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TO: Col. Chester Hammond, White House Map Room
FROM: John Magruder, Brig. Gen.
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Deputy Director, OSS -- Intelligence Service

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Germany: Internal Conditions and Rumors

The following observations, made by secret sources obviously familiar with conditions inside Germany, have been relayed by the OSS representative in Bern:

1. The last big raid on Berlin started over 1,000 fires, of which the Fire Department was capable of handling only some 250.
2. The dropping of food cards has been effective, and if greatly increased might disrupt governmental rationing regulations.
3. Regionalism is beginning to develop in German sentiment, accompanied by the slow growth of an anti-Prussian attitude.
4. The morale of the troops is tougher than that of civilians.
5. There has been a sharp increase in German convoy losses in the English Channel.
6. It is reported that, while the reign of terror persists, the Hitler salute has practically been discontinued and no one believes in total victory now.
7. Refugees from bombed areas have been placed in the dwellings of dispossessed old people, who are lodged in asylums.

(OSS Official Dispatches, #3101, 146-151, Bern, May 20 and 22, 1943)

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Italy: Miscellaneous Reports and Rumors

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the following information:

1. Unconfirmed reports state that substantial units of the Italian fleet are still based at Spezia. Units of the Trieste area are probably at Pola.

2. From another source comes a report that 120 Italian Senators have urged the King to initiate peace negotiations. The King replied that as a constitutional monarch he was powerless, and that Mussolini had the confidence of the chambers.

3. The same source reports evidence that German troops are withdrawing from Southern Italy.

(OSS Official Dispatch #173-176, Bern, May 25, 1943)

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Spain: Reports and Rumors from Madrid

From the OSS representative in Madrid:

1. The latest crop of rumors include the following:

If the Allies take the Azores, Spain would enter the war on Germany's side because of the Portuguese agreement and German pressure. Military leaders are planning to replace Franco and his regime. The monarchists, undecided on the opportune moment for a restoration, are restless and confused.

2. The OSS representative is of the opinion that it would be an error to attempt to bully Spain into a pro-ally stand now. Spain will continue to swing toward us provided Spain and Portugal are not on the Allies' program of action.

3. A very reliable source states that highly placed Spanish military men greatly fear an allied move on Morocco.

(OSS Official Dispatch #25, Madrid, May 25, 1943)

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Italy: Mounting Fear and Unrest

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the following information secured from reliable sources:

1. Anti-Fascist demonstrations in Italy on May 1 resulted in 10,000 arrests, though the magnitude of the opposition took the police by surprise. Tanks had to be used against street demonstrations which were especially intense in Trieste, Spezia, Livorno, and Torre del Greco (near Naples).

2. Many arrests were made in a raid on Communist Headquarters at Milan. In order to reduce disorders, Trieste has not been blacked out for two weeks. In the Arsa mines near Trieste 1500 workers are on strike. The authorities are afraid to take vigorous action against them.

3. Ten Italian divisions, earmarked for the Russian front, have been withheld for the defense of the peninsula. Negotiations are in process with the Germans for the removal of Italian forces from Greece. Occupation troops will be kept only in France, Croatia, and Dalmatia.

4. German military forces are being reduced except for G.A.F. troops and anti-aircraft units in Sicily.

5. Italy is withdrawing its workers from Germany.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #156-162, Bern, May 24, 1943)

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Germany: Hitler's Inner Circle

The OSS representative in Bern has been reliably informed that the following now comprise Hitler's inner circle:

Himmler, Goebbels, Goering, Dr. Lgy, Albert Speer^{1/}, Bormann^{2/}, Bouhler^{3/}, Wolff^{4/}, Ruppen^{5/}, and Oberg^{6/}.

Goebbels, Wolff, and Himmler are the "last ditch fighters" of the circle. Wolff's contact with the SS is reported even closer than Himmler's. Accordingly, he is more important than generally believed.

Speer is described as not politically minded, while Goering is said not to realize the seriousness of the German position (difficult to believe).

Borman is reported the most influential as well as the most corrupt member of the entourage. He has long been reputed a drunkard. General Zeitzler is Bormann's best friend; Bouhler his worst enemy. Bormann is disliked by the Party because of the favoritism he has displayed to relieve friends from the total mobilization measure.

(OSS Official Dispatch #3115, Bern, May 21, 1943)

- 1/ Albert Speer, Minister for Munitions, Head of the Todt Organization.
- 2/ Martin Bormann, Deputy Fueher, and sometimes described as successor to Hess. Leader of the Nazi Party Chancellery.
- 3/ Philipp Bouhler, Leader of the Fueher's Chancellery.
- 4/ Richard Wolff, adjutant of Himmler, a chief of the newly-reorganized German espionage system.
- 5/ Ruppen: identity unknown.
- 6/ Oberg: identity unknown. Mentioned as one of Hitler's "military associates."

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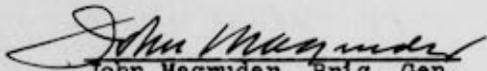
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Croatia: German Suspicion of Pavelich Administration

A reliable Bern report states that Himmler, during his visit to Zagreb indulged in a thorough-going housecleaning of the Croatian administration. If necessary the Germans will even replace Pavelich by a German Commissar. The housecleaning is designed to sidetrack all Croats friendly to Italy many of whom, the Germans believe, would follow Rome rather than Berlin in the event of difficulties between them.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #3080, Bern, May 20, 1943)

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De Gaulle and Giraud: Criticism of U.S. Policy

Syria and Lebanon: Situation Quarter

1. It is the personal opinion of a well-informed American observer in North Africa that the negotiations between De Gaulle and Giraud have reached a crisis which is involved with question whether future European operations will be under British or American command. French factions begin to fear that they are pawns in this controversy. ~~no advocate an Arab Federation~~

~~point out the fact that although Moslem Arabs are anti-Franc~~ 2. Certain Americans suspect that De Gaulle will come to an agreement with the British whereby, in exchange for rights at Bizerte and elsewhere in the French empire, the British will put De Gaulle in power. Our observer cannot credit this.

3. He firmly believes, however, that continuation of our apparent policy of supporting Giraud to the exclusion of De Gaulle will result in alienating the mass of Frenchmen both at home and in North Africa.

4. He further believes that the Russians will misinterpret our apparent support of reputedly Fascist elements in North Africa.

5. For the first time De Gaulle reacted favorably to the new proposals of Giraud. Catroux is expected to return from London shortly bringing De Gaulle with him.

(OSS Official Dispatch #171, Algiers, May 21, 1943)

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Syria and Lebanon: Situation Quieter

The OSS representative in Beirut sends the following information from reliable sources:

Since the expulsion of the Palestine Communist leaders, the Syria-Lebanon agitation has quieted. Moslem leaders who advocate an Arab federation point out the fact that although Moslem Arabs are anti-French, Christian Arabs are the opposite.

(OSS Official Dispatch #38-40, Beirut, May 22, 1943)

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Italy: Composition of the Commands, etc.

The following report from Stockholm was secured from a reliable source:

1. All operations in Italy, south of Rome, including the islands, are now under the supreme command of Badoglio, with Graziani serving under him. Badoglio accepted this post only on condition that his General Staff be entirely Italian.

2. Di Bono is General Inspector for North Italy, including occupied French territory. The coastal defenses from Rome through Genoa to Menton, including Sardinia, are under Cavallero.

3. Sardinia, La Spezia, and Sicily are under military passport control. Orders have been issued for complete evacuation of civilians from La Spezia and Civitavecchia.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #10, Stockholm, May 22, 1943)

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Rumania: A Conference of Diplomats at Bucharest

The OSS representative at Bern transmits the following report obtained from reliable sources:

A conference has been called at Bucharest for the Rumanian ministers to Madrid, Stockholm, and Bern. In connection with this, an OSS agent has learned that the allegedly "traitorous" activities of Rumanian diplomats in maintaining contacts with the Anglo-Saxons caused Hitler to threaten Antonescu. This may explain the projected conference.

(OSS Official Dispatch #135, 136, Bern, May 22, 1943)

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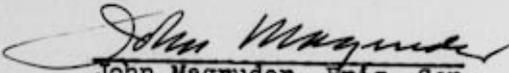
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A New Approach to Admiral Robert?

The OSS representative in Bern sends the following information secured from an excellent source:

1. Strict German control prevents Vichy naval authorities from giving instructions to Robert. Laval's standing orders are to scuttle the ships rather than let the Allies have them.

2. However, Vichy circles friendly to us, believe that in view of the Tunisian victory, a new approach to Robert by Giraud might be successful at this time.

(OSS Official Dispatch #125-127, Bern, May 19, 1943)

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Nogues Arrests De Gaullist Demonstrators

The OSS representative at Casablanca transmits the following reliable report:

On May 13 a movie audience in Rabat, composed largely of government employees, demonstrated enthusiastically after seeing the film, "Victory in the Desert." Four American officers participated, and a few cries of "Down with Nogues" were heard.

On May 15 Nogues ordered the arrest of six De Gaullist leaders who helped the demonstration on the official ground: "Demonstration in favor of De Gaulle in the presence of foreign officials." (The American and British Consuls were present).

The six De Gaullists were arrested.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #11, Casablanca, May 19, 1943)

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Italy: Warnings Against Allied Overconfidence

1. The British Ministry of Information is warning newspaper correspondents against stories and reports that Italy's collapse is imminent. Such reports are not of British origin, nor is there any indication that they are Axis propaganda.

2. Informed British circles are anxious over initial signs that American policy toward Italy may be one of diplomatic maneuver.

(OSS Official Dispatch #21151, London, May 21, 1943)

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Spanish Morocco: Italian Penetration

The OSS representative at Tangier transmits the following information:

1. The recent report* that Italian aviators had arrived in Morocco wearing Spanish uniforms has been confirmed by the original source, as well as by a lieutenant of the Spanish Army.

2. The lieutenant commented that the original plan was to exchange Spanish Moroccan aviators for Italian so that the former could get Tunisian combat experience, and the latter could garrison this area.

*OSS Official Dispatch #9, Tangier, May 4, 1943)

(OSS Official Dispatch #12, Tangier, May 17, 1943)

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American-Free French Relations at lowest Ebb

In London, according to the OSS office there, the general impression seems to be that American-De Gaulle relations are at the moment at the lowest ebb in many months. The Office has learned from official American sources that De Gaulle refused permission to American authorities to send Army or Navy observers to Madagascar.

(OSS Official Dispatch #18171, London, May 18, 1943)

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Evidence of Axis Intentions Toward Turkey?

The OSS representative in Cairo sends the following information from good or usually reliable sources:

1. On April 25, five battalions of German paratroopers were sent to Crete.
2. Fifty thousand German-Turkish dictionaries, received by the German Command at Athens, are to be forwarded to Salonika.
3. On April 27 two Italian regiments were sent to Larissa, Greece. Since then, they have been transferred to Thrace.
4. It is reported that the Germans have printed posters depicting a Greek fighting a Turk with the caption: "This is the Enemy."
5. On May 9, 3200 Italian soldiers were shipped to Rhodes, according to a British source.

(OSS Official Dispatch #59, Cairo, May 17, 1943)

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Litvinoff's View of Russo-American Relations

Ambassador Litvinoff arrived in Cairo on May 16 en route to Moscow. From a very responsible source who was on Litvinoff's plane, the OSS representative there secured the following information:

1. Litvinoff is taking back very favorable reports to Moscow for Stalin.

2. Litvinoff will insist on the closest and most friendly relations with the U.S. both now and after the war.

(OSS Official Dispatch, Cairo, May 17, 1943)

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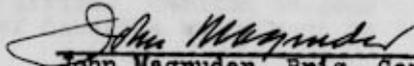
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Views of M. Tixier on De Gaulle, and of M. Comert on Giraud

The following comments were made by M. Tixier in the course of a conversation with an officer of OSS in London:

1. Tixier confessed that inexperience had caused some mistakes in London, and that he was somewhat disappointed in the French situation there at the moment.
2. He still felt that De Gaulle's unimpeachable moral position and his wide support in France made compromise impossible.
3. Tixier's main fear is that Giraud's administration reflects a tendency toward military dictatorship. The Free French wish the Civil Government to be superior to the military and to have the Civil Government recognized by the U.S. as on a par with other governments-in-exile.
4. There are at present no plans for De Gaulle to visit North Africa. Carlton Gardens considered Giraud's appointment of Labarthe an affront to the Free French.

The following estimate of Giraud was given by M. Comert of the Free French Organization who returned to London May 13 from a trip to Algeria.

1. He believes that the prospects of unity are favorable, being much impressed by Giraud's sincerity, and also by the popular sentiment for De Gaulle.
2. Comert acknowledges that Giraud is not decisive; and is convinced that Boisson, Peyrouton and Nogues must go.
3. Giraud fears the mystic idea De Gaulle entertains about himself, as well as the way the Free French have built up De Gaulle as a personal idol along Hitler lines.

(OSS Official Dispatch #13441, London, May 13, 1943)

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Further Defections in Laval's Entourage?

1. An unconfirmed report that Admiral Platon, arch-collaborationist, and formerly a Secretary of State in Laval's government, attempted to flee to Switzerland with his colleague, Benoist-Mechin. Having no Swiss visa, he was turned back and subsequently detained by the French police.

2. Persistent reports involve Platon and Benoist-Mechin, as well as others, in a plot against Laval.

(OSS Official Dispatch #78, 79, Bern, May 11, 1943)

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Tangier: Spanish Reaction to the Allied Victory

The Allied victory in Tunisia has caused the following reactions in Spanish North Africa:

The Falange are pulling long faces. Spaniards of the middle class are uneasy. The rest of the Spanish and Jews are jubilant. The Moors are split but the majority are believed to be pleased.

(OSS Official Dispatch #11, Tangier, May 10, 1943)

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Interview with General Giraud

A Strategic Services officer makes the following report on his interview with Giraud at the general's request on May 6:

1. Giraud was cordial. He expressed great appreciation of OSS cooperation especially in helping to effect the release of much-needed French officers from Spanish detention camps.

2. The general disapproved of the American policy of sending gasoline, wheat, etc., to Spain in view of present Spanish policy toward the Allies and pro-ally Frenchmen.

3. He said that the French were bewildered by the American stand. Giraud hoped that the U.S. would exert greater pressure on Spain after the Tunisian campaign, at least to the extent of forcing the Spanish to allow Frenchmen to go to North Africa.

4. The Strategic Services officer replied that he was not in a position to speak for our government and suggested that Giraud take up the matter with the authorities in North Africa. Meanwhile, he assured the general that OSS would continue all possible efforts to release the detained French officers.

