engagement she would proceed at her own risk and it would

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From: Chiefs of Staff

Nr: OZ 5326 17 September 1944

be at our option to make wounded on board our prisoners.

4. If passage of Berlin to Brest is not ruled out on operational grounds, following are possible courses:

- (a) To discourage sending of Berlin to Brest. Flat refusal is undesirable but frigid reservation of our rights under the convention and emphasis on risk attached to voyage should dissuade the Germans from sending her.
- (b) To reply as in (a) but agree that Berlin sail to suitable port after surrender of Brest to embark seriously wounded German personnel on condition that equal number of wounded Allied personnel are sent from Germany in her.

5. We consider (b) preferable as it is to our interest to uphold convention and it is also important to obtain repatriation of as many Allied prisoners of war as possible to save them from the risk of Nazi atrocities during the collapse of Germany. Request your views.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy, Gen. Arnold, Gen. Handy,
Gen. Henry, Gen. Bissell, Adm. King, Log

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(FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GOTEBOG DATED SEPT 9 RECEIVED 1040 PM. FROM LAFOON)

EXCHANGE WAS COMPLETED LATE THIS AFTERNOON. DROTTHINGHOLM AND ARUNDEL CASTLE ARE SCHEDULED TO SAIL ABOUT 6 AM TOMORROW AND GRIPSHOLM AT 8 AM COUNT BERNADOTTE INFORMED ME AND MASTER OF VESSELS THAT GERMAN NAVAL ATTACHE HAD GIVEN VERBAL ASSURANCE OF SAFE-CONDUCT. GERMAN PATROL VESSEL IS SCHEDULED TO MEET EXCHANGE AT 1300 SEPTEMBER 10. ROUTE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GERMAN GOVERNMENT:-
 "GERMAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATE THROUGH PROTECTING
 POWER FOLLOWING ROUTE FOR RETURN VOYAGE OF BRITISH
 EXCHANGE VESSELS

LEAVE GOTHENBURG MORNING SEPTEMBER 10TH, PROCEED BY
 SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS TO POINT (A) 58-31 NORTH

10-56 EAST WHERE VESSELS WILL BE MET BY GERMAN
 MINESWEEPER AT ABOUT 1300 SEPTEMBER 10TH, THENCE TO

FOLLOWING POINTS (B) 58-24.8 NORTH 10-42.7 EAST
 (C) 58-00 NORTH 11-06 EAST
 (D) 58-20 NORTH 08-55 EAST
 (E) 58-02.5 NORTH 08-18 EAST
 (F) 58-04.2 NORTH 08-05 EAST

REACHING POINT (F) ABOUT 0300 SEPTEMBER 11TH THENCE
 BY SAME ROUTE AS ON OUTWARD VOYAGE.

2. VERIFICATION OF POSITION (C) IS BEING OBTAINED
 FROM BERNE AND WILL BE TELEGRAPHED DIRECT TO

GOTHENBURG PROBABLY 58-20 NORTH 10-06 EAST IS INTENDED.

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3. IF POSSIBLE BRITISH SHIPS SHOULD BE SAILED TO COMPLY WITH GERMAN PROPOSAL. IF HOWEVER LATE ARRIVAL OF ARUNDEL

CASTLE MAKES DELAY ESSENTIAL HER SPEED SHOULD PERMIT SAILING 11TH SEPTEMBER, PROVIDED LOCAL GERMAN CONCURRENCE

IS OBTAINED AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIRECT ROUTING ACROSS THE SLEEVE STAND, TO ARRIVE LIVERPOOL 1200/15. IN ANY

EVENT DROTTHINGHOLM SHOULD BE SAILED ON 10TH SEPTEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH GERMAN ARRANGEMENTS.

4. US EMBASSY HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR COMMUNICATION REGARDING ROUTING OF GRIPSHOLM. AS SHE IS NOT REQUIRED AT LIVERPOOL

UNTIL 1300/16TH SEPTEMBER DEPARTURE ON 11TH SEPTEMBER BY SAME ROUTE AS BRITISH SHIPS IS INDICATED.

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FOR CNO FROM STATE. RPT'D TO LONDON (REF LEGATIONS 1615
 FOLLOWING REC'D FROM BERN DATED SEPT 8
 AMERICAN INTERESTS GRIPSHOLM COURSE
 LEGATIONS 5887 SEPTEMBER 7
 SWISS FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TELEPHONED 90 PM
 THAT GERMAN LEGATION BERN HAS SUPPLIED FOLLOWING IN-
 FORMATION REGARDING RETURN VOYAGE 3 EXCHANGE VESSELS.
 VESSELS WILL LEAVE GOTEBOURG SEPTEMBER 10TH AND PROCEED
 THROUGH SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS THEN THROUGH
 (A) 58-31 NORTH 10-56 EAST WHERE THEY WILL BE JOINED
 BY GERMAN NAVAL VESSEL SEPTEMBER 10 AT ABOUT 1 PM
 (B) 58-24.8 NORTH 10-42.7 EAST
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FROM POINT (F) VESSELS WILL PROCEED SEPTEMBER 11 ABOUT 3 AM ALONG SAME COURSE FOLLOWED FROM BRITISH WATERS TO GOTEBORG

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From: CG, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Caserta, Italy

To : War Department

No : M 29997

2 September 1944

To AGWAR for Arnold from Baker cite M 29997.

At the close of operations yesterday we had brought 1063 Allied crewmen from Roumania in two days. This operation consisted of landing Flying Fortresses on an airdrome in the vicinity of Bucharest escorted by long range fighters. Roumanian authorities deserve great credit for thorough co-operation. No aircraft were lost or damage in the operation. Present information indicates that the health and morale of rescued aircrews is excellent. The fact that we have been able to accomplish this large scale rescue has had a good effect on the combat crews still operating over enemy territory.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of Operations, London, England.

To : War Department

No : E 44488

22 August 1944

E 44488 Betts signed Eisenhower cite Combined Repatriations Committee for Personnel Division G-1 General Staff.

Combined Repatriation Committee met this morning to consider further details of forthcoming exchange. The following points emerged and are transmitted for information and advice where considered appropriate.

1. Reference paragraph three your WAR 82918 of 18 August, committee agreed that after debarkation of those who are to remain in United Kingdom, appropriate United States and Canadian representatives should go aboard to welcome Western Hemisphere repatriates, and that thereafter the United States and Canadian repatriates would be permitted to go ashore in a restricted dock area, while the ship is alongside, where Red Cross parties will be on hand to make them comfortable. British Embarkation Commandant is being designated as the central authority over issuance of passes and other necessary security measures at the United Kingdom port. His plans, insofar as they related to United States repatriates, will be coordinated with the United States Port Commander who will be asked to furnish necessary Military Police to assure observance of security measures by United States repatriates.

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From: CG, USAF in ETO, London, England.

No : E 44488

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2. British have instructed Colonel Chapel that the wishes of the United States as expressed in paragraph four of your WAR 82918 are to be observed.

3. British feel that the suggestions contained in paragraph ten, WAR 82918, relating to Mister Magann and RAMC Staff boarding the Gripsholm in British waters, require adjustment and are cabling Naesmyth to confer with you on the matter.

4. British Foreign Office has received telegram number 928 from their representative at Stockholm which is paraphrased as follows: "British and American repatriates will be brought direct to Gothenburg on German Red Cross ships and also by train and ferry boat route via Tralleborg, arriving approximately same time as Gripsholm and Drottningholm carrying German repatriates. Technical reasons make it desirable for German repatriates to proceed to Germany as soon as possible. Proposal is made therefore that Germans who are to leave Gothenburg via Tralleborg should depart immediately after Gripsholm and Drottningholm arrive, and the remainder of the Germans to leave Gothenburg on German Red Cross ships as soon as they have been embarked. Such a proposal would likely result in German repatriates leaving Swedish territory before British and American repatriates embark. This possibility is increased since the ship owners indicate that the Gripsholm will be in drydock for approximately seven days. It would be understood however that German repatriates would not be allowed to leave Swedish territory until all British and United States repatriates enter Sweden.

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From: CG, USAF in ETO, London, England.

No : E 44488

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Same proposal is being communicated by United States legation to their government." Although British Foreign Office has been informed today, through its representative at Stockholm, that the Gripsholm is not to be drydocked at Gothenburg, it appears that the Germans still may be ready to depart Sweden before all British and United States repatriates are embarked. Committee have no objection to the proposal contained in telegram number 928, above, provided no ship carrying German repatriates leave Gothenburg, and no German repatriates depart from Tralleborg by ferry until all British and American repatriates from Germany have entered Sweden. Please inform whether United States will approve proposal on same conditions. British are withholding reply to Stockholm on this point pending receipt of your decision in the premises.

5. British point out that unless Gripsholm reaches Liverpool Bar by 1300 hours on 16 September, military requirements will prevent her berthing prior to 1400 hours on 21 September.

6. British feel concern over substance of the ultimate paragraph of telegram 3124 of 11 PM, 16 August from American Legation at Stockholm to the State Department, indicating that the German government is planning on a total of 1500 repatriables to be exchanged by each side. Prior justifiable estimates have shown that the Mixed Medical Commission in its May tour of Germany had passed for repatriation approximately 2,000 sick and wounded British and United States Prisoners of War. In addition to this number there

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should be an undetermined number of protected personnel. The British are also expecting 575 civilians. All facilities for the exchange have been based on these figures. British are informing Berne that the figure of 1500 suggested by the Germans conflicts sharply with prior estimates and asking for basis of the lower figure.

7. British have assented to United States wishes relating to exchange of sterling for dollars before Gripsholm leaves United Kingdom port, as set forth in paragraph two of your WAR 82918.

8. Foreign Office is cabling British representative at Stockholm to determine if the latter acquiesces in the proposal relating to the appointment of an umpire for the forthcoming exchange, as set forth in telegram 3124 of 11 PM, 16 August from American Legation at Stockholm to State Department, and in case of such acquiescence the committee agreed that Minister EK Strand should be designated as umpire.

9. Our cables to you have not been repeated to Stockholm. Please inform State Department.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

17 August 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Number: WAR-82374

To SHAEF London for Eisenhower, FACS 59 from the Combined
Chiefs of Staff

Your SCAF 55 has been studied and because of the political
implications in your proposal it has been referred to the
State Department and the Foreign Office.

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NOIC BELFAST NSHQ
FOC SUBS NOIC LIVERPOOL
(SEE BELOW)

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BY ARNOLDROUTED BY WHITTINGTON

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REF ADMTY'S MSG 032050B AUG NOT TO ALL ADEES.

GERMAN GOVT HAVE ACCEPTED ANGLO-US PROPOSAL FOR COMBINED PRISONER OF WAR CIVILIAN EXCHANGE AT GOTHENBURG ON SEPT 8.

2. THIRD SHIP WILL BE REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO GRIPSHOLM AND DROTTNINGSHOLM, MAKING CALL OF GRIPSHOLM AT BELFAST UNNECESSARY.

3. EXTREME CONGESTION AT BRITISH PORTS DURING PERIOD

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16-22 SEPTEMBER AND US REQUIREMENT OF 4 DAYS LAYOVER IN GOTHENBURG FOR GRIPSHOLM IMPOSES TIGHT SCHEDULE.