(OSS Official Dispatch #123, Algiers, May 9, 1943)

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Italy: May Day Resistance Demonstrations ~~Unionists~~

The OSS representative in Bern sends the following report secured from reliable sources:

1. The May first Socialist demonstrations against the regime in Italy were very effective. Special issues of socialist and trade unions' newspapers were distributed in large editions.

2. The Socialist Party, to which a number of other Anti-Fascist groups have adhered for resistance action, will issue a special appeal to the Italian army on June 1.

3. The absence of a U.S. declaration on peace terms for Italy is generally deplored.

(OSS Official Dispatch #68-92, Bern, May 13, 1943)

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French North Africa: Liberation of Trade Unionists

Practically all trade unionists have been liberated from concentration camps. Pucheu arrived secretly in North Africa. Giraud ordered him held in the Territoire du Sud.

(OSS Official Dispatch #134, Algiers, May 12, 1943)

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French West Africa: Franco-American Relations

An American naval officer just arrived at Lagos from Dakar says that all the French in Dakar are helpful and friendly. Another observer, however, feels that the French and English enjoy publicizing the misbehavior of Americans. In addition they stress the difference in pay, particularly the difference in American labor's reactions and their salaries.

(OSS Official Dispatch #122, Accra, May 12, 1943)

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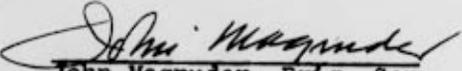
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A Report of Swiss Mobilization

A report, transmitted by an OSS agent in Madrid, and rated very reliable, states that Switzerland has received a note from Germany asking her to take measures to insure adequate defense in the event of an allied invasion through Italy.

In response the Swiss stated they would defend their territory with arms. The Germans then asked if Switzerland was strong enough for such a defense. As a reply to this inquiry the Swiss have fully mobilized.

(OSS Official Dispatch #15, Madrid, May 8, 1943)

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Another Rumor of Separate Peace between Russia and Germany

The OSS representative in Algiers transmits the following report: In order of probability he describes the rumor as (a) true, (b) German propaganda, (c) French propaganda to hasten the second front.

1. The French Communist Party on May 3 warned its cells not to be surprised at negotiations for a separate peace between Hitler and Stalin.

2. On May 6 the Toulon cell received a warning not to be astonished at such a peace with restoration of 1939 borders, since the Red Army felt it might be unable to continue its success in view of 1942 losses. This, combined with the failure to open a second front in the West, might induce Russia to accept a compromise.

(OSS Official Dispatch #125, Algiers, May 9, 1943)

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France: Flight of Benoist-Mechin

According to a reliable report, M. Benoist-Mechin, the Vichy ex-secretary of State and notorious collaborator, has taken refuge in Geneva without revealing his identity.

(OSS Official Report #51-53, Bern, May 7, 1943)

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Germany: Gas Warfare; Activity on Swiss Border

The OSS London Office transmits the following information from reliable British sources:

1. As of March 27 the Nazis were instructing German civilians, railwaymen, and soldiers at Laon on the subject of gas. Gas masks were often being carried by German officers.

2. From a reportedly dependable source of May 6, we learn of increased German activity along the Swiss border. Sources close to the Spanish pretender state that in the event of disaffection in Italy the German High Command plans to go through Switzerland.

(OSS Official Dispatch #08480, London, May 8, 1943)

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France: Trade Unions and Resistance

The London Office of OSS transmits the following reliable information:

1. Representatives of the French Trade unions of both zones again on April 19 declared their loyalty to De Gaulle without a dissenting voice.
2. Reconstruction of the Trade Unions is being carried forward in both zones under the Resistance banner.
3. In the northern zone a genuine liaison has been effected with the French Christian Trade Union; in the south the alliance is still based only on joint resistance without fusion.
4. The active resisters in the north are much more concerned with problems of social and economic organization than those in the south.

(OSS Official Dispatch #10482, London, May 10, 1943)

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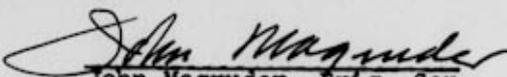
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French North Africa: De Gaullist Activities

1. The OSS representative in Casablanca has learned from a very reliable source that Pierre Parent has declined the leadership of a new association of war veterans sponsored by Giraud.

2. Instead, Parent will become head of a union of all De Gaullist groups in Morocco. (1943)

3. This presages a political battle between the French republicans on the one hand, and the Fascists, Royalists, and supporters of the Nogues regime on the other. The object is to remove Nogues.

(OSS Official Dispatch #8, Casablanca, May 5, 1943)

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Swedish Vessel Torpedoed and Sunk

The 10,000-ton Swedish steamer, Nanking, was torpedoed and sunk, presumably by a German submarine, while en route from Capetown to Liverpool with a cargo of magnesium and bauxite.

(OSS Official Dispatch #52, Monrovia, May 7, 1943)

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No British Policy on War Criminals

The London Office of OSS informs us that there is no indication that the British government has defined "war criminals" or has decided on a policy in this connection.

(OSS Official Dispatch #07172, London, May 7, 1943)

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The Netherlands: Resistance Groups

The London Office of OSS transmits the following report secured from reliable sources:

1. About 10 days ago (April 25) an attempt was made to organize a Resistance Committee composed of 12 representatives of industry, unions, and teachers; as well as the four major political parties: Conservative, Roman Catholic, Social Democratic, and Anti-Revolutionary.

2. Although the attempt failed owing to Nazi discovery, the effort is significant. It marks the first time that representatives of industry and labor, as well as of the four political parties have united for action. Moreover, this movement was civilian as opposed to the semi-military character of existing resistance groups.

(OSS Official Dispatch #05127, London, May 5, 1943)

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France: Labor Movement and Resistance

The London Office of OSS sends the following information from reliable sources:

1. Vigorous resistance continues. It is most successful when workers manage to escape to the country or mountains. In urban areas resistance is rendered all but impossible by Nazi street-to-street comb-outs.
2. The compulsory labor draft restricts the effort to reconstruct trade unions, but these efforts continue despite increased bitterness and discouragement.
3. Among the railway workers, successful propaganda has enabled the Communists to make large gains.

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Col. Chester Hammond
White House Map Room
The White House

Dear Col. Hammond:

I am enclosing herewith some copies of the Trend Memoranda about which I spoke to you over the telephone. You will note that the conclusions shown in the beginning are all that I wish to call to your attention. The analysis of information is, of course, more lengthy than you would have any occasion to use.

I shall be very glad to get your reaction to this type of memorandum which occasionally pulls together the scattered bits of secret information.

Sincerely yours,

John Magruder

John Magruder, Brig. Gen.
Deputy Director, OSS -- Intelligence Service

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SUBJECT: Memorandum on Inter Allied Strains in Syria and Lebanon

I. CONCLUSIONS FROM CURRENT INFORMATION

Evidence of the stirring of Arab opinion on the part of the Axis against America because of her apparent support of the Zionist cause in Palestine is plentiful and the situation is definitely dangerous. In this connection a plan for presentation to the Joint Chiefs of Staff is under development in the Psychological Warfare Staff. There is, however, additional evidence that the Zionist question is becoming a point of friction among the Allies. The Fighting French show signs of using it for their own political advantage in Syria and Lebanon. There are indications that the British are using it to bolster their position vis a vis the Americans.

Further attempts of the French to discredit their Allies and to strengthen their own position are indicated by their tolerance of increasing Communist activities while allowing the blame in the eyes of the Moslems to fall on their Allies, and by their reported intentions to manipulate the coming elections to their advantage.

The situation is disturbing and should be noted.

II. SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION

Anti-American outbreaks in Beirut and Damascus were reported by our agents and consular officials toward the end

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of December 1942. In January and February there followed several reports from different sources.

(1) One of our Beirut agents reported on January 18, 1943 (Evaluation A-0) "None of my messages on rising Arab temperature have not seemed too repetitious. It appears that the following factors are involved: a) concerted drive by Nazi Arab leaders to make Arab trouble in the Near East to embarrass Allies; b) French acquiescence in the movement (perhaps even assistance) in the hope that it will make the United States and Great Britain more unpopular than France and thus at the peace table the Near East will want French supervision rather than that of pro-Jewish United States or Great Britain. The senators helped both parties a lot." (The reference to "the senators" is to Senator Wagner's Zionist committee and to the Congressional signatories to the "Proclamation on the Moral Rights of Stateless and Palestinian Jews." Both were fully publicized in the press of Palestine.)

(2) A "reliable" British source reporting on January 29, 1943 a conversation between M. Lepissier, Free French Secretary General in Syria, and Shukri Kuwatli, leader of the Syrian Nationalist Bloc, states that after discussing French-Syrian disagreements "M. Lepissier then expressed the hope that both sides had been taught useful lessons by their past mistakes, and would realize that their common interest could only be safeguarded by mutual understanding. France (continued M. Lepissier) desired Syria to be independent, but did not wish French influence to be replaced by that of another power. Thus, it was in the interest of the Syrians to collaborate with France alone, and not to allow themselves to be deceived by Anglo-Saxon propaganda, behind which the world Jewry was ranged. Surely the present situation in Palestine should provide an adequate example of the danger of such collaboration."

(3) Reporting on French propaganda in Syria and Lebanon our agent (same as (1) above) writes as of February 22, 1943: "Influential Frenchmen in official positions have met Moslem Arab leaders in Damascus and Beirut to warn them against British and American influence in Syria and Lebanon and to urge them to continue under French leadership. The single point stressed in both the warning against British and American influence and the appeal for co-operation with the French was the Jewish problem." According to our agent the argument of these French propagandists runs somewhat as follows:

In the past, French policy has been to prohibit Jewish colonization in Syria and Lebanon and to oppose Jewish investments and influence. The French have

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always taken the Arabs' side in their struggle against the Jews and have given refuge to Moslem leaders when the British sought to arrest them for anti-Jewish agitation. The pro-Jewish attitude of the United States has helped the Jews to gain their strong position in Palestine but the French have consistently resisted American-Jewish propaganda in Syria and Lebanon.

At present both Great Britain and the United States favor the Jews in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon in the establishment and servicing of their bases, in awarding contracts and in leasing land. The United States is now trying to court Arab favor by interfering in the coming elections in Syria and Lebanon but only to gain Arab confidence so that Jewish colonists and capital can follow American influence into Syria and Lebanon.

After the war the French will vigorously oppose the pro-Jewish policy of the United States and Great Britain in so far as it effects all Arab countries. If Syria and Lebanon elect to remain under French control, France will prohibit Jewish immigration, and restrict the importation of Jewish goods and capital into the two countries.

(4) Concerning an alleged British attempt to shift blame for the Zionist problem on the United States the report from which (3) is quoted contains this statement: "Arab leaders allege that Great Britain is trying to throw the blame for not solving the Jewish problem onto the United States, and that British officials out here want to pass the problem on to the United States. British censors suppress all pro-Jewish news from England and allow pro-Jewish press reports from America to be published and even emphasized, thus helping build up the impression among Arabs that the United States is extremely pro-Jewish."

(5) Of the French tolerating increasing Communist activities with a view to discrediting their allies in Moslem eyes a "well informed" British report of February 7, 1943 on this subject includes a quotation from a secret memorandum submitted by Commandant Bellet, the Free French Special Service Officer at Damascus, to General Collet on February 2. The concluding paragraph of Bellet's letter is especially pointed, reading in translation: "Axis propaganda and Moslem opinion have hitherto taunted only the English and the Americans with supporting the Communists and the Jews; it is, in my opinion, more than ever essential, for the sake of French prestige in Syria, that we use every endeavor to leave our Anglo-Saxon allies in the exclusive possession of this privilege."

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(6) Reported in our agent's dispatch of February 22, 1943 (from which (3) and (4) are drawn) is the rumor that the French will spend one million Syrian pounds to campaign for their candidates in the coming elections. That this rumor is not without foundation is borne out in a State Department cable of April 2, 1943 wherein it is reported that serious bread riots may take place "if the French try to manipulate" the elections.

The material here presented is of course closely related to French-British friction over control of Syria and Lebanon. It is segregated from the abundant evidence on that subject because it directly involves the United States. A complete study of interallied frictions in the Near East would find plentiful material from intelligence sources.

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SUBJECT: GROWING ZIONIST PRESSURES

I. CONCLUSIONS FROM CURRENT INFORMATION

Activity of the Zionists in promoting the plan for the Zionist state in Palestine and for the organization there of a Jewish army shows a recent intensification. This is evident both in the Middle East and in America, on which the Zionists seem to have concentrated energies which were formerly directed at England. These activities are of such a nature as to exacerbate Arab opinion, tending to produce the conviction on the part of the Arabs that they have little to gain and much to lose from an Allied victory. Zionist activities in America are fully reported in Axis radio broadcasts beamed to the Arab world, as well as being publicized in the Zionist press in Palestine.

II. SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION

A. Although early in the war Arabs and Zionists mutually agreed to suspend political activities in order to avoid embarrassment to a Britain at war, and though the American Arab National League voluntarily dissolved in 1941, six months before Pearl Harbor, Zionist propaganda and pressure both in America and Palestine has been intensifying markedly. Since December 7, 1942, full page advertisements promoting a Jewish army of stateless and Palestinian Jews have been common in the American press; widespread organizing of American non-Jewish support for the Jewish army and the Zionist state has been promoted in connection with aid for Jewish refugees from Europe; the pageant "We Will Never Die," which plugs the same themes, has been put on in New

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York and Washington and is planned for a road tour; and on April 13 a full-page advertisement in the New York Times openly sought support for the Zionist State in Palestine. These activities have alarmed Arab opinion to such an extent that in America there has been a call for revival of the Arab National League, and, in Palestine, Arab antagonism has grown to an explosive condition described by a Zionist editor in Palestine as being comparable to that of 1936, the year of the armed rebellion. The situation is dangerous.

B. Jewish groups in Palestine which do not favor extreme political Zionism have been subjected to terrorism by the "disciplinary sections" of the two illegal Zionist armed groups, the Hagana and the Irgun Zvai Leumi. The alarm of these non-Zionist Jews is such that the left-wing Communist group is reported to be organizing for armed resistance to the Zionists and cooperation with the Arabs.

C. David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertok, the latter now in the United States, are reported to have stated to Zionist groups in Palestine that they wanted all Jews possible to join the British forces in Palestine in order to secure military training and arms for the eventual defense of the Zionist state.

D. Zionist representatives from Palestine have been in contact with the Maronites of Lebanon in an attempt to secure the cooperation of this Christian minority against the Moslems.

E. The Zionists are reported to be planning to send a delegation to the Jews of North Africa to enlist their support for the Zionist state in Palestine.

F. Alarmed by Iraq's declaration of war, which will secure Arab representation at the peace table, the Zionists are broadcasting in Kurdish to Iraq and are seeking to foment a Kurdish separatist movement which will embarrass the Iraq government, and discredit it in the eyes of the other United Nations.

G. The Zionist press in Palestine has given all possible publicity to evidences of American support of Zionism: the Proclamation on the Rights of Stateless and Palestinian Jews, signed by 123 Congressmen, 41 senators and numerous other public officials; the petition to the President, organized by Senator Wagner's committee; public statements favorable to the Jews by the President, Senator Barkley, Mr. Millkie, ex-governor Lehman and others. These items are also broadcast in Arabic by the Axis

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radios, with a resultant deterioration in Arab feeling for the American people which has culminated in anti-American demonstrations in Beirut, Damascus and other cities.

Note: No reference has been made to accession numbers of original reports from which the foregoing have been summarized. They are much more numerous than the seven subjects presented. The majority of them come from British sources, with several from our own agents and other sources.

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SUBJECT: The Reinforcement of the Spanish Army in Morocco

I. CONCLUSIONS FROM CURRENT INFORMATION:

The long-term reinforcement of the Spanish Army in Morocco has recently been greatly accelerated by the sending of a number of recruits to the Spanish zone, without any indication as to when an equivalent number of men will be withdrawn from service as is the usual practice. The significance of these moves is not immediately clear.

The reinforcements dovetail in very neatly with the shipments of quantities of materiel to Spanish Morocco in recent months. It is well known that large sections of the Army are anti-Ally but there is no indication that the Spanish Military leaders are prepared to fight the armies occupying the French zone. However, the seriousness of the matter is emphasized by the events in Tunisia, and the possibility of the Axis exploiting the threat implicit in the presence of an enlarged Spanish Army at the rear of the Anglo-American Expeditionary Force.

II. Summary and Analysis of the Information:

A. The Spanish Army in Morocco has been increased steadily during the last year and a half. In November 1941 these troops were approximately 115,000 in number. By June 1942 they were estimated as numbering 140,000 by General Orgaz himself, though Colonel Solberg about the same time estimated that there may have been as many as 180,000 troops in Spanish Morocco.

After examining a number of estimates it would seem that the minimum number of troops in this area at the time of the Anglo-American invasion of French North Africa was about 150,000.

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The exact battle order of Spanish Morocco has always been hard to determine, inasmuch as the Spanish troop movements to Morocco have not always involved specific units but rather additions to units already stationed there. This is illustrated by a report of February 8, 1943, telling of 3 Battalions arriving in R'gaia from Sevilla to join Artillery Regiment No. 49.

B. In recent months there have been numerous reports of the shipment of military supplies and materiel of all sorts to Spanish Morocco. These reports have been reliable indications of the Spanish intention to reinforce their army, especially in the frontier districts.

C. During January and February of 1943 a very significant increase in the strength of the Spanish Army took place by means of the recruiting of native troops in many districts of Spanish Morocco and the incorporation of most labor battalions into the regular army. The indications are that this recruiting of natives has continued to the present time and that native troops have been considerably increased thereby.

D. The most considerable reinforcement, however, has been due to the adding of new recruits during March and April 1943. It is apparent that a general augmentation in the size of the various corps is intended. A review of recent reports from both metropolitan Spain and from the Spanish Zone of Morocco shows both the extent and the inherent seriousness in this trend.

Reports of February 1943 indicate that in the 4th Military District of Catalonia a lottery was used to determine which men were to be sent to Africa, and that it was intended to send 25% of the 1943 class in that region to the Spanish Zone of Morocco.

Reports from other sections of metropolitan Spain tell of similar selections being made. Whether or not all these reinforcements were collected in this manner, it is true that by the end of March and the first part of April 1943, a number of reports were being received, indicating that large numbers of recruits were arriving in Spanish Morocco, while only small numbers were being sent back to metropolitan Spain.

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Report of March 23, 1943: During the last week 200 soldiers left for Spain from Ceuta, but every day 50 to 60 soldiers arrived in Ceuta from the Peninsula.

According to a report of April 1, 1943, on March 25 and 26, 1,000 troops arrived at Ceuta on each day and between that time and the 2nd of April additional thousands were expected.

A report on March 31, 1943 from Malaga states that 3,000 soldiers without arms or equipment from the class of 1943, were scheduled to leave for Melilla to replace others, supposedly returning. (There has been no confirmation of any large groups returning from Melilla.)

A report dated April 2, 1943 stated that up to and including March 31, 1943, there had arrived there approximately 4,500 troops. The same report indicated that 1,500 recruits were embarked for Villa Sanjurjo on the 31st of March 1943.

Indications from other military regions in Spain suggest very strongly that further reinforcing of the Spanish Army in Morocco is contemplated.

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Reinforcements of the Spanish Army in Morocco

In connection with the "Trend Memorandum" on the above subject, I believe that examination of the State Department's cables permits us to draw some very interesting conclusions:

- (1) State's information is based primarily on the observations of Consul Flood (appointed Nov. 11, 1942) at Ceuta and what information was available at the office of the Military Attache at Tangier. State does not have, of course, observers strategically placed throughout the Spanish Zone. This may account for the variation in some of the State Department reports and those of the OSS.*
- (2) OSS sources have been watching the reinforcement of the Spanish Army in Morocco for some time prior to the State Department's becoming aroused about the situation. This is especially apparent in the many careful OSS reports describing the recruiting of native troops and the incorporation of the labor battalions in the Spanish Army.

Here follows a summary of the development of the situation as seen by State Department eyes:

(1) Cable from Tangier (Mr. Childs to Mr. Hull).
March 26, 1943:

"A thousand or so recruits of the class of 1943 arrived today for the Spanish Army in Morocco. Major Bernardoni (Military Staff, Tangier Legation) was told that 22,000 in all will be received in the next few months, for service in Spanish North Africa. This arrival of recruits is entirely normal. The same thing happened last year at a little later date."

*There is a variation of considerable importance between the OSS and State reports from Melilla. The OSS reports about 4500 men have been landed there; State indicates that the number is 10,000. There is an OSS observer there, but the State Department does not have a consulate nor any official representative in Melilla so far as I can discover.

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(2) Cable from Tangier (Mr. Childs to Mr. Hull).
April 2, 1943.

"Older troops will not be released and returned to Spain until the three months preliminary training of the new recruits is completed."

Reports concerning the number of troops landed at Melilla disagree with figures reported by OSS sources:

(3) Cable from Tangier (Mr. Childs to Mr. Hull).
April 9, 1943.

Mentions 10,000 troops as the number arriving in Melilla from Malaga. Consul Flood doubts now that old recruits are returning to Spain at the rate of 200 to 400 a day.

(4) Cable from Tangier (Mr. Childs to Mr. Hull).
April 13, 1943.

Consul Flood reports that recruits passing through Ceuta are more than twice the number of a year ago. Seasoned troops going to Spain are natives of North Africa who are on duty in the Peninsula. The number of troops actually being discharged in Spain is not very impressive.

At this point, the Department seems to have become worried and cabled to Madrid:

(5) Cable from Washington (Mr. Hull to Mr. Hayes).
April 16, 1943.

....."Flood's report is so serious in its import that a high quarter in Washington wants to have all the information possible on this subject."

Several additional cables from Tangier were hardly calculated to relieve worries of our Government, for example:

(6) Cable from Tangier (Mr. Childs to Mr. Hull).
April 17, 1943.

....."They (the recruits) will be additions to the concentrations in Spanish Morocco..... In the Larache area (near the frontier) all military classes from 1925 to 1935 are said to have been called into active service.....etc. Few soldiers are being discharged into civilian life from the forces here....."

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At this point, Mr. Hull wired Ambassador Hayes his view of the seriousness of the situation:

(7) Cable from Washington (Mr. Hull to Mr. Hayes).
April 18, 1943.

"We feel that the situation which is developing with regard to troop changes in Spanish Morocco should be carefully watched and that you should be ready to ask the Spanish Government about their significance.".....

Hayes replied April 20th, 1943, that both the American Embassy staff and the British in Madrid are watching the situation very closely. --- This is the situation to date on the basis of intelligence thus far received by this office.

I think that this summary is very useful in connection with the OSS reports. The State Department cables complement and add force to the intelligence gathered by OSS sources during the last few months.

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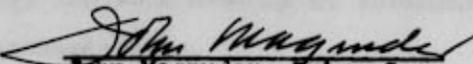
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TO: Col. Chester Hammond, White House Map Room
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Sudeten Opinion on Benes

OSS in London transmits the following report:

1. The Social Democratic Party of Sudeten has no confidence in Benes and his government according to a statement made by a member of that party. Since the Benes government refuse to recognize the Sudeten German claims, Sudeten Social Democrats in Britain are advised to join the British rather than the Czech army.

2. The Social Democrats fear that Benes may make an arrangement with Russia which would end Sudeten German hopes for some measure of autonomy within a reconstituted Czechoslovakia.

(OSS Official Dispatch # 05126, London, May 5, 1943)

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Various Reports on the Balkan Situation

The OSS representative in Cairo sends the following reports from well-informed and well-placed sources:

1. Budapest military and political circles believe that the Germans have failed in their attempts to mobilize Axis satellites for a campaign in the Balkans.

2. Prior to his departure for Berlin, Von Papen requested of the Turkish Foreign Minister assurance that the non-aggression treaty of 1941 between Turkey and Bulgaria was still in force, and that Turkish intentions toward Bulgaria were peaceful.

3. In Berlin Ribbentrop assured the Turkish ambassador that German troops were in the Balkans only for defensive purposes.

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Yugoslavia: Collaborationist Elements

The OSS representative in Cairo sends the following report secured from two independent sources. Reliability, however, cannot be established:

Bosnian-Herzegovinian SS Divisions are being formed in Sarajevo from Bosnian Mohammedans. They are under German officers and wear German uniforms with green fezzes.

(OSS Official Dispatch #35, Cairo, May 4, 1943)

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France: Civilian Evacuation of the Basque Coast Area.

The OSS representative in Madrid sends the following report from a reliable source:

By May 8 all Frenchmen must leave the Basque coast area. The only people allowed to remain are Spaniards, Germans, and Italians. This may be the reason for the requisition of large numbers of trains already reported.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #6, Madrid, May 3, 1943)

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Spanish Morocco: Infiltration of Italian Aviators etc.

The OSS representative in Tangier transmits the following report:

1. Rumors have reached him, as well as the British, that Italian aviators disguised in Spanish uniforms have arrived in the zone. Individual instances have been actually verified, but it is not believed that the number of Italian troops in the zone is large.

2. With reference to the coal strike the newspaper Espana remarked that the difficulties will soon be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

(OSS Official Dispatch #9, Tangier, May 4, 1943)

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Yugoslavia: Possibility of Break with Russia

1. The London Office of OSS believes that in the near future the Yugoslav Government-in-exile may also face a diplomatic break at the hands of the Russians.

2. The May 4 edition of the London Daily Worker launched an attack against the Yugoslav government for not sacking Mihailovich.

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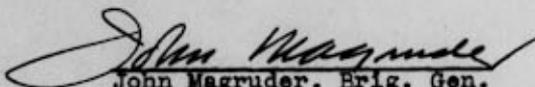
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The Polish-Russian Break: Opinion of Polish Progressives

The London Office of OSS transmits the results of an investigation of the opinions entertained by peasant and labor representatives in the Polish government-in-exile regarding the break with Russia:

1. A desire for and realization of the necessity for an understanding with Russia exists.

2. Sikorski's 1941 arrangement with Russia was approved by the labor and peasant representatives in spite of the opposition of reactionary elements in the government-in-exile.

3. Peasant labor groups have feared that Poland might be forced to accept the Soviet form of government and have tried to impress upon the United Nations the danger of allowing Eastern Europe to be dominated by Russia. The Poles in Poland do not relish this prospect of Russian domination any more than their government in London. This is what lies behind the boundary dispute.

4. Peasant and labor groups were convinced that the missing Polish officers had been executed by the Russians long before the alleged "discovery" at Katyn. Consequently, they could not dismiss the so-called discovery as merely Nazi propaganda.

5. There is, nonetheless, a feeling among these progressive groups that the whole matter has been badly handled. Under the circumstances, the appeal to the Red Cross was ill-advised. However, the progressives favor adoption of the strongest possible line, especially to inform American and British opinion on the magnitude of the Russian problem.

6. Labor and Peasant groups are, in conclusion, willing to accept both the responsibility and the credit for supporting the attitude of the Polish government. They are convinced that they will have the full support of their respective groups in Poland itself.

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Status of the De Gaulle-Giraud Negotiations

The OSS representative in Algiers transmits the following report as of April 30:

1. Giraud has sent a special messenger to London to invite De Gaulle to come to North Africa. While no reply has been received, the Catroux Mission is optimistic about union within eight days to be followed by changes in the French Government in North Africa.

2. Petchekoff of the Mission is less optimistic. He believes that Giraud lacks breadth of vision in non-military matters. An unfortunate impression is spreading in France as well as in French North Africa that the United States does not want the union of French groups.

3. An OSS agent reports, as of April 30, that a delegation of French officers had left for London to submit the following proposals to Giraud, De Gaulle, and the Allies:

(a) France to be considered a zone of operations in which no civilian action, such as sabotage, underground resistance, etc., is to be undertaken.

(b) Establishment of a single French military force for all the French fighting corps both in North Africa and France. Such a force to be considered an Allied army entitled to Lend-Lease.

4. It is possible that agreement in principle to the above proposals has already been reached.

(OSS Official Dispatch #91, Algiers, May 3, 1943)

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Status of the Giraud-De Gaulle Negotiations

The most recent developments, reported by the OSS London Office as of May 3, follow:

1. Giraud proposed to De Gaulle that they meet at Gibraltar or anywhere else than Algiers, De Gaulle to bring with him as delegates Billotte and Massigli. At both suggestions De Gaulle was furious.

2. According to reports the constitution Giraud is proposing would consist of a legislative assembly and an executive committee. This committee, in cooperation with the Allied Command, would set up a government in each department of France as it is liberated.

3. The Legislative (National) Assembly would be constituted when the number of Departments liberated constitutes more than half the total number of French departments. De Gaulle would hold the position of Minister of War; Giraud would be Commander-in-Chief.