4. US EMBASSY ARE RECOMMENDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT THAT GRIPSHOLM SHOULD (A) SAIL FROM NEW YORK ON AUGUST 23 BY ROUTE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF ADMTY MSG 032050. (B) ARRIVE IN UK WATERS ON 1 SEPT. (C) OMIT CALL AT BELFAST AND PROCEED FORTHWITH THROUGH POSITION (A) (B) AND (C) IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ADMTY MSG 232039B JULY BY STANDARD GOTHENBURG ROUTE DETAILS IN ADMTY MSG 120402 OCTOBER 1943 NEITHER TO ALL ADEES, TO ARRIVE GOTHENBURG P.M. 6 SEPT. SPEED OF ADVANCE 15 KNOTS.

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SUBJECT TO CONFIRM BY COMINCH OF ABOVE ARRANGEMENT AND SPEED OF ADVANCE CINCWA IS REQUESTED TO ARRANGE ROUTE FOR GRIPSHOLM FROM TORY ISLAND TO OVERSAY LIGHT.

5. DROTTHINGHOLM IS DUE AT LIVERPOOL ON 30 AUGUST AND WILL DISEMBARK GERMAN REPATRIATES TO ARUNDEL CASTLE AND EMBARK GERMAN CIVILIANS TO SAIL IN COMPANY WITH HER ON THE MORNING TIDE 2 SEPT BY SAME ROUTE AS GRIPSHOLM TO ARRIVE GOTHENBURG P.M. 7 SEPT.

6. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SHIP SHOULD SAIL GOTHENBURG BY REVERSE OF OUTWARD ROUTE TO ARRIVE LIVERPOOL NOT LATER P.M. 15 SEPT. IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE SHIP MAY BE SAILED SEPARATELY ON RETURN VOYAGE.

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SECRETARY OF STATE CONSIDERS CAPTURE OF JAPANESE CIVILIANS IN MARIANAS AFFORDS OPPORTUNITY TO REOPEN QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF UNITED STATES CIVILIANS AND SERIOUSLY SICK AND WOUNDED PRISONERS OF WAR NOW HELD BY JAPS. HE SUGGESTS A DIRECT EXCHANGE AT OR NEAR SAIPAN PERHAPS BY A JAPANESE HOSPITAL SHIP AND THAT A NEUTRAL OBSERVER MIGHT BE STATIONED AT SAIPAN OR AT THE POINT OF EXCHANGE AND A SIMILAR OBSERVER ABOARD THE EXCHANGE SHIP. REQUEST YOUR COMMENT ON PROPOSAL AND ANY MODIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED. NAVY DEPARTMENT DESIRES ASSIST EXCHANGE TO MAXIMUM EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS.

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REC'D BY HAND FROM STATE DEPT. FROM WINANT

THIS AFTERNOON THE COMBINED COMMITTEE ON REPATRIATION DISCUSSED CABLE 4147 FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, DATED AUGUST 2 TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE SERIOUSLY ILL AND WAR PRISONERS. THE FOREIGN OFFICE, ON THAT BASIS, IS DISPATCHING IMMEDIATELY TO BERN THE BRITISH ANSWER TO THE JULY 21 NOTE FROM THE GERMANS. IT IS ALSO ANSWERING THE TELEGRAM FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY. NO OBJECTIONS ARE VOICED BY THE BRITISH TO HAVING THE AMERICAN REPLY INCLUDE THE CONDITION THAT THE GERMANS SUPPLY NOMINAL ROLES PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK OF THE EXCHANGE SHIP. HOWEVER, THE BRITISH ARE NOT INCLUDING

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A CONDITION OF THAT NATURE IN THEIR REPLY.
PLEASE INFORM THE WAR DEPARTMENT.
A CABLE IS BEING DISPATCHED BY THE ADMIRALTY TO COMINCH
REGARDING GRIPSHOLM'S NEW ROUTE.

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(BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE STOCKHOLM FROM CINC MED FLEET)

(ADMIRALTY REPEATED CINCWA CINC HOME FLEET COMINCH CINC PLYMOUTH CINCLANT FO WESTERN MED FOGMA SMO AZORES FOIC NORTHERN IRELAND FOC SUBMARINES HEAD-QUARTERS COASTAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS BOMBER COMMAND AIR MINISTRY NSHQ OTTAWA BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE STOCKHOLM FROM CINC MED FLEET)

FURTHER TO MY 291820. EMBARKATION GERMAN REPATRIABLES AT ALGIERS IN LATTER HALF OF AUGUST IS CONSIDERED MOST UNDESIRABLE FOR SECURITY REASONS AND I WOULD PREFER THIS MOVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT FROM BONE. COM 8TH FLEET AGREES.

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SIGNED EISENHOWER E 40313. FROM BETTS DATE COMBINED REPATRIATION COMMITTEE FOR PERSONNEL DIVISION G-1 GENERAL STAFF.

COMBINED REPATRIATION COMMITTEE MET THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS PROPOSED EXCHANGE. UPON BASIS OF INFORMATION AT HAND COMMITTEE DECIDED TO PROPOSE COTENBURG AS ONLY AVAILABLE PORT. APPROVAL OF THIS PORT IS BEING ASKED OF BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF HERE AND SHAEF. DECISION EXPECTED MONDAY. BRITISH HELD PRISONERS IN MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH EAST AFRICA ARE BEING CONCENTRATED IN ALGIERS. WITH A VIEW TO USING SHIPPING SPACE TO BEST ADVANTAGE, COMMITTEE INQUIRED WHETHER AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, GRIPSHOLM, IF AVAILABLE, COULD PROCEED FROM NEWYORK TO ALGIERS TO U.K. PORT NOW UNDETERMINED, THENCE TO COTENBURG, THENCE BACK TO UNITED KINGDOM

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PORT, THENCE TO NEW YORK. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER GRIPSHOLM IS AVAILABLE AND WHETHER SUGGESTED ROUTE IS SATISFACTORY. IF REQUEST OF COMMITTEE FOR GRIPSHOLM IS GRANTED, NUMBERS TO BE TRANSPORTED ON IT ARE 17 AUSTRALIA, UNDETERMINED NUMBER FROM UNITED STATES, AND 228 FROM CANADA, ALL OF FOREGOING TO BE ENLARKED AT NEW YORK; APPROXIMATELY 500 BRITISH-HELD PRISONERS AT ALGIERS, NOT INCLUDING FRENCH-HELD REPATRIABLES. BRITISH PLAN TO PROVIDE ANOTHER SHIP FROM U.K. TO GOTHENBURG AND BACK TO U.K. TO CARE FOR BRITISH REPATRIATES AT GOTHENBURG WHO CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED ON GRIPSHOLM. IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME TO CONCENTRATE GERMANS IN AMERICAN CUSTODY IN NEW YORK AND TO PERMIT THE GERMANS 14 DAYS' NOTICE AS TO ROUTE (AS THEY HAVE REQUESTED ON PREVIOUS EXCHANGES) IT IS PROPOSED THAT DATE OF EXCHANGE BE ALTERED TO SEPTEMBER 8TH. IF ABOVE SCHEDULE IS TO BE CARRIED OUT, IT IS NECESSARY FOR GRIPSHOLM TO SAIL FROM NEW YORK AUGUST 17, IT BEING CALCULATED THAT SHE WILL REQUIRE 22 DAYS TO MAKE TRIP TO GOTHENBURG. BRITISH PROPOSE PLACING COLONEL CHAFEL AND 1 OTHER ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS OFFICER AND 11 OTHER RANKS ABOARD IN U.K. TO MAKE TRIP TO GOTHENBURG AND BACK TO U.K. AMYPALTY IS SUGGESTING POSSIBLE ROUTE TO NAVY DEPARTMENT. BRITISH PROPOSE REPLYING TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY UPON APPROVAL OF PORT AND TIME BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES AND SHAEF PROVIDED THERE IS NO OBJECTION BY U.S.

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REQUEST DECISION PROMPTLY AS TO PLACE, DATE, AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS NOTED ABOVE.

WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING CAPACITY OF BRIPSHOLM ACCORDING TO AMBULATORY, LYING, AND MENTAL CATEGORIES.

PLEASE INFORM STATE DEPARTMENT.

END.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, European Theater of Operations,
London, England

To: War Department

Nr: E 40313 28th July, 1944

Signed Eisenhower E 40313. From Betts cite Combined
Repatriation Committee for Personnel Division G-1 General
Staff.

*POW
exchange*

Combined Repatriation Committee met this afternoon
to discuss proposed exchange. Upon basis of information at
hand committee decided to propose Gothenburg as only avail-
able port. Approval of this port is being asked of British
Chiefs of Staff here and SHAEP. Decision expected Monday.

British held prisoners in Middle East and Northwest
Africa are being concentrated in Algiers. With a view to using
shipping space to best advantage, committee inquired whether,
and expressed the hope that, Gripsholm, if available, could
proceed from New York to Algiers to United Kingdom port now
undetermined, thence to Gothenburg, thence back to United
Kingdom port, thence to New York. Please advise whether
Gripsholm is available and whether suggested route is satis-
factory. If request of committee for Gripsholm is granted,
numbers to be transported on it are 17 from Australia, un-
determined number from United States, and 228 from Canada,
all of foregoing to be embarked at New York; approximately 500
British-held prisoners at Algiers, not including French-held
repatriables. British plan to provide another ship from
United Kingdom to Gothenburg and back to United Kingdom to
care for British repatriates at Gothenburg who cannot be

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URGENT

From: CG, US Army Forces, European Theater of Operations,
London, England
Nr: E 40313 28 July 1944

accommodated on Gripsholm. In order to allow time to concentrate Germans in American custody in New York and to permit the Germans 14 days' notice as to route (As they have requested on previous exchanges) it is proposed that date of exchange be altered to September 8th.

If above schedule is to be carried out, it is necessary for Gripsholm to sail from New York August 17, it being calculated that she will require 22 days to make trip to Gothenburg.

British propose placing Colonel Chapel and 1 other Royal Army Medical Corps Officer and 11 other ranks aboard in United Kingdom to make trip to Gothenburg and back to United Kingdom.

Admiralty is suggesting possible route to Navy Department.

British propose replying to German Government immediately upon approval of port and time by British authorities and SHAEF provided there is no objection by United States.

Request decision promptly as to place, date, and other arrangements noted above.

Would appreciate knowing capacity of Gripsholm according to ambulatory, lying, and mental categories.

Please inform State Department.

End

ACTION: G-1
INFO : CCS, CGAAF, ASF, OPD, G-2 (State Dept), Adm. King
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ADMIRALTY MESSAGES 181811 APRIL AND 171301 JULY NEITHER TO ALL ADDRESSES. 414 BRITISH REPATRIABLES HAVE ARRIVED AT LISBON BUT IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT BALANCE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL ACROSS FRANCE. (2) CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING BALANCE OF GERMAN REPATRIABLES IN THE CUSTODY PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AND SAILING DROTTHNINGHOLM TO LIVERPOOL TO ARRIVE ABOUT AUGUST 3RD WITH 414 BRITISH REPATRIABLES ON BOARD.