4. The National Assembly would be a temporary body acting until such time as the French can choose a government of their own. This fact would be recognized by an Anglo-American declaration.

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France: Incidental Intelligence

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the following information secured from a reliable source:

1. Recent items from the bulletins of the Fighting French follow: Up to April 15 the bulletins stress Eisenhower's "affront to De Gaulle." Eisenhower is severely criticized. The bulletins report that all Frenchmen believed capable of leading resistance groups are being systematically arrested by the Gestapo.

2. Laval is sure the war will end in six months when the Germans will run out of gasoline. He went on to say that the Vichy French will then overthrow the Nazis and refuse to continue the war.

3. Six locomotives are being put out of commission daily by sabotage.

4. Two battallions of German police have recently arrived in Vichy to protect the government against parachute attack.

(OSS Official Dispatch #21-26, Bern, May 1, 1943)

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Spain: Continued Threats on French Border

The OSS representative in Madrid sends the following information:

1. Reports of Italy's continued demands for Spanish assistance in the war, which have recently received German support, are causing uneasiness in Madrid.
2. According to a highly reliable report the Spanish Security Office (Direccion Seguridad) has received instructions for special vigilance throughout the organization.
3. Confirmation has been received of a German order evacuating from the French Basque area all non-essential persons who live within 30 kilometers of the coast. Spaniards received a special dispensation from this order.
4. Considerable movements of troops in this area are confirmed.

(OSS Official Dispatch #2, Madrid, May 1, 1943)

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Conflict over Control of German Intelligence Activities

1. A report from an OSS agent in Stockholm repeats previous rumors that Canaris, Halder's man, has been replaced as head of the German S.I. by Kaltenbrunner, said to be Himmler's man.

2. But this and similar reports to the effect that Himmler is taking over all German intelligence work are contradicted by very reliable British information that Canaris is still influential and active.

(OSS Official Dispatches, #2, Stockholm, April 29; #01201, London, May 1; and S.I. Report A-4690)

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Insecurity of Vichy Government

The OSS representative in Algiers transmits the following information emanating from Colonel Chapuis* of the Petain government:

1. Members of the Vichy cabinet are constantly apprehensive of arrest; the Gestapo examines all of their mail.

2. Incidents of violence have occurred in April at Perigueux and Arles. Troops were employed to suppress the outbreaks, and arrests were made in each instance, including the chief of police at Perigueux and des Vallieres, subprefect at Arles and a personal friend of Petain.

(OSS Official Dispatch #85, Algiers, April 30, 1943)

*Chapuis, an artillery officer, is a member of Petain's military cabinet.

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Axis Overtures for Russian Peace

From Bern the OSS representative sends the following information coming from a source probably reliable:

1. Mussolini and Hitler have been extending peace feelers to Russia through Japanese intermediation. Vatican sources believe the efforts are futile.

(OSS Official Dispatch #6-8, Bern, April 30, 1943)

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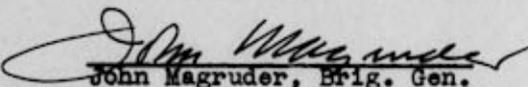
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May 3, 1943

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German Activities and Intentions in Bulgaria

The OSS representative in Cairo sends the following report secured from an anti-Nazi Bulgarian officer who arrived in Istanbul from Bulgaria on April 22:

1. A new G.H.Q. is being organized under Marshal Keitel at Sofia, with a branch at Nish. It is to commence activity on May 1st. Thirty to forty staff officers have already arrived.
2. Their immediate task will be to reorganize the Bulgarian army.
3. These developments are confirmed by an Austrian businessman recently arrived in Istanbul. He lists as further tasks assigned to G.H.Q.: Cleaning up guerillas in Yugoslavia and Greece, defense of the Balkan Peninsula, tactics of a defensive nature in Russia, and probably eventual attack on Turkey.

(OSS Official Dispatch #12, Cairo, April 28, 1943)

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Italy: Fortification of the Brenner

The London Office of OSS sends the following information from a reliable source as of April 27:

1. In the last few days there has been an increased movement of German units from Italy to Germany, and of Italian units from Germany to Italy.

2. Italian fortifications along the Brenner Pass are now garrisoned by Italian formations with full war equipment.

(OSS Official Dispatch #29162, London, April 29, 1943)

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Mannerheim's Opinions on the Finnish Crisis

The OSS representative has secured through a trusted source, the substance of a conversation between Mannerheim and a friend who visited him recently at Lugano:

1. Military considerations and engagements of honor have alone determined the Marshal's actions thus far.

2. If, as is likely, Finland is called upon to make certain political decisions, Mannerheim will not exercise his influence. The Finnish government must take full responsibility for such decisions.

3. Mannerheim appears very depressed according to the informant.

(OSS Official Dispatch #297-300, Bern, April 28, 1943)

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Balkan Situation

The OSS representative in Cairo has received the following information from a very reliable source:

1. Antonescu, accompanied by the Roumanian Director of Economic Affairs, Petala, and with the Roumanian General Staff's approval, planned to leave Bucharest for Rome on April 28, where he hoped to determine whether defection from Germany was possible and, if so, how Italy might plan to effect such a break.

2. An attack on Turkey is near. Once convinced that Turkey would join the United Nations in the war, the Germans would take Turkey in Europe as a measure to secure their southeastern defenses against Allied invasion.

(OSS Official Dispatch #14, Cairo, April 28, 1943)

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Axis Aircraft Production

The OSS representative in Bern has transmitted the following information on aircraft production, which comes from a source close to high German authorities and is believed credible:

1. Since September 1942, the Germans have concentrated their manufacturing capabilities on pursuit and fighter planes, as a measure to afford the German armies greater protection in the execution of a defensive strategy in the war. From September 1942 to February 1943, German aircraft production has registered a 10% increase. The German Army High Command had planned on an increase of 20% in that period. Air raids in March and April have caused a falling off in production, so that the output for April will probably not equal the 2100-plane output in February. The Germans had counted on 2300 planes in April, exclusive of transports.

2. It is estimated by the same OSS representative on the basis of reliable information that Italian aircraft production has declined appreciably since November 1940. In March 1943, not more than 420 planes were produced; 40% to 45% of this number were Macchi pursuit ships.

(OSS Official Dispatch #93-99, Bern, April 28, 1943)

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German Military Activity in Western Europe

The OSS representative in Madrid sends the following unconfirmed report on opinion, received from a reliable source and classified as possibly true:

1. The recent closing of the Swiss-French border was designed to mask important German troop movements in that area. The reason for this activity is inferred to be that the German High Command believes the Allies will occupy Crete and Sicily at the close of the Tunisian campaign, and that Italy in revolt from the Mussolini regime will attempt to make a separate peace. In this situation, the Germans would find it necessary to withdraw north of the Alps and establish a European line of defense there. With this prospect in view, the Germans may undertake at any time to occupy Switzerland.

2. Significantly, Swiss francs are currently quoted in Madrid at $3\frac{1}{2}$ Spanish pesetas to the franc. A month ago the franc stood at 7 pesetas in uncontrolled black-market exchange.

(OSS Official Dispatch #3, Madrid, April 29, 1943)

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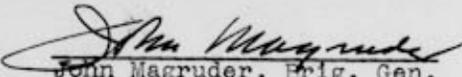
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Germany: Gas Warfare

From thoroughly reliable sources the London Office of OSS transmits the following information as of April 23.

1. At a recent meeting in Sofia the use of poison gas was discussed by the Hungarian and German military attachés and the German naval attaché.

2. The three attachés stated that the Germans would use gas in the coming spring offensive against Russia. It was not felt that Britain would retaliate for fear the Germans might use gas in bombing England.

3. According to another report of the same date and reliability gas masks have been distributed to civilians in the Toulouse area.

4. A report dated April 26 says that in Berlin anti-gas shelters are being built hurriedly.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #27173, London, April 27, 1943)

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Spain: Activities at Tenerife, Canary Islands

1. On April 21 an American plane flew low around Tenerife. Shore batteries now have orders to fire on any plane approaching the island.

2. About April 16 a German submarine crew, interned at Las Palmas, escaped to a waiting submarine.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #37-38, Tenerife, April 27, 1943)

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Axis Intentions in Russia and the Balkans

The OSS representative in Cairo sends the following information, the reliability of which cannot be established:

1. According to a report received second-hand from a member of the Hungarian Parliament who attended the recent meeting at Sofia, the German and Hungarian military attaches, and the German naval attache were unanimous in the opinion that the Germans would use poison gas in their spring offensive against Russia.

2. A Bulgarian businessman states that German military road signs which were used when the Nazis first entered Bulgaria are now being re-erected on the main roads from the Danube as far south as Sofia.

3. The Yugoslav military representative in Istanbul received from two sources a report that the Germans had withdrawn six divisions from the Caucasus for action against the Partisans and Mihailovich in western Serbia.

(OSS Official Dispatch #9, Cairo, April 27, 1943)

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Repercussions of the Hitler-Mussolini Meeting

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the following information:

1. Mussolini encountered rough going at the meeting. He returned in a discouraged mood.
2. The Duce made three demands on Hitler:
 - a. To supply 20 German divisions for the defense of Italy.
 - b. To initiate secret negotiations for peace with Russia.
 - c. To accord better treatment to the people of occupied Europe.
3. On all these points Hitler was non-committal.
4. Mussolini criticized the defense of Tunisia, particularly the failure to provide adequate gasoline supplies, a shortage now more critical than the shortage of troops.
5. Mussolini also remonstrated against the attitude of Ribbentrop during the latter's visit to Rome.

(OSS Official Dispatch #2483, Bern, April 21, 1943)

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Status of the De Gaulle-Giraud Negotiations

The OSS representative in Algiers cables the following report dated April 27:

1. The Catroux Mission hopes to effect an agreement between De Gaulle and Giraud within the next eight days, according to information supplied by a member of the Mission itself.
2. The OSS representative regards this as over-optimistic. Almost daily, requests are made to Giraud to invite De Gaulle to come to Africa, but on this point Giraud is described as difficult. The Mission desires De Gaulle to be in Africa before the fall of Tunis.
3. The mission states that immediately after his arrival a joint declaration on French unity will issue from the two generals.
4. Thereafter, they will tackle the problems of securing greater freedom of the press, and replacing Nogues in Morocco by a governor of De Gaullist or at least pro-allied views.
5. The Catroux Mission feels that when De Gaulle does arrive, the meeting with Giraud should be held outside Algiers and be unaccompanied by demonstrations and publicity.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #73, Algiers, April 27, 1943)

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FROM: John Magruder, Brig. Gen.

SUBJECT: Reports Received in Office of Strategic Services, No. 19

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Greece: Admiral Alexandris

From the OSS representative in Cairo: MAR

Admiral Alexandris will announce, soon after his arrival (in Egypt) to assume command of the Greek fleet, that this fleet will be offered to the U.S. for service in the Pacific after the defeat of Germany.

(OSS Official Dispatch #3, Cairo, April 24, 1943)

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Germany: Continued Threats of Gas Warfare Against Russia

An agent of OSS in Stockholm sends the following information which he secured from a recent visitor to Estonia:

1. The Germans are extending and intensifying instruction in gas warfare. The center of instruction is at Elva, about 30 miles from Dorpat. For higher instruction students proceed to Germany.

2. Gas masks in large quantities are being shipped from Germany to Estonia. The supposition there is that the Germans are preparing a gigantic gas attack on Leningrad with a view to erasing the city.

(OSS Official Dispatch #1301, Stockholm, April 21, 1943)

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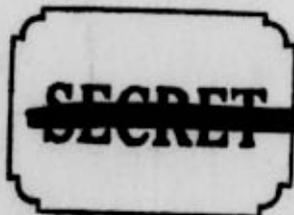
Germany: Explanation of Recent Purges

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the following information:

1. Hans Luther 1/ was imprisoned because, according to Himmler's evidence, he was implicated in a plot to undermine Ribbentrop, his chief.
2. Thyssen 2/ and Schacht 3/ are not thought to be in prison but under surveillance in their domiciles.
3. Harnack 4/ was executed for giving information to the Russians. It is uncertain whether Harnack's wife, an American, was also executed.
4. Scheliga 5/ was executed for alleged espionage activities for the Russians or Poles.
5. According to the last information available in Bern, Von Moltke 6/ and Von Thammer 7/ died of natural causes.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #288-289, Bern, April 24, 1943)

1. Ambassador to the United States and more recently attached to the German Foreign Office.
2. Fritz Thyssen, former German industrial magnate who early supported the Nazi regime and later, growing hostile, fled to France.
3. Hjalmar Schacht, formerly German finance minister.
4. German Embassy attache at Paris.
5. Counsellor of Legation and former secretary of embassy at Warsaw under Von Moltke.
6. Late German ambassador to Spain.
7. Recently deceased Nazi sports program director.



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Bulgaria: Relations with Yugoslavs and Germany

The representative of OSS in Bern transmits the following information secured from a reliable Bulgarian source: ✓

1. Up to ten days ago (April 13), the Germans had taken no exceptional military measures in Bulgaria.

2. The source believes that the Germans are trying to contact Mihailovich in order to frighten the Bulgarian government with regard to the holding of Yugoslav territory.

(OSS Official Dispatch # 83-85, Bern, April 23, 1943)

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Himmler taking over all German Intelligence? ✓

It is the belief of our representative in Bern that Himmler is beginning a drive toward taking over all German intelligence work. This belief is given weight by considerable evidence.

(OSS Official Dispatch #234-236, Bern, April 22, 1943)

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Talk of a Separate Peace among Madrid Germans

According to a report from an OSS agent in Madrid, there is much talk in German circles there of a separate peace between Germany and England which will end the war in October.

(OSS Official Dispatch, # 55-57, Madrid, April 22, 1943)

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Nazi Leadership: Relations between Party Chiefs

1. According to the best information available to our representative in Bern, Hitler, Goebbels, Bormann, and Himmler are still closely bound together.

2. Relations between this group on the one hand and Goering and Ribbentrop on the other are probably not of the best.

3. Goering is perhaps the only high Nazi who enjoys the confidence of the German General Staff.

4. Ribbentrop, in the opinion of our representative, is relatively unimportant. He is generally discredited and hated.

(OSS Official Dispatch, # 286, 287, Bern, April 22, 1943)

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Italy: Controversy over the Use of the Fleet

An OSS representative at Bern has secured reliable information that a serious controversy exists among high Italian naval officers on whether to risk the Italian fleet to evacuate North African forces, or to preserve it for the defence of Italy. The majority are against risking the fleet.