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(3) IT WOULD THEN BE PROPOSED TO EMBARK ABOUT 560 GERMAN INTERNEES AND SAIL DROTTHINGHOLM TO GOTHENBURG THROUGH POSITION (A) 27° DEGS OVERSAY 6 MILES (B) 057-00 N 011-00 W (C) 062-00 N 012-00 W THENCE BY STANDARD GOTHENBURG TRAFFIC ROUTE THROUGH THE FAROE ISLANDS TO GOTHENBURG ROUTED AS IN REFERENCE ADMTY MESSAGE 120402A OCTOBER 1943 NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

(4) DROTTHINGHOLM WILL EMBARK BRITISH EQUIVALENTS AND SAIL BY REVERSE OF OUTWARD ROUTE TO BRITISH PORT STILL TO BE NOMINATED. GERMANS WILL BE REQUESTED TO PASS BRITISH REPATRIABLES OVER THE SASSNITZ TRELLEBORG FERRY.

(5) HAVE YOU ANY COMMENT.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

24 July, 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Commanding General
USAF in European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number: WARK 70001

To Wilson for action, SHAEF for Eisenhower and ETOUSA
pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 382 from
the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

As the guidance requested by you in your NAF 742 is
fundamentally political and not military, the matter should
be referred by you to the advisory council for Italy for
appropriate recommendations to the respective governments.

End.

ORIGINATOR: CCS

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy, CGAAF, OPD, Gen Bissell, Gen Hildring,
Adm. King, Mr. McCloy, Log

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
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21 July 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Advance Command Post
Caserta, Italy

Commanding General
U. S. Army Forces
European Theater of Operations
London, England

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Number: WARX-68809

To Wilson for action, SHAEF for Eisenhower and ETOUSA pass
to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 381 from
the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

NAF 746 is the reference. Decision regarding NAF 734 delayed
pending receipt of further information requested from Devers
and War Office.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
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From: CG Allied Forces Headquarters, Advance Command Post,
Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

Nr: F 74123 21 July 1944

From NATOUSA to AGWAR ref nr F 74123 signed Devers
cite NAGAP.

Italian Militarizzati, answering in order questions
your WX 66600, 18 July.

1. Yes, At present about 31 definitely known,
however exact status often determinable only by interroga-
tion as Militarizzati have military ranks and may be
appreciable number.
2. Italians already in custody. Possibly others
may be taken into custody from among those serving with
Italian Republican Army in Northern Italy and from among
prisoners recovered from French.
3. All Militarizzati in United States custody are
held in prisoner of war status.
4. Question arose through members of Militarizzati
in United States custody requesting repatriation claiming
that their correct status should be that of civilian.
5. In view of definition of personnel who are
entitled to be treated as prisoners of war as set forth in
Article 81 of the Geneva Convention and Paragraph 76 of

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From: CG Allied Forces Headquarters, Advance Command Post,
Caserta, Italy

No: F 74123 21 July 1944

Field Manual 27-10, rules of land warfare, we have ruled that Italian Militarizzati in United States custody will be accorded a status of prisoners of war and will not be considered civilian internees. In order to present united front we normally coordinate such matters with British and when we informed G-1 British of our decision they agreed entirely but requested that in view of British holding Italians in India, South Africa, Australia, etcetera outside SACMED jurisdiction, the matter be put up to Combined Chiefs of Staff for ruling of universal application.

Added factors are:

A. Some Militarizzati are insecure and would have to be indefinitely detained anyway.

B. Militarizzati have talents exploitable in service units.

C. We consider that any ruling other than that Militarizzati should be considered prisoners of war would open the doors for other groups such as territorial militia guards and forest police, to claim that they too should not be detained as prisoners.

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ACTION: G-1

INFORMATION: CC/S, Adm Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, G-2, Adm King, Lcg.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

From: AmEmbassy, Moscow
To : Secretary of State, Washington
Dated: 20 July 1944, 6 p.m.
Number: 2683

I am submitting a full report by airmail of a march by German prisoners of war through the streets of Moscow. The following is a summary of the report:

I and several members of the Embassy staff witnessed the march from various points along the route. It took place on July 17 and the prisoners were enroute to prisoner camps. Nineteen captured German generals headed the procession of 57,600 prisoners. The generals were followed by groups of other officers. All of the prisoners were captured recently on the White Russian fronts by the Red Army. The radio and the press had announced that this march would take place and had given instructions to the civilian population that it should indulge in no demonstrations and that it should preserve outward calm. We observed no incidents between the prisoners and the civilian population and the large number of civilians who watched the prisoners march by obeyed these instructions. The Moscow papers of July 18 and 19 published articles describing the procession and photographs of it. The prisoners appeared to be in reasonably good health for the most part but of course they were dirty and unkempt. I have received reports from reliable sources that German prisoners have been seen in the last few days for the first time in the vicinity of Moscow working on farms. They seem to be decently treated and reasonably well fed.

Harriman.

End.

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INFO : ASF
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Personnel Division, G-1 WDGS
WDGAP 383.6 MCB-72234

18 July 1944

Commanding General,
USAF in North African Theater,
Algiers, Algeria

Commanding General,
Hq AF,
Advance Command Post,
Caserta, Italy

Number: WARK 66600

From Marshall for Devers.

CCS are considering NAF 734. U S member of a subcommittee to whom message has been referred would be assisted in their consideration of this matter if they could have the following information:

1. Does the requested ruling concern any Italians in United States custody in your theater? If so how many?
2. Does the requested ruling concern Italians already in custody, or Italians expected to be taken into custody, or both?
3. If the requested ruling concerns Italians already in custody, in what status are they held (Prisoner of War, or Civilian Internee, and numbers in each category)?
4. Clarification of the reasons for the proposed action would be helpful.
5. Any additional information which you could give, throwing light on U S interest in this problem, if any, would be appreciated.

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It is understood that British members of subcommittee
are addressing similar inquiry to War Office, London.

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of Opera-
tions, London, England
CG, Services of Supply North African Theater of
Operations, Caserta, Italy

Nr: EX 14275 18 July 1944

Ref number EX 14275 signed Wilson cite FHOAP and FHCOS
NAF 746 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR
for British Chiefs of Staff repeated UNITY and CG SOS NATOUSA
and AFHQ for info

May answer be anticipated early to our NAF 734, FX
68085, 4th July 44 relative status Italian militarizzati.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm. Leahy
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From: London
Dated: July 14, 1944
Rec'd.: July 19, 8 am
To : Secretary of State, Washington
No : A-854, July 14.

Embassy's despatch No. 16596, June 30, 1944.

The following is the final text of the Foreign Office secret telegram sent to the British Legation at Bern on July 11, 1944 with respect to a further exchange of seriously sick and seriously wounded prisoners of war (ETOUSA telegram E-36305 to AGWAR July 5, 1944):

"IMMEDIATE

Please ask Swiss Government to inform German Government that His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and Dominions are prepared to arrange for a further exchange of all seriously wounded and seriously sick prisoners of war, and surplus protected personnel. It is suggested that exchange should take place on September 1st at a port to be agreed upon. It is of course taken for granted that all those prisoners of war who though entitled to do so did not participate in last exchange will be included in this exchange, as well as all those passed by medical commissions since. Substantial numbers of German prisoners of war will be available for exchange.

Please ask German Government for immediate reply as to whether they agree in principle, in order that necessary arrangements may be initiated without delay. Please also ask for indication of numbers available for exchange."

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From: Chiefs of Staff
To: SCAEF and SACMED
Rptd: J.S.M. Washington

OZ 3688

13 July 1944

Following for General Eisenhower and General Wilson
from Chiefs of Staff.

Reference OZ 3661 of 12th July about the change of
civilian internees at Lisbon. Foreign office have been
advised that first train left Vittel 9th July and is due
Lisbon night 13/14. Second and Third trains will leave
Vittel on 13th July and 14th July respectively. Unlikely
that further details of itinerary or time table will be
obtained.

T.O.O. 131100Z

End

NOTE: OZ 3661 is CM-IN-9698 (12 Jul 44) CC/S

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INFO: Gen Arnold
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Gen White
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FROM: WAR DEPT NO 62324 NCR 14444 9 JULY 44

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ATTENTION: COMBINED REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

FOLLOWS HERE TEXT OF MESSAGE REFERRED TO IN OURAD 62323 OF
8 JULY 1944 X THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES DESIRES

THAT YOU INFORM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT IS PREPARED TO
ARRANGE A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF SERIOUSLY SICK AND SERIOUSLY

WOUNDED PRISONERS OF WAR AND SURPLUS PROTECTED PERSONNEL UPON
THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS X (1) THE EXCHANGE SHALL

TAKE PLACE AT A PORT OR PORTS TO BE AGREED UPON X (2) A MIXED
MEDICAL COMMISSION HAS JUST COMPLETED ITS TOUR OF CAMPS IN

THE UNITED STATES IN WHICH GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR ARE DETAINED,
AND HAS QUALIFIED ABOUT 125 GERMAN PRISONERS FOR DIRECT

REPATRIATION OR HOSPITALIZATION IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY X THIS
NUMBER IS IN ADDITION TO THOSE GERMAN PRISONERS NAMED IN THE

DEPARTMENT'S 2127 OF 22 JUNE, NUMBERING 37, WHO SINCE THE LAST
REPATRIATION OPERATION WERE DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE X IF

AGREEABLE TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO RETURN ALL OF THE ABOVE PRISONERS

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 250 AMERICAN PRISONERS OF
WAR IN GERMAN CUSTODY WHO WERE DETERMINED BY THE MIXED MEDICAL

COMMISSIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT REPATRIATION OR HOSPIT-
ALIZATION IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY PRIOR TO THE EXCHANGE WHICH

OCCURRED AT BARCELONA ON 17 MAY 1944, BUT WHO WERE NOT INCLUDED
THEREIN X THE DATE OF 15 AUGUST OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS MAY

BE FEASIBLE IS SUGGESTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GERMAN
GOVERNMENT AS THE DATE FOR THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE X (3) THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD EXPECT NOMINAL ROLLS OF
THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE REPATRIATED UNDER THE

PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH (2) TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE
GERMAN GOVERNMENT AT THE EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE, BUT IN ANY

EVENT, SO AS TO REACH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES NOT
LATER THAN 25 JULY, UNLESS SUCH ROLLS ALREADY HAVE BEEN

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OF THE UNITED STATES-GERMAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES
OF MIXED MEDICAL COMMISSIONS X THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES WOULD FURTHER EXPECT TO BE ASSURED THAT SUCH NOMINAL
ROLLS COMPRISE ALL THE UNITED STATES PRISONERS OF WAR IN
GERMAN CUSTODY WHO WERE DETERMINED BY MIXED MEDICAL COMMISSIONS
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT REPATRIATION OR HOSPITALIZATION IN
A NEUTRAL COUNTRY PRIOR TO THE EXCHANGE WHICH OCCURRED AT
BARCELONA ON 17 MAY 1944, BUT WHO WERE NOT INCLUDED THEREIN X
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD, NATURALLY, FURNISH
NOMINAL ROLLS OF THE GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR QUALIFIED DURING
THE TOUR OF THE MIXED MEDICAL COMMISSION REFERRED TO IN
PARAGRAPH (2) AND FURNISH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT EQUIVALENT
ASSURANCES AS TO THEM X (4) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A PARALLEL
PROPOSAL WILL SHORTLY BE MADE TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT BY THE
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS X (END OF PROPOSALS) X PLEASE
ASK GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO REPLY URGENTLY, IF POSSIBLE BY
17 JULY, AS TO WHETHER IT AGREES, IN ORDER THAT NECESSARY
TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE INITIATED WITHOUT DELAY
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Personnel Division, G-1 WDGS
WDGAP 383.6 Repatriation
72234

8 July 1944

Commanding General
USAF European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number WAR 62324

Attention: Combined Repatriation Committee

Follows here text of message referred to in ourad 62323 of
8 July 1944.