(OSS Official Dispatch # 86, 87, Bern, April 23, 1943)

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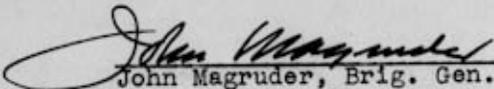
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German Fortifications at Brenner are Completed

The OSS office in London sends the following reliable report:

1. With the completion of the last block-houses and fortresses accelerated, and with (ammunition?) dumps being filled, the Brenner fortified zone is now in a state of practical defense.

2. This zone is being manned by German units which were ordered back after having crossed the Brenner Pass on their way to Italy.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #20191, London, April 20, 1943)

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Marshal Mannerheim Reported in Switzerland ✓

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the report that the Swiss Federal Council has informed the Swiss press that Mannerheim is at Lugano under orders of his physician for a three week's convalescent stay.

(OSS Official Dispatch #76, Bern, April 19, 1943)

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Propaganda Use of the Polish Assassination Story ✓

The OSS representative in Tangier cables that the story of the Russian assassination of 10,000 Polish prisoners of war has been very effective even upon our Spanish friends whose ever present fear that Communism in Europe will be the outcome of an Allied victory is augmented by this story.

(OSS Official Dispatch #4, Tangier, April 19, 1943)

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Italy: Fears and Hopes of the Resistance Groups

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the following information obtained from a reliable source:

1. Italian resistance groups want a clarification of the war aims of the United Nations. Specifically they wish to know if the principles of the Atlantic Charter will apply to the Italian people, as distinguished from the Fascist regime. ✓

2. They also inquire whether the integrity of national Italian territory as it existed before the war (including Sardinia, Trieste, etc.) will be respected at the peace table. This query does not involve colonial ambitions or boundary technicalities.

3. The source recommends that the French should avoid mixing in Italian affairs, and remarks that the recent appeal of General Giraud had a poor psychological effect.

4. The source reports, further, that at a Fascist meeting recently, it was disclosed that Italy and Germany had a secret agreement to render reciprocal aid in the event of civil war. This confirms the recent serious strikes at various plants, among them the Fiat, in which the workers were granted their principal demands.

(OSS Official Dispatch, Nos. 279-281, Bern, April 21, 1943)

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Germany: Threat of Gas Warfare?

The OSS in London transmits a secret British report, secured indirectly from the German police, to the effect that the Germans intend to use new weapons against Russia. In turn they expect the Russians to retaliate with gas, making necessary the completion of anti-gas weapons by early Spring. Gas was reported arriving in Riga in March, during which month Stettin and Bremen had anti-gas demonstrations.

(OSS Official Dispatch #22153, London, April 22, 1943)

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Germany: Submarine Construction

OSS in London estimates the present German production at about 21 a month. They feel that the relative unimportance and remoteness of Stettin make improbable a Bern report that facilities in that port are to be transferred to Italy. ✓

(OSS Official Dispatch #22172, London, April 22, 1943)

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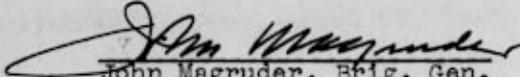
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Germany: Gas Warfare; Production Figures

1. The latest information available in Bern indicates a reduction of German research on combat gases.

2. The best source of information on gas warfare considers that the Germans are not likely to resort to it except as a last desperate move on Hitler's part because of danger of reprisal, unfavorable wind conditions, and inadequate gas masks.

3. Locomotive production in the Greater Reich ranges between 430 and 600 monthly with the lower figure supported by most of the evidence.

4. The consensus of opinion on production of combat, transport, and bombing planes in the Reich places the figure between 1300 and 2000 a month with the higher figure the more likely.

(OSS Official Dispatch #577, Bern, April 14, 1943)

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Hungary: Premier Kallay Rebuffs German Request for Troops

The OSS representative in Bern transmits a reliable report that Kallay has refused a Nazi request for three divisions for use in Yugoslavia, and also for replacement troops in Russia where the Hungarians still have some 250,000 men.

(OSS Official Dispatch #260-264, Bern, April 15, 1943)

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Italy: Bankruptcy of Leadership for Revolt ✓

The following opinions, transmitted by the OSS representative in Bern, are from a reliable source of wide political experience.

1. Mussolini, tied hand and foot to the Nazis, is without an avenue of escape.

2. The King has lost all prestige, Grandi was deliberately compromised by a recent decoration, Badoglio is too old, the Prince of Piedmont is a cipher, while the Duke of Spoleto spoiled his chances over Croatia.

3. In a long talk with the Pope, this source found His Holiness frightened by the wholesale bombings of Italian cities and by the expectation of an allied attack.

4. The Pope's one hope and belief is that the garrison generals will seize control and swing over to the Allies.

(OSS Dispatch # 260-264, Bern, April 15, 1943)

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Hitler's Headquarters

According to the report of a Rumanian official recently arrived in Stockholm from Budapest, permanent headquarters for Hitler have now been established at Berchtesgaden. ✓

(OSS Official Dispatch, Stockholm, April 14, 1943)

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France: Italian - German Line of Demarcation

The OSS representative in Bern secured the following report from a reliable source:

1. The Italians are insisting upon the left bank of the Rhone as a line of demarcation between the German and Italian zones. They also insist that all Germans, including the Gestapo, vacate the Italian zone.

2. Apparently the Italians are making a show of being firm. The German attitude is unknown.

(OSS Official Dispatch #265, 266, 267, Bern, April 16, 1943)

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The Opposition Movement in Hungary

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the following report from a good source. In the absence of confirmation it should be treated with reserve.

1. The opposition movement in Hungary obtained its start among peasants, workers, Communists, and certain Catholic circles.

2. Points in the opposition program include:

(a) Immediate cessation of hostilities, and breaking off of Axis relations.

(b) No more export of food.

(c) Collaboration with neighboring countries, agrarian reform, abolition of anti-Semitic laws, and restoration of all liberties, etc.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #71, 72, 73, Bern, April 17, 1943)

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Mussolini and the Italian Fleet

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The OSS representative in Bern sends the following information secured from a source considered reliable; but, lacking confirmation, the report must be treated with reserve.

1. Mussolini, realizing that Italy's trump card for negotiation is her fleet, turned down a demand that the fleet be placed under German command.

2. Mussolini himself is trying to lay the groundwork for a shift to the Allies.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #71, 72, 73, Bern, April 17, 1943)

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Reports from Spanish Morocco and Tangier Zone

From OSS sources of highest reliability we have the following information:

1. General Orgaz held a meeting on March 15 with General Badoglio, and Reith, (German representative in Tangier), to protest against the use of Tangier Zone waters by Axis submarines.
2. Spanish reserve officers continue to be called up. Nothing indicates that Spanish troops will be released from Morocco.
3. All classes from 1925 to 1935 in Larache have been mobilized and are thought to have been sent to man the frontier defences in that area.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #2, Tangiers, April 15, 1943)

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This would include important colonial, military, and civil officials. De Gaulle would agree to Nogues and Peyrouton as members of this council, but not of the political committee. ✓

5. Juin might be acceptable to De Gaulle as Commander-in-chief, if Giraud prefers the political co-chairmanship. Giraud and De Gaulle might, in addition, serve jointly as chiefs of a military planning board. De Gaulle would be responsible primarily for the secret army in France, Giraud for overseas planning.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #17104, London, April 17, 1943)

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Potentialities of Italian Resistance Groups and Leaders

The OSS representative in Bern transmits the following information received from a reliable source: ✓

1. Included in the present anti-Fascist groups are the Labor Party, the Socialist Party, the Party D'Azione, and liberal-democratic groups such as Giustizia Liberta. These groups are cooperating with one another.

2. The natural leader of these groups is Benedetto Croce.

3. The weakest group in Italy at the moment is the small bourgeoisie, because it is heterogeneous and lacks leadership.

4. Sforza could act as an intermediary between the Catholics and Socialists if he could get himself accepted as the leader of the bourgeois party. More than that, he could work towards the desirable political combination of the Socialists, Democrats, and Catholics.

5. However, for the time being, this is impossible since neither of the two most powerful anti-Fascist parties, the Socialists and Catholics, would accept his leadership.

6. All anti-Fascist groups are opposed to any allied deal with Grandi, Badoglio or others who have compromised with Fascism, on grounds that this would lead to a revolution and would preclude the possibility of restoring a true democracy to Italy.

(OSS Official Dispatch # 60-66, Bern, April 14, 1943)



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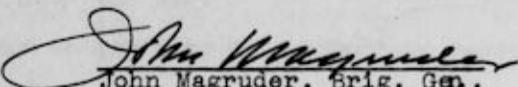
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April 16, 1943

TO: Col. Chester Hammond, White House Map Room
FROM: John Magruder, Brig. Gen.
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The Hungarian Premier's Visit to Rome, etc.; German Items

The OSS representative in Bern sends the following information secured from a reliable source. WJL

1. The official communique regarding Kallay's recent trip to Rome was misleading, since he went there, according to influential Hungarian circles, primarily to visit the Pope, and secondarily to confer with Mussolini. The results of the visit were not entirely satisfactory to Kallay.

2. As late as April 10, Budapest had no knowledge of a mobilization in Bulgaria.

3. The Nazis are reported concentrating large numbers of troops on the triangle Basel, Ulm, Frankfort as a reserve against invasion.

4. The transfer of German war industries to Bohemia, Upper Silesia, and Austria is far advanced according to the Berlin correspondent of a Swiss newspaper.

5. Whole streets in Germany are now reported to be plastered at night with signs reading "Down with Hitler," and "Stop the War."

6. Communist activity in Germany is reported increasing.

(OSS Official Dispatch #51 - 53, Bern, April 13, 1943)

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Greece: Statements of Ex-Minister Kanelopoulos

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The OSS representative in Cairo sends the following information which comes from a source of assured reliability:

Kanelopoulos, who recently resigned from the Greek cabinet because of his Venizelist and republican sympathies, has made the following statements to the British and others.

1. The political situation in Greece has not been clarified. Occupied Greece is not represented in the present unbalanced Greek cabinet. (Kanelopoulos thinks of himself as the only representative).

2. The prevailing confused situation has been produced by the Communists aided by the blindly stupid democrats. The revolution in Greece has had at least the one good effect of revealing the Communists who can now be apprehended.

3. When the Nazis collapse, there will be civil war between the well-armed Communists and the Conservatives. It is to be feared that all the Balkan peoples will be deprived of their independence because the Communists will try to force through a Greek declaration of adherence to the Soviet.

4. To avoid this situation the Allies must strike against the Nazis in the Balkans at the earliest possible moment. In Greece itself political passions can be calmed only by frequent elections. Political "stabilization" is unwise and impossible.

(OSS Official Dispatch #212, Cairo, April 13, 1943)

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Greece: Resistance Groups Dislike British Policy

The OSS representative in Cairo sends the following information which comes from a source of assured reliability:

1. Greek resistance groups are reacting strongly to the British policy of supporting the King, especially since these groups believe that the Allies will invade by late summer.

2. Indignation over meddling in Greek affairs shows signs of producing a fresh revolt in the Greek navy.

3. The personnel which the British have sent to Greece lately are all royalists while the liberals who have hitherto carried on the battle are being retired.

4. It is the opinion of our representative that the Yugoslav schism may repeat itself in Greece unless we remove any suspicions that we are tied to the British policy of playing off one Greek political group against another.

(OSS Official Dispatch #212, 213, Cairo, April 13, 1943)

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Yugoslavia: End of Mihailovich Support?

1. According to reliable information secured by an OSS agent, the recent declaration of Mihailovich in favor of a future democratic Yugoslavia was the work of the British. They are making a last attempt to save Mihailovich and to apply pressure on the Yugoslav Government-in-exile.

2. It is the opinion of the OSS agent that the British are preparing to abandon Mihailovich as is the Yugoslav government. Each will try to blame the other for the situation.

3. The British change in attitude is believed motivated by Russia's recent show of military power which makes a compromise on the Balkan situation necessary.

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Communists and the Damascus Food Riots

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The OSS representative in Beirut sends the following reliable report:

At Damascus the recent strike and rioting was financed by the Communist Party although where the money is coming from to keep the movement alive cannot be determined.

(OSS Official Dispatch #32, 33, Beirut, April 14, 1943)

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Greece: Armed Conflicts between Nationalists and Communists

The OSS representative in Cairo sends this report secured from a reliable source:

A clash between 500 Communist irregulars and 100 Nationalists occurred outside of Ekaterine on April 4. Because of lack of ammunition the Nationalists withdrew leaving half their numbers in the hands of the Communists.

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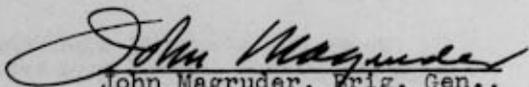
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Meeting of Hitler and Mussolini

The OSS representative in Bern has secured the following information from a source considered of the highest political interest, but whose reliability has not been definitely established:

1. Hitler prevailed on the Duce to meet with him only after the latter had twice refused on grounds that Hitler had failed to keep his promise to preserve Tunisia.

2. This is confirmed by an independent Italian report which adds that the meeting occurred at Berchtesgaden, not in the Brenner. While probably true, this lacks official confirmation.

3. Our source, who in February reported that the Nazi generals' estimate of Rommel as a strategist was very low, insists that his report still stands.

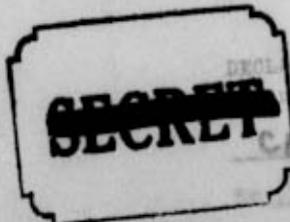
4. The source sees no immediate danger of a German attack on Spain, Turkey, or Switzerland, but he confirms the submarine warfare concentration. Other naval vessels are being stripped to enhance the U-boat campaign.

5. He considers Manstein the most influential man in Germany today, thanks to his having saved the German army from the necessity of retreat to the Dnieper.

6. The source understands that Goering recently attempted to contact England through the Vatican, and Mussolini is insisting on peace at any price. He doesn't know of any Russian negotiations.

7. A shift in the German diplomatic service will send Dieckhoff to Madrid, and Weiszaecker to the Vatican. Weiszaecker goes to the Vatican at his own request, so the appointment is not a peace-feeler.

(OSS Official Dispatch #175 - 178, Bern, April 12, 1943)



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Closing of Italian-Swiss Frontier

The OSS representative in Bern has reported that the situation in Italy is daily growing more tense. As an evidence of this development, he submits a report from a highly reliable source that even those persons possessed of all the proper Italian visas are now being turned back at the Italian-Swiss frontier.