The Government of the United States desires that you inform the German Government that it is prepared to arrange a further exchange of seriously sick and seriously wounded prisoners of war and surplus protected personnel upon the basis of the following proposals:

1. The exchange shall take place at a port or ports to be agreed upon.
2. A Mixed Medical Commission has just completed its tour of camps in the United States in which German prisoners of war are detained, and has qualified about 125 German prisoners for direct repatriation or hospitalization in a neutral country. This number is in addition to those German prisoners named in the Department's 2127 of 22 June, numbering 37, who since the last repatriation operation were determined to be eligible. If agreeable to the German Government, the Government of the United States is prepared to return all of the above prisoners in exchange for the approximately 250 American prisoners of war in German custody who were determined by the Mixed Medical Commissions to be eligible for direct repatriation or hospitalization in a neutral country prior to the exchange which occurred at Barcelona on May 17, 1944, but who were not included therein. The date of August 15 or as soon thereafter as may be feasible is suggested for the consideration of the German Government as the date

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for the proposed exchange.

3. The Government of the United States would expect nominal rolls of the American personnel who will be repatriated under the proposal outlined in paragraph 2 to be submitted by the German Government at the earliest feasible date, but in any event, so as to reach the Government of the United States not later than July 25, unless such rolls already have been transmitted prior to that time in execution of Point Quarto of the United States-German agreement concerning the activities of Mixed Medical Commissions. The Government of the United States would further expect to be assured that such nominal rolls comprise all the United States prisoners of war in German custody who were determined by Mixed Medical Commissions to be eligible for direct repatriation or hospitalization in a neutral country prior to the exchange which occurred at Barcelona on 17 May 1944, but who were not included therein. The Government of the United States would, naturally, furnish nominal rolls of the German prisoners of war qualified during the tour of the Mixed Medical Commission referred to in paragraph 2, and furnish the German Government equivalent assurances as to them.

4. It is understood that a parallel proposal will shortly be made to the German Government by the British Commonwealth Governments. (End of proposals)

Please ask German Government to reply urgently, if possible by July 17, as to whether it agrees, in order that necessary technical arrangements may be initiated without delay.

End

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Personnel Division, G-1, WDGS
WDGAP 383.6 Repatriation.
73528-CEY

8 July 1944

Commanding General
U. S. Army Forces
European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number WAR 62323

Representatives of British and Canadian Embassies, British Army Staff, and State and War Departments have considered your E-36305 of 5 July and have agreed on the following course regarding initiation of negotiations for new prisoners of war repatriation:

(A) The Government of the United States will send the German Government a message, the text of which will be set out in cored 62324 of 8 July.

(B) At the same time, the Government of the United States will send a message to its Legation at Bern, pointing out the German defaults in prior repatriation operations. The Legation will be instructed to communicate the substance of this message to the Swiss Foreign Office, for informal presentation to the Germans when the repatriation proposals are delivered to them.

(C) The British Government will presumably at substantially the same time send a message in the sense of the proposed text quoted in your E-36305. It is considered that the US and the British texts are entirely consistent and that both can be used to initiate the negotiations. You will note, however, that the US text suggests the substitution of 15 August for "Early September". It is felt strongly that as there is inevitably some postponement from the date originally suggested for any repatriation operation, it will be advisable in making the first approach to the Germans to suggest the very earliest date that would be feasible.

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(D) The US decision to inform the Germans without delay of the number of German repatriables available is due principally to the fact that past experience shows that this will avoid delay. In this connection it is recalled that at an early stage in the negotiations for the last repatriation, the State Department received an inquiry from the Swiss Legation on behalf of the Germans as to the number of their personnel who would be repatriated, together with an indication that until such information was forthcoming the Germans would probably be unwilling to complete the negotiations. In addition, the US concurs in your suggestion to make no mention of examinations by Allied Medical Officers, and feels that it is not called upon to arrange for further tours by mixed medical commissions in the US until the German Government does likewise in Germany. Consequently, the US does not believe that the number of Germans which it will include in this exchange will be increased above the number mentioned in the US text. It is not suggested that the inclusion in the US text of paragraph 2 necessitates any change in the proposed British text.

(E) The US Government will dispatch its note at 10 o'clock, Washington time, Tuesday morning, 11 July, unless any prior comments from you necessitate delay.

It is anticipated that the Gripsholm will be available for the proposed repatriation, subject only, so far as can be presently foreseen, to the rather remote likelihood that it might be needed at the time in question for a far eastern operation. It is assumed that in that eventuality, US or British or both would somehow find substitute shipping.

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NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS WITH JAPANESE FOR EXCHANGE OF CIVILIAN INTERNEES WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARMAGAO IN AUGUST. CERTAIN JAPANESE AND SIAMESE REPATRIABLES REQUIRE TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM N.Z. TO AUSTRALIA TO JOIN MAIN PART. IT IS INTENDED TO USE HOSPITAL SHIP ORANJE UNDER SAFE CONDUCT FOR THIS PURPOSE. ROUTES TO BE FOLLOWED HAVE TO BE COMMUNICATED TO JAPANESE 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF SAILING. AS IT IS HOPED TO SAIL ORANJE FROM WELLINGTON TO SYDNEY ON 18TH JULY WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMMUNICATE ROUTE TO JAPANESE NOT LATER THAN 8TH JULY. REQUEST YOU WILL SIGNAL BY RETURN ROUTE TO BE FOLLOWED.

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From : Chiefs of Staff
To : SCAEF, SACMED
Info : Joint Staff Mission
Number: OZ 3523 5 July, 1944

Following for General Eisenhower and General Wilson from Chiefs of Staff.

Agreement has been reached with German government for exchange of German civilian internees for British civilian internees to take place at Lisbon during the week beginning 12th July. Exchange will involve about 900 Germans detained in South Africa and an equal number of British in German hands.

2. German government has proposed that British civilians shall be conveyed by trains in two convoys from assembly points to Irun and thence in Spanish special trains to Lisbon. First convoy will consist of about 435 British subjects and will leave Vittel Department of the Vosges, France, on 9 July. It is scheduled to reach Lisbon on 12 July. Second convoy carrying remainder will start from Vittel and is scheduled to reach Lisbon on or about 18 July. Foreign Office are trying to obtain further details of train times and movements and are taking up question of distinctive marking of trains. These details will be forwarded by telegram as soon as available.

3. In view of present air offensive there is some risk that trains conveying these people may be bombed during their passage through enemy occupied territory. It is realised that information at present available is insufficient for you to take precautionary measures to avoid this possibility.

4. It is requested, however, that you should note arrangements being made and that on receipt of further details of train and shipping programmes which Foreign Office have been instructed to obtain, all possible precaution should be taken without detriment to operational commitments, to ensure safe passage of trains.

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5. Request General Eisenhower take all possible steps to ensure that trains in question are not attacked by maquis.

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End.

ACTION: CGS
INFO : GEN ARNOLD
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From: CG Rear Echelon, GHQ Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

Nr: C 14287 29 June 1944

C 14287 from GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department.

Acting Prime Minister of Australia (replying your
W 57142 28th) requested me in a letter dated June 15th to
give further consideration of the matter of the release of
the Japanese divers and pilots. I replied to him as follows:

"I have given most earnest consideration to your
letter of June 15 relative to the inclusion of the 331
Japanese merchant seamen in the proposed British-Japanese
exchange civilians. For the reasons set forth in my previous
communications I do not believe that these men should be
allowed to return to Japan. They are listed as civilians
but there is every reason to believe that appreciable
percentage are Special Service Operatives for the Japanese
Military Services. Probably many of them are active officers
of those services. They have a degree of information and
knowledge of the war situation here, not only in general
aspects but in many details, that would be of great value
to the enemy. The implacable insistence of the enemy in this
matter reflects the extraordinary value he places on their
exchange. Their information might result in the loss of
many more additional friendly lives than the total number of

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Brisbane, Australia

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friendly nationals actually involved in the exchange. This fact alone would more than offset any psychological argument for their release that might be presented. I am unalterably opposed to it."

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
CSP 2405 71469

27 June, 1944

Commander in Chief,
Southwest Pacific Area,
Brisbane, Australia.

Number: WAR 57142

To MacArthur from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The British Government, after unsuccessfully endeavoring to find other means of renewing exchange negotiations with the Japanese, is asking the Australian Government to reconsider its objections to the release of 331 Japanese divers and pilots, which has been the subject of previous dispatches.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff request that you review this matter in the light of developments subsequent to your dispatch of 30 January, and submit your comments and recommendations.

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
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27 June 1944

Commanding General
USAF in North African Theater of Operations
Algiers, Algeria

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Commanding General
USAF European Theater of Operations
London, England

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To Wilson for action, to SHARP for Eisenhower and ETOUSA
pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN
373 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff

In reply to your letter of 2 June 1944, the following
policy has been adopted with regard to the repatriation
of Italian Prisoners of War:

1. Subject to the availability of shipping, Italian Prisoners
of War who reside in Allied occupied portions of Italy should
be repatriated, if found eligible on medical grounds by the
competent authority of the detaining power either for direct
repatriation under the provisions of article 68 of the
Geneva Convention of Prisoners of War, or for hospitalization
in a neutral country under the provisions of the model agree-
ment annexed to the convention.

2. Subject to the availability of shipping and security
considerations, Italian Prisoners of War who reside in Allied
occupied portions of Italy:

a. Should be repatriated if they are 60 or over,
or are between 50 and 60 and have completed
2 years' internment.

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b. May be repatriated if it is determined by the competent authority of the detaining power that they are entitled thereto on compassionate grounds.

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From: CG US Army Forces in European Theater of Operations
London, England

To: War Department

No: E 29138

22 May 1944

E 29138 signed Eisenhower action to US Military
Attache Madrid Spain as 13074 via MA London information
to AGWAR for Personnel Division G-1, General Staff and
Department of State Washington DC

Combined Repatriation Committee desires to
express its sincere appreciation to the Spanish Government,
Compania Hispano Suiza De Navigation, Red Cross Representa-
tives, British Military Attache and Consuls concerned and
you for assistance in effecting expeditious discharge of
cargo from Gripsholm at Barcelona and for generous
cooperation of all concerned in making the exchange a
success.

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria

To: War Department

NR: F46725, 16th May 1944

From G-1 (B) for AGWAR for CCS F46725.

1. Complaint received by Chief Commissioner Allied Control Commission from General Gazzera High Commissioner of Prisoners of War in Badoglio Government and forwarded to Supreme Allied Commander alleging ill treatment by French of Italian Prisoners of War in general now in French custody in North Africa.
2. Allegations include insufficient food absence of clothes and shoes deprivation of their personal possessions inferior hygienic conditions and lack of medical supplies in addition to the violation of the Geneva convention by infliction of illegal punishment including bodily punishments both individual and collective. In certain instances names of Prisoners of War given.
3. On 7 October 43 Deputy Chief of Staff forwarded to General Devinck Chief of the French Staff a letter enclosing similar allegations concerning ill treatment of named Italian PW suggesting the instructions regarding correct treatment of PW not being carried out by French.
4. General Devinck sent detailed reply on 24 November refuting the allegations and affirming that PW were "on the whole treated in conformity with humanitarian principles".
5. Ref our message to AGWAR W20798 dated 9 April 44 concerning protest by German government of ill treatment by French of French held German PW. Understand this under consideration by you.

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria
No. FA6725, 16th May 1944

6. A number of question concerning PW are outstanding with French request instruction on German complaint early date.

7. Also request instruction regarding Italian complaint and reply to be given.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in North African Theater of Operations, Algiers, Algeria

To : War Department

No : F46001 15 May 1944

F46001 signed Devers cite HAGAP to AGWAR for WDGAP info Fairbanks.

Complimented by representatives of protecting power for excellent organization and execution was embarkation of following prisoners of war for repatriation on Gripsholm 14th May.

For American British account 405 German prisoners of war aboard when ship arrived Algiers. Embarked Algiers 306 same category. For French account 98 German prisoners of war. Of latter 98 Joint Medical Commission previously declared 27 of latter unsuitable for repatriation but in view of your instructions cable number W35286 of 12 May Joint Board action was disregarded and all 98 were embarked. Gripsholm expected depart by midnight tonight to meet schedule unless orders received to contrary in spite of lack of confirmation relative number of United States personnel now ready for repatriation.

ACTION: G-1

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INFO : CG AAF, ASF, OPD, G-2 (St Dept), Col Park, Log

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From: War Office

To : SHAEF SACMED
Rptd BAS, Washington (For Britman)

No : 94512 M01

Following for Generals Eisenhower and Wilson.
Further to 94149 12 May.

Following information received from German Govt:

1. British and American repatriated prisoners of war and civilians will be transported to Marseilles by four trains.
2. Two of these will leave Heilbronn on May 14th (hour not stated) taking route Belfort-Dole-Bourg-Lyons-Avignon to Marseilles. Trains will halt during the hours of darkness 14/15 May on stretch between Belfort-Dole-Bourg resuming journey at daylight.
3. One train will leave Heilbronn on May 14th and proceed via Nancy-Dijon-Chalon-Sur-Sagne-Lyons-Avignon to Marseilles. (Communication did not give position of halt during darkness.)
4. One train will leave Stuttgart on May 14th and proceed via Belfort-Dole-Bourg-Lyons-Avignon to Marseilles. Train will halt during the hours of darkness 14/15 May on stretch Belfort-Dole-Bourg resuming journey at daylight.
5. No trains will be illuminated during the hours of darkness.

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6. All trains will arrive in Marseilles in the night
15/16 May.

7. Trains will return by the same routes at dated to be
communicated later.

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From: CG, US Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the North African
Theater of Operations, Algiers, Algeria

No. EX 27641, 13 May 1944

To AGWAR for Personnel Division G-1 General
Staff, NATOUSA for Devers, US Milattache Madrid
Spain, all for information from Troopers thru
ETOUSA signed Eisenhower EX 27641.

Following for General Eisenhower and General
Wilson.

Further to 93358 10th May. International Red
Cross Committee have received telephone message from
their delegation at Berlin reporting communication
from German authorities modifying previous routing
as follows:

2. 4 trains will start the journey in early
hours of tomorrow 13 May. Starting points will be:

1. Lemmsdore
2. Oflag 4B
3. Danzig
4. Posen.

3. Trains 1 and 2 will by-pass Berlin and pro-
ceed via Geilbronn. Trains 3 and 4 will proceed via
Berlin. Arrival in Berlin expected about noon tomorrow
13 May.

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4. Destination of all trains Marseilles which
will be reached not later than the evening of 15 May.

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INFO : CGAAF
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Paraphrase of State Department Cable

FROM: Bern

TO: Secretary of State, Washington

DATED: May 13, 1944

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NUMBER: 3076

By JS Date APR 17 1972

The Japanese replies which were transmitted in the May 9 Swiss note state that on May 6 these replies were given by Japanese Foreign Minister Shigemitsu to Minister Gorge, at which time they talked for 2½ hours on the Foreign Minister's representation. At the same time Minister Gorge was given a 3rd Japanese communication and for his information exclusively he was given the text of the protest from the Japanese concerning the alleged attacks on hospital ships Tatibana Maru and Yosino Maru belonging to Japan, which protest the Spanish Embassy in Washington is transmitting.

According to a Swiss report a long discussion regarding the prisoners of war situation then took place between Shigemitsu and Minister Gorge, during which Shigemitsu said an opportunity would be given Minister Gorge to inspect all the camps in Japan. Going back to the many representations made by Minister Gorge, the Japanese Foreign Minister said that no guarantee could as yet be given to the question of visiting camps in occupied territories as the matter was still under examination, but that he hoped that the enemies of Japan would not thwart the efforts he was making along this line, by starting a new campaign against Japan. According to Minister Gorge his efforts are beginning to show results as he recently had the opportunity to visit the camp at Fukushi and will soon be able to send a delegate to visit the Niigata and Nagoya camps, and has also been promised permission soon to visit the camp at Hakodate.

CM-IN-13008 (17 May 44)

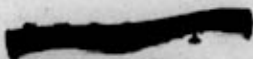
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From: CG, US Forces in the European Theater of
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To: War Department
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria

No: EX 27158 10 May, 1944

Signed Eisenhower. From Betta cite Combined Repatriation Committee for Personnel Division G-1 General Staff info to NATOUSA, passed to Military Attache Madrid Spain for info via Military Attache London as 12930. Ref Nr EX 27158.

Foreign Office advises that it has received information through British Legation at Berne that International Red Cross advises German Government is dispatching on May 13th two trains from Berlin and 2 trains from Annaburg, destination Marseilles, apparently in connection with projected repatriation.

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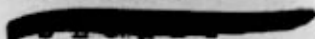
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
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May 5, 1944

Allied Force Headquarters,
Algiers, Algeria.

Commanding General,
U.S. Army Forces,
European Theater of Operations,
London, England.

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England.

Number: WARX 32513

TOPSEC for Wilson for action, ETOUBA pass to the British
Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 359, from the Combined
Chiefs of Staff.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff have considered your telegrams
NAF 666, dated 7th April 1944 and NAF 673 dated 14th April
1944, regarding present status of Italian Prisoners of War
and have reached the following conclusions, which are set
forth for your information and guidance:

- (a) That no further negotiations on this subject
be commenced with the Italian Government.
- (b) On no account must the Italian Prisoners be
released from Prisoners of War status.
- (c) The U. S. Government and British Commonwealth
Governments should proceed on the basis of the
informal agreement in which Marshal Badoglio
waived the prohibitions of Article 31 of the

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Geneva Prisoners of War Convention so as to authorize any and all noncombatant employment of Italian Prisoners of War in the War against Germany.

- (d) The United States Government and the Governments of the British Commonwealth require no further contractual basis in support of their right to employ Italian Prisoners of War in Service Units for war work in the war against Germany.
- (e) As a practical matter there is little likelihood that the Italian Government now will oppose or protest such employment of the Prisoners of War, even if the Italian Government should consider that such employment constitutes a technical violation of the provisions of the Prisoners of War Convention.

Para two, You are, therefore, authorized to continue activity to organize, train and utilize Italian Prisoners of War Service Units in war work in the war against Germany, excepting in actual combat.

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INFORMATION: Gen. Arnold
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From: CG, US Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in North African
Theater of Operations, Algiers, Algeria

No. EX 25920, 2 May 1944

Action to US Military Attache Madrid Spain,
information US Military Attache Lisbon Portugal via
Military Attache channels. Information NATOUSA for
Devers and AGWAR for Personnel Division G-1 from Betts
cite Combined Repatriation Committee, signed Eisenhower
EX 25920.

Tentative plans, in conformity with directions
Paragraphs 4 and 5 cable WARX 29526 April 29th, AGWAR
to ETOUSA and Milattache Madrid for information NATOUSA,
are being made for medical personnel and supplies to be
flown to Barcelona if absolutely necessary. Further
plans must await estimate of requirements from Madrid.

Medical Department here states that in emergency
it can provide maximum of 3 doctors, 5 nurses and 20
enlisted orderlies. Medical supplies can be provided in
limited quantities if unavailable elsewhere. No beds
or similar equipment can be supplied from this Theater.
If pajamas unobtainable locally or elsewhere, please so
state and attempt will be made to supply limited number.

After consultation with Air Transport authorities
here, it appears that air transportation from this Theater

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Operations, London, England

No. EX 25920, 2 May 1944

direct to Barcelona is impossible because necessary
to pass over danger zone.

Following are routes which appear possible.

1. From this Theater to Lisbon, thence by train
service to Barcelona. This appears to be best of
possibilities although consent of two governments
would be required.

2. From this Theater to Casablanca, thence to
Gibraltar, thence by car to Algeciras, thence by un-
satisfactory train service to Barcelona. Doubtful
that Spanish government could furnish air transport.

3. From this Theater to Algiers, thence by destroy-
er or other boat to Barcelona. Estimated time for trip
of destroyer, if available, 15 hours; small cargo ship
probably somewhat longer. Understood that destroyer
could remain only one day; medical personnel would there-
fore return to Algiers by Gripsholm.

In any event consent should be obtained from Span-
ish or other government concerned for such personnel to
land in order to prevent possible internment. Health
regulations of Spain and perhaps Portugal should be
investigated in order that they may be complied with by
Prisoners of War, medical personnel, and air crew; under-
stand vaccination certificate required by Portugal. Per-
mission should be obtained of governments concerned for
aircraft to land and take off and for destroyer or other
ship to land. Inquiry should be made as to whether per-
sonnel would be required to wear civilian clothing in
Neutral Countries and whether visas are necessary. More-
over consent of German government may be required to per-

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No. EX 25920, 2 May 1944

mit American medical personnel to administer to American
or British Prisoners of War before they are actually
exchanged, although on humanitarian grounds such per-
mission might be assumed.

Because of small number of doctors and nurses
which can be supplied from this Theater and because
of travel difficulties, it is believed that NATOUS
may be better able to provide required medical personnel
and supplies. Requested therefore that Milattache Madrid
advise NATOUSA direct as to requirements and that NATOUSA
advise Milattache Madrid as to arrangements which can be
made there to meet these requirements, relaying messages
to ETOUSA and Washington. Requested also ETOUSA be ad-
vised by cable of requirements of various neutral govern-
ments concerned and arrangements being made to meet these
requirements.

It is requested that you coordinate plans with the
British Military Attache Madrid.

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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From: CG, US Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England

To: War Department

No. E 25551, 29 April 1944

Signed Eisenhower, E 25551, from Betts cite
Combined Repatriation Committee for Personnel Division
G-1 General Staff.

Combined Repatriation Committee met today and dis-
cussed following matters related to projected exchange:

Cable 2149 April 27 Halifax to Foreign Office care-
fully considered. American Embassy is today cabling State
Department in detail regarding this matter.

Committee also considered action being taken to
prevent bombing of trains bearing repatriables and railway
junctions where they may be. All Mediterranean ports and
all available land routes to Spanish Border are in danger
zone. Transportation director of War Office estimates
train journey for repatriables from 8 to 10 days prior to
exchange. Foreign Office is asking British Legation at
Berne to endeavor to obtain from Swiss Government and Inter-
national Red Cross any information they may have as to train
program, with particular reference to dates of departure
from Germany, times, and routes. Committee is approaching
British Chiefs of Staff here with request that they present
to Supreme Allied Commander question as to what measures,
if any, can be taken to minimize hazards.