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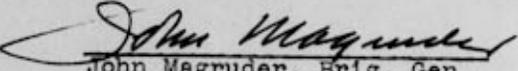
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A German Preference for the Russians over the Anglo-Americans?

The representative of OSS in Bern has secured the following information from an informed and wealthy Lichtenstein national who hopes for an eventual "arrangement" between the Allies and Germany.

1. German powers of resistance are as yet largely intact. Yet the source fears that nationalist elements in Germany will turn to Russia for the best terms when the end approaches.

2. Such elements would cast their lot with Russia on grounds that a communist Germany could eventually reestablish itself as a great power by a temporary alliance with Russia; whereas a Germany completely defeated by the Allies would be reduced to a secondary position for generations.

3. The source believes that the Himmler organization is the best bet for opposing communist elements because Himmler's prestige has grown through the alleged responsibility of SS troops for the recapture of Kharkov.

4. Source will leave shortly for Spain where he is known to Ambassador Hayes, and is an intimate of Sir Samuel Hoare.

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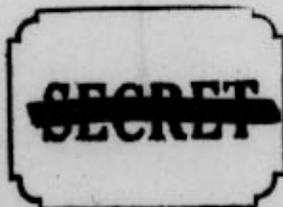
Germany: Hitler's Interview with King Boris of Bulgaria*

Our representative in Bern has secured the following information from a source considered reliable:

1. Source believes that Boris initiated the interview to discover Germany's attitude to the menacing position of Turkey; and to insure delivery of German military supplies to Bulgaria.
2. Source believes that while Bulgaria would defend herself against attack from Turkey alone, Bulgaria has no aggressive intentions anywhere.
3. If the Allies entered Bulgaria, she would take the same position with regard to Germany: permit passage of troops.
4. Boris knows that he does not have Hitler's sympathy, and his position is one of great indecision. Source believes that we should do well to strengthen the King and encourage his project of a National Coalition Cabinet, since the present cabinet is composed of fools and traitors.
5. The Army is believed behind the King.
6. In the event of another German offensive in Russia, source believes that Nazi policy will be to keep Turkey neutral. He discounts danger of a German attack.
7. Now that popular belief in Nazi victory has lessened, Russia is strengthening her position in Bulgaria and Soviet propaganda is strong.

* (March 31, 1943)

(OSS Official Dispatch #32, 35, Bern, April 9, 1943)



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German Pressures on Greece and Egypt

Our representative in Cairo sends the following reports:

1. The Quisling Premier of Greece has threatened to close the University.

2. The German army has sent out a force to clean up the guerillas in the Olympus area.

3. Although a mobilization of labor has momentarily been averted, the Axis is continuing to recruit labor both by force and with unfulfilled promises of high pay.

4. Encouraged by recent Russian reverses, pro-Axis propagandists have resumed activity in Egypt. Their line is to stress alleged differences between Britain and Russia, and between Britain and the U.S.

(OSS Official Dispatch #208, Cairo, April 9, 1943)

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Bulgaria: Soviet Propaganda, etc.

Our representative in Bern sends the following information from a reliable source:

1. The Russians are strengthening their position in Bulgaria by claiming they will be able to help Bulgaria retain her enlarged frontiers.

2. Source believes that the Prime Minister personally engineered the declaration of war on the U.S. when Germany insisted.

(OSS Official Dispatch #26, Bern, April 9, 1943)

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Zionism

Our representative in Cairo sends the following report:

Ben Gurion*, who has just returned to Tel Aviv from America, is warning Jewish leaders that the British in the Middle East are opposed to Zionism.

*Ben Gurion is a Palestinian Zionist labor leader.

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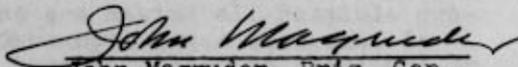
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Hitler's Present Status: Items on Germany and Japan

Our representative in Bern has secured the following information from a man of wide experience in European political life:

1. Hitler is not really sick, but is much less confident. He is a great deal more anti-American than anti-British. For the first time his prestige is badly shaken among important members of the Nazi party; and talk of his elimination is not rare.
2. The army now controls Hitler; Manstein, Guderian, and Bock are the most influential generals today.
3. If anything "happened" to Hitler, Himmler would probably take over behind a military facade as acceptable to the world at large.
4. High Nazi circles expect an Allied landing in France and are making all possible preparations for it. Germany's power to resist is still unbroken. We must entertain no illusions on this score.
5. There is in Germany some apparent fear that Japan will run out on the Nazis by making a separate peace with America.
6. A recent German request to Japan for permission to accumulate stocks of strategic materials, especially rubber in French Indo-China, has been refused.

(OSS Official Dispatch #158-161, Bern, April 6, 1943)

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Yugoslavia: Present Position of Mihailovich

The London Office of OSS is the source of the following information:

1. According to a statement of YOVANOVICH*, Mihailovich appears to have fallen into an Italian trap. This and other information suggests that certain of the Serbian group in London are beginning to wash their hands of him in case the charge of dealings with the Italians is proved.

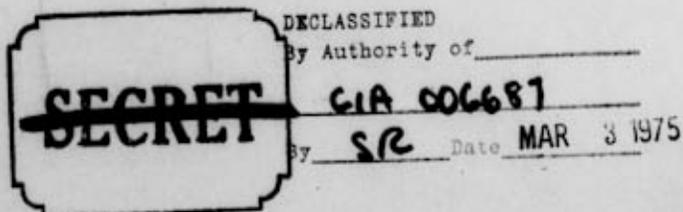
2. Jukich** reports that two pro-Axis Serbs have transmitted to the Yugoslav Government, through neutral governments, Italian proposals for a Greater Serbia; the basis of these proposals is division of Croat and Slovene territory between Italy and Serbia.

3. Potich and other Pan-Serbians are said to place dependence on supposed anti-Soviet opinion on the part of the United States for support of an independent Serbia free of Russian influence. Both Yovanovich and Potich take the position that the Yugoslav Government is not responsible for dissension between the Partisans and Mihailovich; they interpret the conflict as one stemming from Anglo-American antagonism to Russia.

*Yovanovich is premier of the present Yugoslav government in London. He is a Serb.

**Jukich is under-secretary for foreign affairs of this government-in-exile. His background is Croat.

(OSS Official Dispatch #08141, London, April 8, 1943)



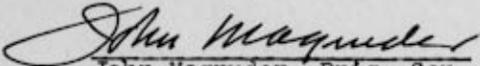
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Greek Politics

From OSS agents in Cairo come the following items concerning the present Greek government-in-exile:

1. Vice Premier Roussos has brought the Greek secret intelligence service under his jurisdiction.

2. Minister Casey is still withholding his consent to the appointment of Voulgaris as Minister of the Navy in the revised Greek cabinet. This "British interference with purely Greek affairs" has so enraged Roussos and War Minister Karapaniotis that they plan to resign. It has been suggested to them, however, that if Voulgaris is appointed, ex-Admiral Sakallariou has threatened to sail the fleet to Greece.

(OSS Official Dispatch Unnumbered and 202, Cairo, April 5, 1943)

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Reports on the Axis

OSS sources in Bern report on reliable authority these items concerning the Axis:

1. The Germans have removed to the interior of the Reich much of the anti-aircraft protection formerly installed along the German-Swiss border between Lake Constance and Waldbutzangen.

2. Three unsuccessful attempts upon the life of Fritz Sauckel, Nazi leader in charge of labor mobilization, were made by the Communists when Sauckel was travelling from Marseille to Paris.

3. Germany has reduced her deliveries of coal to Italy to only 200,000 or 300,000 tons per month which may be a political "pressure" move.

(OSS Official Dispatch #247, 248, April 2, and #155, 157, April 5, 1943, Bern.)

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Arabian Envoy Recalled

Sonathanza, the Geneva representative of Saudi Arabia, has been suddenly recalled by his government. His abrupt departure for Istanbul is locally linked with the expectation of important developments in the East.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #149 through 151, Bern, April 5, 1943)

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Nazi Submarines

According to an independent Arab source, thought to be reliable, German submarines have been sighted off Punta Ferdigua. The OSS agent at Tangier believes that Axis submarines have been using Spanish waters as hiding places, but has been unable to prove use of either bases or supplies there.

(OSS Official Dispatch #82, Tangier, April 5, 1943)

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Spain and Italy: Evidences of Unrest

An OSS agent in Lisbon sends the following report. Though the content cannot be verified, the source himself is highly reliable.

1. The Spanish general, Kinderland, travelling incognito with a former colonel of the Spanish Airforce, has been arrested in Lisbon.

2. It is being rumored that another Spanish general, with several army officers, is seeking refuge in Portugal.

The same agent has the following from a reliable source:

1. Franzoni, the Italian minister, stated that the presence in Italy of 100,000 German troops would not prevent a separate peace with the Allies after the fall of Tunis.

2. Franzoni, who is to be replaced, is postponing his return to Italy until the political upheaval subsides. He has lost confidence in the Fascist party and expects revolt within a month.

(OSS Official Dispatch #126, Lisbon, April 3, 1943)

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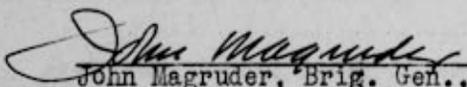
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Italy: Resistance Groups

An OSS agent in Bern sends the following summary of the position of resistance parties in Italy:

(1) The Socialists are not united, some favoring reconstruction of their old party, others cooperation with the Communists.

(2) The Catholics lack political organization.

(3) There is no popular backing for the Nuova Comunista Party which advocates preservation of the monarchy with a regency for Umberto's son.

(4) The Duzione party, consisting of republicans, democrats, liberals, and some socialists, advocates a reform program under a republic. It approves the Montevideo declarations, is well organized, and publishes a clandestine newspaper; but as yet it has no hold on the public.

(5) Despite general discontent no revolutionary movement is likely at the moment.

(OSS Official Dispatch #242, 245, Bern, April 1, 1943)

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Greece: Politics

1. Because of his political indiscretions, Prince Peter, Greek army liaison with British and American forces, will be relieved of his duties and sent out of Egypt, possibly to America.

2. His "gloriously beautiful" wife, Irene, uses her charms for unwelcome political purposes, among them suspected Pro-Axis activities.

3. Prime Minister Tsouderos is trying to persuade Kanellopoulos to leave the Middle East of his own volition for a visit to America.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #197, Cairo, April 2, 1943)

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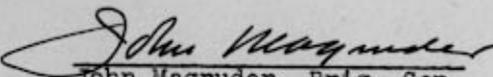
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Disposition of German Naval Units

According to reliable information secured by our agent in Stockholm the following was the disposition of German surface craft March 27:

1. In the Baltic: Leipzig, Koln (?), Emden (?).
2. At Bogen, Norway: Lutzow, Scharnhorst, Tirpitz, Nurnberg (?).
3. At Bremen: Seydlitz (with turrets removed).
4. At Kiel: Graf Zeppelin.
5. At Gdynia: Prinz Eugen (March 17); Gneisenau (for the duration).
6. At Wilhelmshaven: Hipper, Scheer.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #972, Stockholm, March 29, 1943)

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French Morocco: Demonstrations Against American Policy

The following is presumably our agent's eyewitness account:

1. On March 28, De Gaullist sympathizers demonstrated in an impressive but orderly fashion at Casablanca. The theme of crowds was: "Get rid of Nogues and Michelier ." All U.S. troops were confined to quarters for the day to prevent incidents.

2. The demonstrators were forcefully prevented from protesting before U.S. army headquarters against present Moroccan regime.

3. They complain that American policy is shaped on Vichy lines, and that the British understood the situation better. The general reaction of the average French civilian to the Americans is increasingly unsatisfactory.

4. Similar demonstrations were held in Marrakech, Fez, and Rabat. All indications point to a majority French desire to have Nogues replaced. [

(OSS Official Dispatches, #76, 77, 78, 79, Casablanca, March 30, 1943)

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Greece: The Occupation Forces in Crete; Morale

Our agent in Cairo cables the following information:

1. Axis strength in Crete amounts to about 30,000. The Germans have been obliged to take over the defense of Crete because of the panic rife among the Italian occupation forces.

2. The already strained morale of the Greeks has been further lowered by the statement of an unidentified British officer to the effect that the Allies plan no offensive action in the Balkans for 18 months.

(OSS Official Dispatch #187, Cairo, March 29, 1943)

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New British Policy Toward Resistance Factions in
Yugoslavia

1. According to the report of an OSS agent the British government is tending to withdraw its exclusive support for the Mihailovich faction, and is embarking on a new policy of collaboration with both the Partisans and the Mihailovich groups in their respective territories.

2. The problem of the union of the two factions will be left until later. Meanwhile the chief difficulty will be to put the new policy across to the public.

(OSS Official Dispatch #30111, London, March 30, 1943).

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Russian Activity in Syria

1. Moscow has been directing the communist activity in Syria. The local leader, Khalid Bagdash (sic), was trained in Moscow. Russian consulates are opening in Beirut and Damascus.

2. This Russian influence is encouraged by the French to counteract that of U.S. and U.K. The only uncensored news comes from Tass.

3. Russian propaganda soft-pedals communism, stresses freedom in general terms and power of the Red Army.

(OSS Official Dispatch #25, 26, Beirut, March 27, 1943)

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Greek Independence Day Demonstrations

An OSS agent in Cairo sends the following information secured from a well-placed source:

1. Crowds in Athens, enthusiastically celebrating Greek Independence Day with flags and banners, were fired upon by Italian armored cars and cavalry. More than 40 casualties resulted, among them nurses on their way to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

(OSS Official Dispatch #186, Cairo, March 29, 1943)

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Great Britain: Official Attitude Toward Greek King

The British Political Warfare Section Chief in Cairo informed the OSS agent there that the Foreign Office has now decided to back the King and has ordered that the King should be "built up."

(OSS Official Dispatch, #185, Cairo, March 28, 1943)

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An Imminent Bulgarian Attack on Turkey?

From an "excellent authority" an OSS agent has reported that the Tashnaks* in Beirut have been informed that Bulgaria will attack Turkey in April.

(OSS Official Dispatch #25, 26, Beirut, March 27, 1943)

* The Tashnaks (Dashnaks) are an Armenian political group reputedly pro-Axis.