Committee also considered cable 1791 April 27 from
Berne to Foreign Office relative to reply of German Govern-
ment regarding lists of Prisoners of War nominated by the

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No. E 25551, 29 April 1944

British Commonwealth for exchange. From this reply it appears that approximately 900 British Prisoners of War will be repatriated. Only Paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 7 of this cable are of interest to the United States. Foreign Office in its reply is requesting information as to whether the term "North Americans" includes Canadians. These paragraphs are paraphrased herewith:

Para 3, reads "Final conclusions by mixed medical commission, now examining North American and British Prisoners, have not been reached. As result of examination by Camp Doctors, it is estimated that approximately 100 North American and a greater number of British Prisoners will be included".

Para 4, reads "No North American sanitary personnel will be repatriated because number of such personnel is much below standard figure. 150 British sanitary personnel will be included".

Para 5, reads "More than 700 members of German sanitary service of a total of 2000 such members in North American should be repatriated. Information desired by German Government as to whether these will be sent on Gripsholm". British are replying to Para 5 that Canada is including 40 German sanitary personnel from North America and are pointing out that this number complies with the requirements of the agreement and states that America is being requested to reply direct to Para 5, which the Committee requests be done promptly.

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Para 7, reads "There are some members of British armed forces eligible for repatriation who are not British nationals, but are Poles, former Czechs, Irish, and French, among others. German government will include all persons in North American and British armed forces who are not British or North American governments will repatriate all members of German armed forces regardless of nationality when principles of model agreement apply" foreign office replying that all who are eligible for repatriation will be included, regardless of nationality. Committee assumes United States will make like response if appropriate.

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*exchange
prisoners Germany*

From: CG US Forces in the European Theater of
Operations London, England
To: War Department
Re: E-25022, 26th April 1944.

Signed Eisenhower E-25022. From Betts cite Combined
Repatriation Committee for Personnel Division G-1 General
Staff.

Foreign office received cable 1721 April 22nd from
Berne substantially as follows:

"German Legation telephoned Swiss Government that
instructions of German Government were at hand and would
be communicated that date or Monday April 24th.

Barcelona selected as place rather than Lisbon, and
May 17th as date, of exchange by German Government.

Spanish Government has been approached by German
Government in opinion of Swiss Government, but formal
communication will establish this fact definitely.

German acceptance will be fully summarized by cable
when received".

Assume Washington is making any necessary approaches
to Spanish Government and is arranging for safe conduct of
ship with German Government. It appears that necessity for
arranging for hospitalization in Barcelona must await receipt

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Nr: E-25022, 26th April 1944. Page 2.
of formal reply giving numbers and stating whether
Germany will transport by ship or rail.

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Personnel Division G-1 WDGS
WDGAP 383.6 Repatriation of May
1944

RLG 3329

April 20, 1944

Commanding General
USAF in European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number WAR 25846

From Marshall for Eisenhower attention Combined Repatriation
Committee.

Apparently our 25409 of April 19th, which was reply
to urad E 23710, crossed urad E 24027. No request has been
received here from Germans to have International Red Cross
delegate accompany German prisoners leaving North America.
If it is opinion in London that in spite of situation
described in our 25409, United States should provide
International Red Cross delegate aboard Gripsholm in addition,
please so inform us, with explanation of necessity there-
for.

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INFORMATION: ASF
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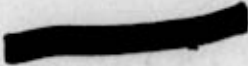
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Personnel Division, G-1
WDGS, WDGAP 383.6
RLG - 3329.

April 17, 1944.

Commanding General
U. S. Army Forces
European Theater of Operations
London, England.

Number: WAR 24118.

From Marshall for Eisenhower attention Combined Repatriation
Committee.

State Department urgently called War Department's attention
April 12 to note from Swiss Legation transmitting request
of German Government for inclusion of eligible personnel
from Graf Spee and Tacoma, now interned in Uruguay, in
forthcoming exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war.
Swiss note stated that German Government expects an early
statement from United States concerning above, and State
considers that it is not unlikely that the failure of
German Government to obtain repatriation of eligible
personnel from these two vessels may be influencing its
attitude in respect to repatriation of sick and wounded
American prisoners of war whom Germany is holding. In-
terested U S and British representatives in Washington
met same day and agreed to favorable answer in principle
to German request, and their decisions were put before
Foreign Office by telegram from Halifax dated April 12,
number 1862. Local view is that delaying favorable answer
in this matter might give Germans a pretext for either
rejecting proposed repatriation or deferring its date be-
yond the date mutually desired on our side. Request you
take this up with British authorities as matter of utmost
urgency and inform War Department

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INFORMATION: ASF-PMG, CC/S, OPD, G-2, Log

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

TO : American Legation, Bern.

FROM : Secretary of State, Washington

NUMBER: 1297

DATED : April 15, 1944 6 p. m.

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State Dept. letter, 1-11-72

APR 17 1972

By JS Date _____

The German Government's statement contained in your 2209 of April 8 that some American Prisoners of War who have been selected by German doctors will be included in the forthcoming exchange is welcomed by the Department which assumes that there will also be included the 80 seriously sick and wounded American Prisoners of War at Stalag XVII B mentioned in the Legation's 1845 of March 25 as being so selected.

It is assumed by the Department in connection with this statement that it will be impossible to include in the forthcoming repatriation operation prisoners who have been declared eligible for repatriation by the Mixed Medical Commission during its present tour predicated on the exchange taking place on or about May 2. In view of the newly proposed date of May 17, for the exchange it is expected that American Prisoners of War declared eligible for repatriation by the Mixed Medical Commission during its present tour will be included in the forthcoming exchange.

This matter should be brought urgently to the attention of the Swiss authorities with a request to obtain assurances from the German Government in this connection.

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ACTION: G-1

INFO : CG AAF, ASF, OPD, G-2, Col Park

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From: CG, US Forces in the European Theater of Operations London England

To: War Department

NR: E-22994, 12th April 1944

Signed Eisenhower ~~SECRET~~ E-22994. From Betts cite Combined Repatriation Committee for Personnel Division G-1 General Staff.

Combined Repatriation Committee this afternoon considered AGWAR cable WAR 21356 April 11th and unanimously consented to proposed changes in British draft note advised to Halifax in cable 3006 from Foreign Office.

British intend handling note to Swiss representatives here tomorrow April 13th for delivery to Germans in Berns on April 14th, which is the latest possible date available for giving Germany notification of route 2 weeks in advance of proposed sailing of Gripsholm from New York May 2 for arrival at Lisbon May 17th.

Admiralty approves immediate notification to Germany, for its approval, of the route notified by Admiralty cable 031224A March 3rd to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and others, reference also ETOUSA cable W12591 March 9th and AGWAR cable R1199/2796 March 22nd. The committee urges inclusion in United States note, in substitution for last sentence of amended paragraph 4 advice of such route, description of ship and all other pertinent information requisite to notification for safe conduct 2 weeks in advance of proposed sailing from New York. Also similar advice should be given for alternate route from Algiers to Barcelona which Admiralty suggest be "From Algiers to Position A39 degrees 30 minutes north 02 degrees 00 minutes east,

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London England

To: War Department
RR: E-22994, 12th April 1944

thence to Barcelona'.

SHAEF concurrence has been obtained to project as outlined in amended draft of note as agreed by the committee this afternoon and particularly to the time and place of exchange at either Lisbon or Barcelona. If later developments make pertinent, approval by SHAEF of possible use of ships by Germans (Reference Para 2 used WAR 21356 April 11th) is safeguarded by reservation in Para 5 of agreed note providing that such "ships may be used subject to agreement as to the particular ship or ships and to the route selected to grant safe conducts for this purpose". SHAEF'S concurrence in proposed use of Gripsholm is on assumption that crew will be cleared from security viewpoint. Canadian representatives assume that arrangements will be made there for inclusion in the shipment of Canadian-held German Prisoners of War.

Foreign Office notifying British Ambassador Madrid that Barcelona may be used.

Please inform State Department, British Embassy, British Army Staff, and Canadian Embassy.

No Sig.

ACTION: Gen White
INFO : CCS
Gen Arnold
Gen Somervell
OPD
Gen Bissell
Col Park ✓
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Operations Division, WDGS
Policy Section, WDOFD 2971
JCS

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April 11, 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Number WAR 21661

~~SECRET~~ for Eisenhower for Smith personally from Handy signed
Marshall

Exchange of seriously sick and wounded Prisoners of War is
the subject of this message. See in this connection our num-
ber 21356 of April 11, 1944.

In February 1944 the United States and British Government pro-
posed simultaneously to the German Government through the gov-
ernment of Switzerland that a repatriation exchange of seriously
sick and wounded Prisoners of War be effected at Lisbon on April
12th. The German Government after some delay replied (refer-
ence your number E21609, April 2, 1944) that it was agreeable
to an exchange on May 2nd or any subsequent date and proposed
that, in addition to Lisbon, part of the exchange be effected
at Goteborg, Sweden. The Swiss Government has informed the
United States and British Governments unofficially that the mixed
medical commissions in Germany will not complete until about May
14th their examinations of Allied Prisoners of War to determine
those eligible for repatriation (reference telegram number 1957
from American Legation in Bern to State Department, Washington,
March 30, 1944, repeated by State Department to Combined Re-
patriation Committee, London, on same date).

The British Foreign Office intends to reply on April 12th, 1944
to the German Government, in which reply the United States is

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April 11, 1944

requested to join, proposing May 17th as the earliest date for the exchange and further suggesting that the exchange take place at Barcelona, if Lisbon is not acceptable. It is understood here that the British Admiralty has ruled that Goteburg is not acceptable to it as the Port of Exchange and the proposed reply, without specifically saying so, indicates that this port would not be acceptable. The British Government states that the proposed reply has been approved by the operational authorities in London. (Reference telegram number 1712 British Embassy, Washington, to Foreign Office, dated 5 April 1944 and telegrams numbers 3005 and 3006 foreign office to British Embassy, Washington, April 8, 1944.) (Other pertinent messages on this subject are our W-18098 of April 3, 1944 to Eisenhower for Combined Repatriation Commission and your E-21740 of same date to the War Department.)

The reply of the United States Government to the request of the British Government that the United States join in the proposed reply to the German Government has been made through you in our number 21356 this date. The United States desires to join in this reply with the changes suggested in the last mentioned message, subject to the assurance that it has been approved by SHAEF. (The British Government intends to make the proposed reply, even though the United States does not join.)

It is believed that the German Government in its counterproposal with respect to the date and place for the exchange may be seeking a hint as to our future military intentions and plans. Request your personal consideration of the proposed reply to insure that in your opinion there will be no danger of compromising the security of our plans by making a reply to the German Government in which a specific date for the exchange is proposed and by which it will be indicated to the Germans that Goteborg is not acceptable to US as a port for the exchange.

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INFORMATION: General White
General Bissell
Colonel Park
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Personnel Division, G-1, WDGS
WDGAP 383.6 Repatriation
MCB - 72234

April 10, 1944

Commanding General
U S Army Forces
European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number: WAR 21356

~~SECRET~~ from Marshall for Eisenhower, attention Combined
Repatriation Committee.

1. Representatives of State Department, British Embassy, British Army Staff and Canadian Embassy have jointly considered with representatives of War Department, telegrams numbers 3005 and 3006 from Foreign Office to Halifax, reference your message E 22435.
2. War Department desires to proceed with joint accomplishment of the repatriation and agrees in principle with the general terms of the reply which it is proposed that H M G dispatch to the German Government. In this connection it is assumed that the statement made in Paragraph 3 of above mentioned telegram number 3005 that the proposed approach to the German terms has the concurrence of operational and dominion authorities in London means that concurrence has been obtained from SHAEF. War Department desires assurance on this point, with particular reference to time and place of exchange (Paragraphs 1 and 2, telegram 3006) and possible use of ships by the Germans (Paragraph 5, telegram 3006).
3. There are set forth below several changes which it is believed should be made in the proposed reply to the German Government:

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Item 1 - Paragraph 2, strike the words "In spite of the revised shipping arrangements indicated below, it is hoped that" and insert the words "Arrangements are in hand to." (The reason for this change is to avoid suggesting to the German Government that they are risking our not returning all their eligible nationals).

Item 2 - Strike Paragraph 4 and substitute the following new paragraph (Explanation for this recommendation is given in Paragraph 4 of this message):

"4. H M G note the agreement of the German Government to the use of the Gripsholm for the exchange as well as to the forwarding of next of kin parcels and POW mail via the Gripsholm. Necessary information including route to be followed will be transmitted at an early date to the German Government."

Item 3 - Add a ninth paragraph reading as follows:

"9. H M G understand that the Government of the United States are addressing a substantially similar reply to the German Government."

4. The new Paragraph 4 suggested above is based on assurance now given by the State Department, that notwithstanding Paragraph 5 of telegram 1712 from the British Embassy, Washington, to the Foreign Office, means will be found to insure that a full crew will be available for the Gripsholm for the whole round trip and that she can be relied upon to make the trip as originally planned. The use of the Gripsholm is particularly desirable since she is the only vessel whose availability and adequacy are assured. Further advantages include the fact that use of the Gripsholm for round trip avoids the need for interfering with established hospital ship schedules, and will greatly facilitate the carriage of mail and relief supplies from and to North America as agreed to by the German Government at our suggestion.

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5. The Navy Department, in communicating to the State Department the course for the Gripsholm as agreed upon in consultation with the British Admiralty, stated that the course is secret until a definitive agreement with the German Government is reached. If the Gripsholm is to sail from New York in sufficient time for the proposed May 17 exchange date, it is essential that the vessel's course be given the German Government without delay in order to give them the necessary 14 days notice for the arranging of the safe conduct. It is therefore hoped that the British Admiralty can give permission for communication of the course to the Germans now, at least as far as Algiers, or alternatively can suggest another course, the communication of which to the Germans now might not have untoward results.

6. It is requested that the assurance asked for in Paragraph 2 above and approval of the suggested changes in Paragraph 3 above, if obtained, be communicated to War Department sufficiently in advance of British reply to the Germans to enable U S and British replies to be synchronized.

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ORIGINATOR: Gen White

INFORMATION: Gen Somervell
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From: CG, U.S. Forces in the European Theater of Operations, London, England

To : War Department

No. E 21740, 3 April 1944

Signed Eisenhower nr E21740 ~~SECRET~~ From Betts cite Combined Repatriation Committee for Personnel Liaison G-1 General Staff.

Combined repatriation committee at meeting this afternoon considered the German proposal respecting repatriation, advised to you in ETOUSA cable E 21609 April 2nd. It was sense of committee that protecting power be requested to urge favorable consideration by Germany of proposal for exchange at Lisbon, as projected, on May 3rd; citing in support, that British owned German repatriables from United Kingdom are already concentrated in North Africa; that Gripsholm is already chartered for trip from United States to Algiers carrying Germans from United States and Canada, thence to Lisbon thence to Algiers thence to Belfast thence to United States. The date of May 3rd here suggested is not available, on account of the time requirements for safe conduct approval prescribed by German in para 4 of its reply advised to you in said ETOUSA cable, unless route proposed in AGWAR book message for ETOUSA and Algiers R1199/2796 March 22nd has already been notified to Germany.

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These committee suggestions are constrained by advice from Air Ministry that rail communications in Germany and France should be adequate for transporting all repatriables to Spanish frontier and by Admiralty advice that Gothenburg is definitely unacceptable. Security reasons forbid this being made known to Germany.

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To : War Department

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By RHP, NARS Date MAR 1 1973

Please advise whether May 3rd is available conformable to German requirement for its approval of safe conduct route at least 2 weeks before commencement of voyage from United States; and if not please advise earliest date proposed for exchange at Lisbon, allowing for arrival of ship 48 hours before the day fixed for actual exchange.

Committee suggests that Germany should be offered Barcelona as alternative port of exchange in place of Lisbon. In case Barcelona is so proposed the date to be proposed for exchange should be sufficiently distant to permit suggestion by Admiralty of route to be communicated to Germany for safe conduct approval at least 2 weeks before commencement of the voyage from the United States, allowing for arrival in Barcelona 48 hours before day fixed for actual exchange.

Committee requests advice by noon London time Wednesday April 5th.

Admiralty advises it is prepared to determine by Wednesday April 5th route Algiers to Barcelona to be furnished you if desired for communication to Germany for its approval of safe conduct, to be secured by you.

Committee requests earliest information as to number of United States owned German repatriables held in the United States to be included in proposed exchange.

Embassy is cabling State Department today in this same sense.

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✓ 2796 is CM-OUT-8860 (21 Mar 44)OPD *not rec'd* No Sig.
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INFO: CC/S, OPD, General Bissell, Colonel Park, LOG
General Arnold, General Somervell
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Personnel Division, G-1
WDGAP 383.6 Repatriation

April 3, 1944

Commanding General
USAF in the European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number WAR 18098

From Marshall for Eisenhower, attention Combined Repatriation
Committee.

State Department has repeated to you telegrams No. 1969 of March 31 and No. 1957 of March 30, both from Bern to State, since which time we have received your E-21609 of April 2. This message reflects present reaction in Washington to the above telegrams, as expressed at an informal discussion held today among representatives of British Embassy, British Army Staff, and State and War Department. It is also concurred in by War Department operations and intelligence divisions. The course recommended in this message is founded upon the basic policy consideration that we should not give the German Government any impression that we are unwilling to have the exchange operation put off to the most reasonable date which is indicated by the information which Germany has furnished, or that we have any strong preference between Lisbon and Goteburg as the exchange port. In the light of the foregoing considerations, it is recommended that we reply to the German Government in substantially the following sense:

1. While the Governments of the US and of the British Commonwealth regret that it should be necessary to defer the exchange operation beyond the date originally suggested by them, they prefer that the exchange shall not take place until such date as will have enabled the mixed medical commissions to complete their forthcoming tour of prisoner of war camps in Germany, plus such additional time after the completion of the mixed medical commissions tour as will permit the transportation to the point or points of exchange of the prisoners of War who have been approved for repatriation.

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It has been generally understood that the commissions next tour through those camps would commence in April and presumably be completed in that month or in May. The Governments of the US and of the British Commonwealth would, therefore, request that the German Government propose to them a date for the exchange operation, such date to be the earliest one which, in the opinion of the German Government, will meet the foregoing practical requirements for making the exchange operation a mutually successful and satisfactory one.

2. Regarding the exchange port, the Governments of the US and of the British Commonwealth would point out that the exchange operation will be much simpler to handle if only one exchange port is used. They would further point out that if Lisbon is selected, then, under the German proposal, the seriously sick and seriously wounded repatriates from the US and parts of the British Commonwealth other than the UK would be subjected to the long overland haul which, as the German Government points out, should on humanitarian grounds be avoided. They would consequently recommend that only one exchange port be employed, and would express the belief that upon further consideration, Goteburg might be preferable to Lisbon. They would make it clear in their message, however, that their willingness to agree to the repatriation operation is not conditioned either on the use of a single port rather than 2 ports, or on the use of Goteburg rather than Lisbon as the exchange port. In other words, the above observations would be submitted to the German Government for its consideration, and not as conditions to the making of an agreement.

3. British are informing their London authorities in same sense as above. Request your early remarks and recommendations. Your comments are particularly requested with regard to transportation of German sick and wounded from North Africa.

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TODAY DUE MONTEVIDEO 1630 21ST BOTH Z ROUTED PER COMINCH 282105 NO CODES. UNARMED, LIGHTED, KNOTS 15.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMINCH</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>EDWARDS</u>		ADMIRALTY	ROUTINE
DATE <u>21 AUG 1943</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2144</u>			
DECODED BY		INFORMATION	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY <u>SMITH</u>			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY <u>MILIUS</u>			DEFERRED

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EXCHANGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPANESE EXPECTED
 COLLAPSE UNLESS ROUND TRIP SAFE CONDUCT COURSE
 GRIPSHOLM PORT ELIZABETH TO MORMUGAO AVAILABLE
 BY 23 AUGUST AND ROUND TRIP SAFE CONDUCT COURSE
 JAPANESE TEIA MARU APPROVED SINGAPORE TO MORMUGAO
 PASSING THROUGH SUNDA STRAITS VIA KARIMATA
 CHANNELS THEN (A) 04-40 N 94-40 E (B) 05-50 N
 76-50 E. MY 191730Z AND 141615 Z AND VCNO
 031300Z. PROMPT ACTION REQUESTED TO PREVENT
 COLLAPSE EXCHANGE NEGOTIATIONS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	COM MOROCCAN SEAFRON	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CNO	RRRRRR
DATE	17 AUG 1943		DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	1750		
DECODED BY	HARRINGTON		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	KURTZ		ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	SOBEL		DEFERRED

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PLEASE CLARIFY UNOFFICIAL REPORTS CIRCULATING
HERE OF RECENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND SPANISH
GOVERNMENTS AS TO REPATRIATION WITHIN 7 DAYS
OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT PERSONNEL MAKING FORCED
LANDINGS IN SPANISH TERRITORY.

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From: Algiers
To: War

Date- 10-1-71

No. W-2216, June 8, 1943

Signature: *RAA*

Repatriation of German and Italian wounded reurads 9111 May 29 and 9168 May 29, (for Marshall cite NAGAP signed Eisenhower) can effect repatriation from here. Moving personnel likely to be considered acceptable to assembly area for examination. Small numbers expected medical estimates being 300 or 400. Examination of all cases should take from 6 weeks to 2 months. Question of use of North African port by Italian hospital ships under discussion. In meantime please consider possibility and advisability of using Spanish Moroccan port in lieu of those mentioned. However Barcelona is acceptable as exchange or delivery port for German or Italian prisoners though we concur in foreign office suggestion that Gothenburg be transfer point for USA prisoners held by Germany only. In view of willingness belligerents to accept findings of allied medical authorities or repatriation eligibles believe that no purpose served by acceptance of Swiss offer of assistance. Not opposed to it if Washington feels cannot refuse. In latter case request names of 2 doctors be submitted here for investigation by G-2 prior to their departure. Recommend that flight arrangements be made to airport in Spain near Gibraltar where our representatives could meet them and escort to GIB for onward carriage by our aircraft. This would obviate danger to them with possible attendant embarrassments. Because numbers of our incapacitated likely to be limited recommend that USA have priority on use of North

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Africa prisoners for exchange against American repatriables which we estimate not to exceed several hundred exclusive of protected personnel. In return for which recommend British be accorded first priority on transfer of protected personnel since their number is 4,000 in German and Italian hands. This furnished for your information as this question can be finally decided only on your level. Surplus protected personnel not needed to staff EPW camps and provide evacuation aid being assembled for possible repatriation.