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Germany: Further Information on a Supposed "Bock-Halder Plan"

The supposed new German strategic plan, attributed to Generals Von Bock and Halder, involves not only restoring the defenses of France to the point at which they were prior to withdrawals for the Russian front, but also a move against the Balearic Islands, and possibly Spain. Measures include substantial strengthening of the Italian and Sicilian defenses under General Dietl. Finally (as previously reported) a move against the Balearics and Spain is envisaged in order to prevent use of the Mediterranean for the passage of allied supplies and reinforcements.

(OSS Official Dispatches #133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, Lisbon, March 26, 1943)

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More Rumors on Axis Peace Plans with Russia

With great reserve our Bern agent transmits the following report:

1. Mussolini presided over a secret conference in Rome, March 8, at which Prince Umberto was present. The conference selected four members to confer with the Germans at Nuremberg.

2. Following the Nuremberg conference a mixed Italian-German commission would go to Japan to attempt conversations with Russia through a Japanese intermediary.

(OSS Official Dispatch #1926, Bern, March 26, 1943)

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A De Gaullist Rumor from London

1. A story is circulating in the French colony in London to the effect that General De Gaulle's commission, now in North Africa, might be expected to arouse popular demonstrations against Giraud. The object would be to force Giraud to resign in favor of De Gaulle.

2. The purpose of the story, according to our agent who forwards it with reserve, may be to discredit De Gaulle.

(OSS Official Dispatch #10, London, March 27, 1943)

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Significant Deletions from a Goebbels' Speech

Our Bern agent forwards significant remarks deleted from a speech made by Goebbels to foreign correspondents on March 15, the deletions having been made by Goebbels' own censors:

1. Goebbels, discussing the British air offensive, mentioned "counter-measures of the same type."
2. Pressed for news of the summer offensive on the eastern front, Goebbels replied evasively that the offensive depended on circumstances, especially on whether the Anglo-Saxons attempted invasion.
3. Goebbels said that in England the Bolshevik danger was now taken so seriously that English conservatives might force a change in Churchill's policies.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #1902, Bern, March 24, 1943)

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Axis Threat in Spain?

From a serious, but as yet untested source, our agent in Lisbon has secured the following reports on German plans in Spain:

1. The source considers the threat to Spain now serious owing to a recent change in German strategy. According to him, Von Bock became commander-in-chief on March 15. Hitler now admits his past errors in the Russian campaign, and now endorses the new Bock-Halder program favoring a defensive position for Germany on the eastern front with hopes of future negotiations.

2. It is with this in mind that the source reports a steady flow of troops and materials in the direction of the Spanish border. Airdromes in southern and central France are on a war footing. In the Toulouse area the arrival of armored divisions is expected. Troops of the Afrika Korps, concentrated at Nimes, are making many preparations.

(OSS Official Dispatches #133, 134, 137, 138, 139, Bern, March 26, 1943)

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Axis Plans and Preparations in Southern France

Independently of the previous item our agent in Lisbon has secured the following information on Axis activities from a very reliable source:

1. In the Alpes-Maritimes area a clear line of demarcation extends to Toulon. The occupation troops are South Italians, ill-clothed, underfed, and low in morale. From Toulon west to the Pyrenees, German troops predominate, their morale likewise low. They expect to return to the eastern front after two months' rest.

2. The Germans are transporting all their factory equipment from coastal and frontier areas inland to a depth of 50 kilometers, leaving these areas lightly guarded between Marseille and the Spanish border.

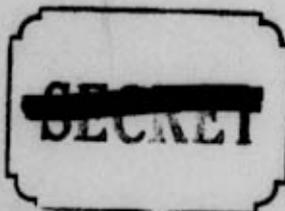
3. The defensive line is set up 50 kilometers to the north, running along the entire Spanish frontier, the Mediterranean coast, and through the Rhone Valley.

4. Troop movements in an easterly direction, through southern France, doubled during February. The Marseille Old Port is still being demolished, and a submarine base constructed on the west side of the Port.

5. The food problem is acute in the Cannes-Nice area. Requisitioned material is sent via Livorno to Tunisia.

6. The Italian army is praying for an Anglo-American invasion. The Italians generally say they will offer no resistance. Italian officials in the area are worried about communist-inspired uprisings which have recently occurred in Italian industrial centers.

(OSS Official Dispatches, #116, 117, 118, Lisbon, March 26, 1943)



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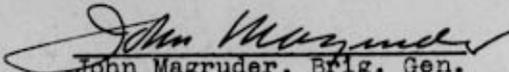
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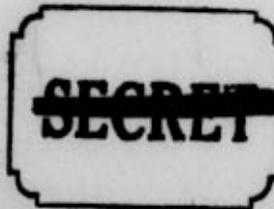
Germany: Plans and Policies

Our agent in Bern transmits the following information regarding German plans secured from a good, though not yet fully tested, source:

1. By mid-April the Germans expect to complete substantial reinforcement of the western front. To forestall Allied action pending this reinforcement they count on (a) Anglo-Saxon hesitation, (b) our political difficulties with Russia, especially inducing Russia to take a stand regarding Japan.
2. The period of maximum weakness of defenses in France has passed, despite the fact that there are only 200,000 German troops there.*
3. No effective concentration of German combat forces on the Spanish border exists. The training forces there are designed to induce us to reduce our strength on the Tunisian front.
4. Germany is commencing a new war of nerves against Switzerland, involving invasion plans. The purpose is perhaps to bolster pending economic negotiations.
5. A trusted source provided our Bern representative with the report that the Japanese Embassy at Vichy has requested the Vichy government to cease personal attacks on Stalin while continuing to attack Bolshevism.
6. Rochat, permanent chief of the Vichy Foreign Office, is quoted as having praised Stalin as a great personality who would play an important part in the future!

(OSS Official Dispatch #126, 127, 128, 129, 120, Bern, March 23, 1943)

*Military opinion would hold this figure too low. It estimates 9 combat divisions, and 33 divisions in all.



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The Tangier Zone: Spanish Strategy

1. Spanish strategy in the zone is to arm and equip troops already there rather than to increase numbers. There is a constant flow of arms and equipment. Morale has improved in recent months and the men are better clothed and fed. Work on fortifications goes ahead rapidly.

2. The Germans were much annoyed over the temporary suspension of air service between Tangier and Madrid.

3. During the past week the newspaper, Espana, has become almost pro-allied in tone.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #428, Tangier, March 20, 1943)

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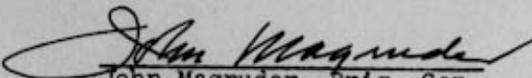
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Bulgaria: Current Policy of Tsar Boris

From an excellent Bulgarian source, an OSS agent cables the following information:

1. The reason for the Tsar's contact with pro-Axis generals is to avoid surprise by keeping informed of their actions. He is getting the strings in his own hand.

2. Ninety per cent of Bulgarians are pro-Russian. The remaining ten per cent represent the propertied class who fear Bolshevism.

3. The Tsar arranged for the liquidation of Loukoff because that general was going too far with the Germans.

(OSS Official Dispatch #222, 223, Bern, March 19, 1943)

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Russia: Another Report on Separate Peace by Japanese
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A high official in the Portuguese foreign office reports that negotiations are under way for a separate peace between Germany and Russia with Japan as the mediating agent. Also, Mr. Eden's visit is in connection with this matter.

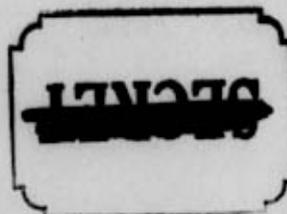
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The Greek Mutiny: Repercussions

1. Admiral Sakellariou denies authorship of the manifesto urging assassination of Roussos (now Vice Premier in the new Greek cabinet). He claims that his name was used by agents provocateurs.

2. The Prime Minister (Tsouderos) will go to Cairo from London as soon as transportation can be arranged.

3. A wealthy civilian member of the Revolution Committee informed our agent in Cairo that the Greek Soldier's Committee is backed up by a similar secret British Soldier's Committee in Syria. He alleged that such a committee also existed among U. S. forces in North Africa.

4. Soldiers of the First Greek brigade lock up their officers at night. The commanding officer of Catsota's brigade takes his orders from the Soldier's Committee. This committee anticipates replacing 200 officers with Radical Democrats, and will probably demand a new government.

5. The Navy Sailors' Committee has signed a manifesto supporting the soldiers, but they will not revolt at this time since they are engaged in action against the enemy.

(OSS Official Dispatch #168, Cairo, March 19, 1943)

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France: Guerrilla Resistance

The following appraisal of the guerrilla movement in France has been received from the OSS representative in Bern:

1. The present movement is not a "military revolt," as suggested abroad. The conscription of French labor has undoubtedly provoked widespread resistance, but the importance of this is psychological rather than military. Nevertheless these groups may be useful in the future if they can hold out and be organized quietly.

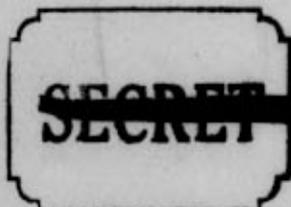
2. According to best estimates there are about 4,000 refugees in the Savoie mountains. So far comparatively few appear to have abandoned the struggle. About 500 have managed to enter Switzerland, despite the government ban.

3. The Garde Mobile is using persuasive tactics, apparently trying to starve the insurgents out rather than use force. A few medical and other supplies have been dropped by plane near Mejevette, about 20 kilometres south of Thonon.

4. Other bands of refugees are reliably reported in the whole mountain area from Savoie to the Mediterranean.

5. In the Annecy-Annemasse region about 20 percent of the inhabitants refuse to appear for labor conscription, and others make their escape after being examined. Recently the railroad workers in this area arranged to derail three trains which were removing labor conscripts from the country.

(OSS Official Dispatch, Bern, March 21, #24, 25, 26, 27)



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The Greek Troop Mutiny and the Government-in-Exile

New developments in the Greek situation are summarized in three OSS cables from Cairo. Apparently the King has granted some of the demands of the insurgent troops in Syria and has reshuffled his government, retaining Tsouderos at the helm.

1. Unrest in the Army recently flared up again. It is continually charged that Communist Party agitators revive discontent whenever it subsides. Some outside influence is obviously at work, as the liberal leaders seemingly cannot control the Army dissenters, most of whom are unknown. An unconfirmed report says that a similar soldiers' committee is secretly operating in British units in Syria and encouraging revolters.

2. The Greek Navy on March 18 threatened to join the revolutionists, but was persuaded to postpone action for 48 hours.

3. A private soldier and Colonel Colocotronis arrived in Cairo to make demands on the King, demanding either discharge of all Metaxas supporters or abdication.

4. Premier Tsouderos and the King agreed to some of the revolutionists' terms after intercession by the British Minister of State. This apparently settles the revolution.

5. In discussing cabinet changes the King and Tsouderos quarrelled violently, the King accusing Tsouderos of withholding intelligence.

6. The following new cabinet was agreed upon:

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| Premier without portfolio | Tsouderos |
| Vice Premier and Foreign Affairs | Roussos |
| National Defense and Army | Karapanaghiot (sic) |
| Air | Venizelos |
| National Assistance | Sophoulis |
| Navy | (Undecided) |

Sakellariou and Catsotas (sic) are no longer naval members.

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7. A message from Greek guerrilla leaders says they want to expel the enemy, and are interested in neither the politicians nor the King.

(OSS Official Dispatches, Cairo, March 19 and 20, #167, 169, 170, 171)

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Notes from Vichy France

The following observations on conditions in France were obtained by OSS from the Venezuelan Charge d'Affaires at Vichy, who has just arrived in Lisbon:

1. Turkey is severing diplomatic relations with the Vichy government. It is common talk in Vichy that Turkey will enter the war on the Allied side, rather than await a German attack.

2. As of February, half the troops stationed in France left for the Eastern Front. A larger portion of the German troops stationed in Vichy consists of men as old as 60 or as young as 15. The army material which has been passing through Vichy appeared dilapidated.

3. The morale of high German officials at the hotel in Vichy was one of despair; they felt it utterly useless to continue the war, as they believe Germany will be defeated this year.

4. Germany's intentions toward Spain are defensive rather than offensive, judging by construction which has taken place along the Mediterranean coast and the Spanish frontier. A military zone 10 kilometres deep has been declared along the Spanish frontier. It took three hours to proceed from Perpignan to the border.

5. Stoppage of Moroccan food, and neglect of their farms by French farmers, are causing a general famine in France. People in the Nice area are suffering particularly because of the poor agricultural land. French farmers are allowed 20 litres of gasoline per month, but are selling it in the black market.

6. Iberian plane service to Madrid and Lisbon ceased operation March 20 because of lack of fuel. Airline officials expect to obtain gasoline and resume service within a fortnight.

(OSS Official Dispatch, Lisbon, March 20, #113)

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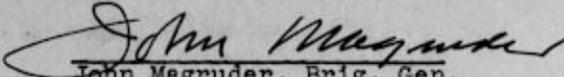
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The Fighting French: Reaction to the Giraud Speech

1. Fighting French circles reacted favorably to Giraud's declaration. However, a reliable source reported today (March 17) a stiffening of attitude. From some quarters comes increasing insistence that a compromise can only be achieved through the absorption of Giraud's regime by De Gaulle.

The government-in-exile tend to support this stand because they recognize the De Gaulle National Committee as France's legal government. They believe that their own position would be weakened if De Gaulle compromises his authority.

(OSS Official Dispatch #17191, London, March 17, 1943)

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French Underground Resistance: Latest Developments

1. The partisan (underground) activity is largely the spontaneous result of efforts to mobilize French labor for Germans. Its importance has thus far been exaggerated. It may develop.

2. There is a sizeable semi-military organization of Socialists and other political groups, 20,000 members of which refuse adherence to De Gaulle controlled resistance groups.

3. The Socialists demand that autonomous political parties be recognized. They have invited the Radical, Communist, Popular, Democratic, and Republican Federation parties to form an executive committee of resistance for the liberation of France as a democratic state.

4. The Socialists aim to unite the efforts of all reconstituted French political parties to help with the second front and to oppose the growing dictatorial trend.

5. The preliminary conferences have a good chance of success. However, the courteous attitude of the French Socialists is not shared by the French Communists in England.

6. Behind the scenes Grenier, Communist leader, is working against the Socialists. The Communists are simultaneously supporting Giraud and De Gaulle. De Gaulle receives a large subsidy from Moscow for the support of the families of 20,000 imprisoned Communists.

7. Everywhere in France the Socialist groups are the more important of the clandestine organizations. However, they lack the financial resources sufficient to combat the many Communist publications.