No Sig

Note: 9168 is CM-OUT-12642 (29 May 43) OPD
9111 is CM-OUT-12491 (29 May 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM VOPNAV		COMCARIBSEAFRON	PRIORITY
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DATE 19 MAR 43			DEFERRED
TOR COODEROOM 1551		NOB TRINIDAD CAFAC	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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SPANISH MERCHANT SHIP MARQUES DE COMILLAS EMBARKED ABOUT 50 GERMAN NATIONALS AND 11 FORMER FRENCH OFFICIALS AT HAVANA TO BE EXCHANGED FOR CUBAN NATIONALS. SHIP PROCEEDING NEW ORLEANS PUERTO BARRIOS CURACAO TRINIDAD ENROUTE EUROPE UNDER BRITISH AND U.S. SAFE CONDUCT. ADDITIONAL GERMAN NATIONALS FOR EXCHANGE WILL BOARD AT PUERTO BARRIOS. ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR SEARCH AND QUESTIONING ALL FRENCH AND GERMAN NATIONALS AT TRINIDAD BY BRITISH.

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February 16, 1943
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INCOMING MESSAGE

P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 1029, February 15th, 1943

NAF 145 is the following message. Reference number 398 sent to Combined Chiefs of Staff, Washington. Is repeated for your information. (For British Chiefs of Staff action cite FEGAP signed Eisenhower). "The Secretary of State of the French Navy" has transmitted through the French Military Attache Madrid a request to the British Ambassador permit women and children members of families of French Military personnel to be repatriated by hospital ships to Marseilles from Tunisia.

I have approved and NCFP has set the following conditions which must be fulfilled. Notification to NCSF 48 hours in advance of date and time of sailing. Names of ships to be reported. Ships must be illuminated in accordance with Geneva Convention. Follow a prescribed course on which they will be liable to examination. Provides for Lit and named Italian pilot vessel to meet ship prescribed point. Ship must berth in Bizerta Lake. Follow same course on return voyage sailing in daylight from Bizerta with provision for examination enroute and that more precise instructions will be used when speed of ship is known.

No Sig

NOTE: Ref 398 is CM-IN-6339 (13 Feb 43) CCS.

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD, General Strong, General Arnold,
Admiral King,

CM-IN-8019 (16 Feb 43) 1011Z ems

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Navy Department

EXTENSION NUMBER		ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
ALUSNA 06212		OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRRRR
BY 9 JAN 1943			ROUTINE DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 1 16		FOR ACTION INFORMATION	PRIORITY
DECODED BY MCKEEL AND MORRIS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY WELLINGTON			DEFERRED

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HERE BEGINS PART 2 OF MY 062254. ALSO AIR MINISTRY BROUGHT AND DELIVERED TO ALUSNA SECOND LIEUT ROBERT L WAYS NUMBER 0661528. THIS OFFICER BAILED OUT OF FLYING FORTRESS OVER PARIS EARLY DECEMBER LANDED NEAR FONTAINE BLEAU. MADE WAY VIA PARIS BORIEAUX BAY ON HEINTO SPAIN. P INTERCEPTED BY SPAN POLICE ETELIZONDO AND PUT IN JAIL. MOVED LATER JAIL PAMPLONA. UPON HEARING OF HIS STATE REQUESTED AIR MINISTRYS GOOD OFFICES. THEY SECURED HIS RELEASE AND DELIVERED HIM WITHIN THIRTY HOURS. WAYS NOW IN HOSPITAL FOR DECONTAMINATION AND RECUPERATION

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM COMINCH		CINCPAC COMSOWESTPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY EDWARDS			ROUTINE
DATE DEC 24 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0517			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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SAFE CONDUCT GRANTED KAMAKURA, ASAMA, TATUTA MARUS AND
 CONTE VERDE ONLY FOR SPECIFIC REPATRIATION VOYAGES LAST
 JUNE, JULY, AUGUST. WILL ADVISE IF AND WHEN FURTHER
 SAFE CONDUCT IS GRANTED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NOIC SIMONSTOWN		FOCNA CINC EF CINCSA FOC RED SEA FROCE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 15 SEPT 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0316/15	FOR ACTION	HMS MEGNELL RAWA COMINCH C&R NOIC PORT ELIZABETH NOIC ADEN PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFR. PORT SAID (EGYPT) CINC MF	PRIORITY
DECODED BY ERCK/SUPPLE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HEINE			DEFERRED
			ROUTINE

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

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**FOCNA 243 CINC EF 279 CINCSA 590 FOC RED SEA FROCE 784
 INFO HMS MEGNELL 742 RAWA 210 COMINCH C&R NOIC PORT ELIZABETH
 NOIC ADEN PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER PORT SAID (EGYPT)
 CINC MEDIT. FLT. FROM NOIC SIMONSTOWN**

**GOVERNMENT STATE LINERS FOR SECOND REPATRIATION FROM
 EAST AFRICA WILL LEAVE GENOA END SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER.**

**EXACT DATE NOT YET KNOWN. LINER SATURNIA, VULCANIA,
 DUILIO, GUILIO, CESARE WILL BE USED.**

**(2) LINERS WILL CALL GIBRALTAR FOR EXAMINATION AND TO
 EMBARK ARMED GUARD, AT LAS PALMAS FOR BUNKER AND AT PORT**

**ELIZABETH FOR VICTUALS AND LUBRICANTS. PORT OF EMBARKATION
 FOR STEAMERS MASSAWA, FOR MOTORSHIP BERBERA (PART 2 FOLLOWS)**

**(3) ITALIAN WILL FURNISH ROUTE TO GIBRALTAR. REQUEST EARLY
 CONFIRMATION THAT OUTWARD ROUTES SHOULD BE REVERSE**

**OF THOSE IN FOCNA'S 1021 1ST JUNE CINCSA'S 0957 16TH MAY AND
 CINCEI'S 1547 14TH MAY.**

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(4) ITALIANS WILL BE TOLD THAT NO FUEL WILL BE AVAILABLE GIBRALTAR

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC COMSOUWESPACFOR	PPPPPP
RELEASED BY DYER			ROUTINE
DATE 23 JULY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2106/23			PRIORITY
DECODED BY TRAMPOSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HEINE			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

GERMAN 232056 NCR9078

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attached
 MY 042204 JUNE. SS TATUTA MARU DEPARTS YOKOHAMA ABOUT 30 JULY TO ARRIVE SHANGHAI 2 AUGUST LEAVING 3RD TO ARRIVE SAIGON 8TH LEAVING 9TH TO ARRIVE VICINITY SINGAPORE 11TH LEAVING 13TH TO ARRIVE LOURENCO MARQUES ABOUT 27TH. SS KAMAKURA MARU DEPARTS YOKOHAMA ABOUT 10 AUGUST TO ARRIVE KOBE 11TH LEAVING 12TH TO ARRIVE SHANGHAI 14TH LEAVING 16TH TO ARRIVE VICINITY SINGAPORE 22ND LEAVING 24TH TO ARRIVE LOURENCO MARQUES ABOUT 7 SEPT. THESE EXCHANGE VESSELS TRAVEL UNDER STATE DEPARTMENT SAFE CONDUCT AND SHOULD NOT BE MOLESTED OR INTERFERED WITH. BOTH ARE MARKED SIMILAR TO THE ASAMA MARU DESCRIBED IN ABOVE REFERENCE, TATUTA IS LIKE ASMA. KAMAKURA IS 17,497 GROSS TONS 170 METERS LONG WITH 1 FUNNEL AND CRUISER STERN. SPEEDS 16 KNOTS. ALL DATES APPROXIMATE.

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DATE 17 JULY 1942	INFORMATION	ADMIRALTY RAWA SO(1) FREETOWN BAD	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1538/7			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SHEFFIELD			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY LT FULTON

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TEXT	RECEIVED BY HAND FROM BAD.		

SWEDISH SHIP GRIPSHOLM LEFT RIO DE JANEIRO P.M. 4TH JULY FOR LOURENCO MARQUES WITH 1500 JAPANESE DIPLOMATS AND OTHER UNDESIRABLES FROM SOUTH AMERICA STATES. OF THESE 383 ARE FROM EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES IN BRAZIL. SHIP DUE 17TH JULY.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	F-351	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	DYER		COMSOUWESPACFOR	RRRRR
DATE	4 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION	Franklin D. Roosevelt Library DECLASSIFIED DDO DIR. 5200.1 (9/27/89)	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	2345/2218			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	SCHULZE/PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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Date- 10-1-71

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SS ASAMA MARU DEPARTS NAGASAKI ABOUT 4 JUNE ARRIVES
 KOBE 5TH DEPARTS 7TH ARRIVES YOKOHAMA 8TH DEPARTS 10TH
 PASSING TO SOUTH OF FORMOSA ARRIVES HONG KONG 15TH
 DEPARTS 16TH ARRIVES SAIGON 19TH DEPARTS 20TH ARRIVES
 PROXIMITY SINGAPORE 22ND DEPARTS 26TH CROSSING STRAIT
 OF MALACCA THEN SOUTH OF MAURITIUS ISLANDS REUNION AND
 MADAGASCAR ARRIVING LOUENCO MARQUES ABOUT 9 OR 10 JULY
 X SS CONTI VERDE DEPARTS SHANGHAI ABOUT 5 JUNE ARRIVES
 NAGASAKI 7TH ARRIVES KOBE BY 11TH ARRIVES SHANGHAI 13TH
 DEPARTS 16TH ARRIVES PROXIMITY SINGAPORE 23RD DEPARTS
 26TH FOLLOWING SAME ITINERARY AS ASAMA MARU X
 THESE EXCHANGE VESSELS TRAVEL UNDER SAFE CONDUCT FROM
 JUNE 10TH AND SHOULD NOT BE MOLESTED OR INTERFERED WITH X
 VESSELS HAVE GREY HULLS X WHITE DECKHOUSES X BLACK FUNNELS
 X TWO WHITE CROSSES WITH JAPANESE ENSIGN BETWEEN ON EACH
 SIDE OF HULL AMIDSHIPS X WHITE CROSS EACH SIDE OF BOW AND

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STERN
 STERN X JAPANESE ENSIGN PAINTED ON TOP OF FOREDECK AND
 CARGO HATCH X WHITE CROSS ON TOP OF QUARTERDECK CARGO
 HATCH BOTH ENDS OF BRIDGE EXCEPT THAT CONTI VERDE HAS CROSS
 IN MIDDLE OF ROOF BRIDGE X ^{AP}JAPANESE ENSIGN AT FOREMAST X
 WHITE CROSS BOTH SIDES OF FUNNELS X NORMAL LIGHTS AT NIGHT
 PLUS MAINMAST VERTICAL LIGHT SERIES GREEN RED GREEN RED
 VISIBLE AROUND HORIZON X CROSSES ILLUMINATED X
 ASAMA MARU 16,975 GROSS TONS 170.69 METERS 2 FUNNELS
 CRUISER STERN X CONTI VERDE 18,765 GROSS TONS 600 FEET
 2 FUNNELS ELLIPTICAL STERN X BOTH VESSELS MAKE 16 KNOTS X

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