(OSS Official Dispatch #16192, London, March 16, 1943)

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French North Africa: Reestablishment of Democracy

1. Following the resignations of Bergeret and Rigaud, eight ordinances reestablishing French democracy will be published by Giraud in the Journal Officiel on Thursday, March 18.

2. To prevent an interregnum, these ordinances provide for (a) an impartial review of all Vichy legislation, (b) the abrogation of the racial laws, (c) the reinstatement of the Free Masons, and (d) the restoration of the powers of the democratically-elected local assemblies. Elections, however, are postponed until French liberation.

3. The ordinances remove the Cremieux decree of 1870 discriminating against the Arabs in favor of the Jews. Hereafter native Jews, like Arabs, must apply for French citizenship.

4. Apart from refugees, the abrogation of the Vichy racial decrees affect about 1500 European Jews. The annulment of the Cremieux decree affects about 250,000 native Jews, only a small minority of whom will be interested.

(OSS Official Dispatch #6997, Algiers, March 16, 1943)

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Finland: Possible Evidence on the New Finnish-Soviet Frontier

1. From an authentic source, our agent has learned that the Finnish Ministry of Defense has ordered 400 ventilation units to be installed in 400 "bunkers" which are being erected along the former frontier in the Karelian Isthmus.

2. Our agent believes that the Finnish High Command is employing this process to express in concrete form its view as to the location of the new Finnish-Soviet frontier.

(OSS Official Dispatch #430, Helsinki, March 15, 1943)

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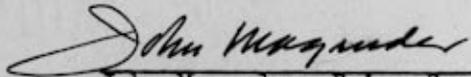
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France: Bomb Damage at L'Orient

An OSS agent has it from a "good source" that the bombing of L'Orient has rendered the town uninhabitable. New R.A.F. bombs which explode on the water have blocked the entrance to an underground sub-base and destroyed three submarines in it.

(OSS Official Dispatch #1615, March 10, 1943)

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The French Underground: Organization of a "Secret Army"

1. According to De Gaullist sources in London, recent newspaper reports of sabotage and violence against the Germans in France have created a wrong impression of sudden activity. Actually this violence is a cumulative action. While De Gaulle is said to have ordered no concerted action until allied landings are made, his broadcasts urge Frenchmen to active sabotage in order to worry the Germans.

2. De Gaulle's headquarters claim they have carried out plans for united underground activity in France, centering around large-scale operations for support of an allied landing. Recently four representatives of underground organizations met with Colonel Billotte and Sir Alan Brooke in London. Among them was "Mr. Chevalier," which is the pseudonym of a General, who served with Giraud at Metz. He now heads the "Secret Army" which coordinates all the underground groups.

3. Liberation, Combat, and Franc-Tireur have combined to form this army in preparation for the general uprising when the Allies come. On local actions these groups still work independently. But all regard De Gaulle, even the communist dominated Franc-Tireur, as the coordinating center. The groups are not doctrinaire Gaullist. All respect Giraud. All are anxious to collaborate completely with those who establish Anglo-American policy.

4. In France the "Secret Army" is divided into a northern and southern section, each under a major general. These sections are subdivided into regions, but it is doubtful if the actual organization is as good as it looks on paper. However, it is clear that actual steps have recently been taken to unite the active groups.

5. A somewhat contradictory report from French sources says that the "active incidents" in the campaign of resistance have been instigated exclusively by the Communists and have no connection

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with London. De Gaullist organizations say that they are concerned with conserving their personnel.

6. The danger of German infiltration into the French underground, regarded as very real as late as July-August 1942, has now ceased. The organization of the underground groups and the security check make it impossible for agents, provocateurs, and traitors to get beyond the lowest units -- men who know nothing of importance.

7. The group called Liberation rests upon the Socialists, not the Communists. Leftist intellectuals have contributed heavily to it, and have given its newspaper the best circulation of the underground. Students and Trade Unionists are relied upon for its battle groups. Its record for sabotage is reported to be good.

8. In principle the British and Fighting French coordinate their Secret Operations (SO Activities), but conflicts in planning have occurred. This situation is improving.

9. The four representatives of the underground organization, referred to in section 2 above, produced the following from information coming directly to them:

(a) Guerilla groups in Savoie region who are super-nationalist, are made up of escaped hostages, demobilized war prisoners, and similar elements.

(b) Elsewhere individuals and small uncoordinated groups, often associated with local communist groups, are responsible for some acts of violence. Growth of Communist influence, lacking central or external control, is apparent in regions of critical tension or distressed areas.

(c) There is at least one organization (possibly more) which is German inspired. It is called the Chevaliers de Resistance. Without actually touching Germans, it causes small incidents.

(d) Effectiveness in delaying production and other non-violent sabotage has been demonstrated by the organization Kiuekatdon which is aligned with the De Gaullists.

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10. There are indications that Cartier is domiciled in the Savoie area. The 27th regiment, connected with guerilla activity, is likewise quartered there.

(OSS Official Dispatches, #13150, 15181, 15182, London, March 13-15, 1943)

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Germany: Extermination of Jews

From a Berlin source which our agent considers reliable, we have the following report on changes in the Nazi Jewish policy:

The new Nazi policy is to kill Jews on the spot rather than to deport them to Poland for extermination there. High officers of the SS reportedly have decided that Berlin shall be liberated of all Jews by mid-March. Accordingly, 15,000 Berlin Jews were arrested between January 26 and March 2. All closed trucks were requisitioned; several hundred children died; several hundred adults were shot. Extension of these methods to other parts of Germany in the near future is expected.

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Syria and Lebanon: Communist Movement; Politics

As the time of elections approaches in Syria and Lebanon, there is a report of a strong communist movement which it is thought the Russians are backing financially. The present movement greatly overshadows previous communist movements sponsored by Communists from Palestine operating in Syria.

Since Catroux's return, there has been considerable friction between the administrative departments. Our agent feels sure that the British would be happy to have the Americans intervene as they did in North Africa.

(OSS Official Dispatches #27, 28, 29, Beirut, March 15, 1943)

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Serious Effects of Anti-Allied Propaganda in Morocco

We have a report that anti-allied propaganda is having a serious effect on the Moors. So are the Arab desertions from the French army.

An A-1 report indicates uneasiness in the Spanish Morocco command with respect to American intentions.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #399, Tangier, March 13, 1943)

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German and Japanese Contributions to an Understanding
With Russia

From a source deserving some attention comes the following information:

Japan has agreed to offer Russia security in the Orient by ceding the Kuriles and Southern Sakhalin together with the neutralization of Manchuria. This will be Japan's contribution to an attempted Axis understanding with Russia. On this basis Japan would act as intermediary between Russia and Germany.

Withdrawal on the Eastern Front to defensive lines would be Germany's part of the agreement.

It was further reported by this source that there was a change eight days ago in Axis strategy in Tunis. Their present policy is to strengthen and further reinforce Tunis, making every effort to hold it. Previous to this, their strategy has been only to fight a delaying action and even some slight withdrawal of forces. Recent visits of Goering and Ribbentrop to Italy were responsible for this change. It is believed that Goering is now leaving Italy for France.

(OSS Official Dispatches #212, 213, 214, Bern,
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM #2 DATE: March 11, 1943

TO: Col. Chester Hammond, White House Map Room
FROM: John Magruder, Brig. Gen.
SUBJECT: Reports received in Office of Strategic Services

I am forwarding herewith some additional items received from our secret sources abroad. I will, from time to time, add some condensations of studies or analyses made in the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services.

John Magruder

John Magruder, Brig. Gen.,
Deputy Director, OSS -- Intelligence Service

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Germany: Concentration of Airplane Factories

Plane motor plants and airplane factories are now being concentrated along a 28-mile stretch of railway running from Wiener Neustadt north to Moedling, and will form one huge coordinated plant for plane construction. This information is supplied by a reliable Swiss source who also says the German airplane industry is now getting raw material priorities over tank factories, possibly indicating a trend towards defensive warfare.

(OSS Official Dispatch #108, Bern, March 8, 1943)

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Rumania: Advice to Abandon the Axis

We have received the following summary of a letter reportedly addressed by Bratianu and Maniu, January 30, to Antonescu:

In the light of certain Axis defeat, the policy of Antonescu must be changed rapidly and with no regard to the dangers.

Rumania should openly proclaim that it seeks no territorial gain at the expense of Russia; that Transistria was never claimed.

The recovery of Transylvania is the limit of Rumanian national aspirations.

Rumania should express her determination to resume her traditional policy of constitutional monarchy, rejecting all ideas of dictatorship.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #1578, Bern, March 8, 1943)

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Greece: Cabinet Resignations

As a result of a situation arising from the mutiny of two Greek brigades at Beirut last month, Tsellos and Canellopoulos have resigned from the Greek cabinet.

The King and Prime Minister are planning to depart for Cairo at the earliest possible moment.

(OSS Official Dispatch #10185, London, March 10, 1943)

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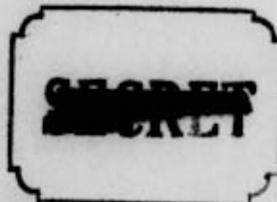
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Spain: Economic Maladjustments

The insecurity of the Falangist regime is traced by a current Research & Analysis Branch report to gross injustices and inconveniences resulting from its economic mismanagement. On the one hand a few people -- largely bankers, speculators, and government officials -- make tremendous amounts of money out of Allied buying and black market operations. On the other, the great mass of the people are faced by an almost daily rise in the cost of living, and virtual unobtainability of many necessities at prices within their reach. Price fixing, official exchange rates, and rationing regulations are disregarded on every hand, and it is generally conceded that even the lowliest peasant cannot subsist on the authorized food ration: either it is insufficient in itself, or it cannot be obtained at the official price.

The situation is vividly reflected in a ruling of the Civil Governor of Coruna, forbidding shoppers to form lines outside of textile retailers' shops until two hours before opening time. The well-to-do, who can afford to buy food illegally or can hire substitutes to stand in line for them, are able to tolerate existing conditions; but the regime is developing a host of new enemies, and disregard for law is evidently increasing.

(Research and Analysis Branch Morale Report -- Spain,
No. 7, March 10, 1943)



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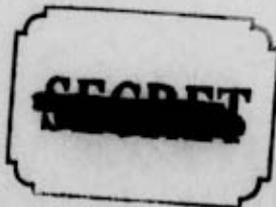
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Union of South Africa: Indian Agitators Working for Japan.

The British S.I. does not believe a rumor that the Japanese have landed Indian agitators on the Zululand coast to stir up trouble among Indians in the Union. However, the British do claim that the Japanese operate in Malaya a training school for Indian agitators. The Indian High Commissioner in Capetown says that some leaders of the Indian population in Natal prefer the Japanese to the Union Government.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #57, Capetown, March 11, 1943)



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The Tangier Zone: Nazi Efforts to Provoke Allied Action

An A-1 report says that the Nazis have purchased a hotel for Vichy representatives, about 12 of whom have arrived. Numerous rumors are current regarding future Spanish piracies. The Nazis have apparently started these rumors in order to goad the local government into provoking Allied action in the zone.

(OSS Official Dispatch, #7, Tangier, March 10, 1943)

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Spain: Restoration of the Monarchy

A Spanish source, believed dependable, reports that the Monarchy, represented by Gil Robles, and financially backed by the industrialists of Barcelona, will head the Spanish government in two or three months. Jordana will be Minister of Foreign Affairs, and will initiate the movement along with Generals Orgaz and Kinderland.

(OSS Official Dispatch #107, Lisbon, March 10, 1943)

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Italy: Concern for the Naval Fleet

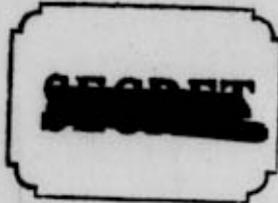
According to a former Italian diplomat visiting in Bern, the Italian fleet will avoid intensive action since naval officials see no possibility of replacing larger units if they are lost. These officials are reported to fear Italy will be left with no fleet worth mentioning at the end of the war if heavy fighting is required now. Some concern is now evidenced by failure of the high command to construct plane carriers.

(OSS Official Dispatch #109, Bern, March 8, 1943)

Italy: Mussolini Retirement Suggested

A very dependable source believes that the Pope will intercede to have Mussolini retire of his own volition, and also to have the King abdicate in favor of Prince Humbert. He will be supported by an army under the leadership of Badoglio.

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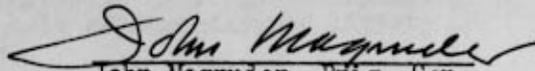
OFFICE MEMORANDUM
NO. 1

DATE: March 10, 1943

TO: Col. Chester Hammond, White House Map Room
FROM: John Magruder, Brig. Gen.
SUBJECT: Reports received in Office of Strategic Services

1. Submitted herewith are some items received from our secret sources abroad, in keeping with our telephone conversation of this morning.

2. I shall be glad to keep in touch with you concerning the nature of information appropriate for your service. From time to time, we shall make some condensations of various studies that are prepared in this organization.



John Magruder, Brig. Gen.,
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Significance of the Ribbentrop - Mussolini Meeting
(Feb. 24-28) in Rome *

The meeting was requested by Mussolini. He stated that Italy could not carry on indefinitely and he asked a free hand to try peace possibilities. Ribbentrop, while asserting that Germany could hold Europe indefinitely, admitted that the Germans had lost their chance for a decisive victory. He agreed to allow Mussolini to contact the Anglo-Saxons, and the basis for a peace offer was discussed. Finally, agreement between Mussolini and Ribbentrop was reached on the following points:

(1) To endeavor to clarify "misunderstandings" that the Axis wanted to dominate other European states.

(2) To emphasize that the "nationality principles" of the Axis nations assured liberty to all European states.

(3) To try to convince the Anglo-Saxons of the real danger of Bolshevism in order to make possible an agreement with them.

(OSS Official Dispatch #1527, Bern, March 5, 1943)

* According to a source which has been reliable in the past.

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Suggestions for U.S. Psychological Warfare Against
Axis Satellites

Recommendations for extension of U.S.
psychological warfare in Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria,
Croatia:

(1) Make a distinction in our policy between the three Axis powers and their unwilling satellites. Unconditional surrender applies to the former. Negotiation possible for the latter if they restrict aid to the Axis to the possible minimum.

(2) Since these satellites are already disgusted with Axis plundering, we should make an effort to find a market for some of their products against payments which could be blocked and become available after cessation of hostilities for rehabilitation.

(OSS Official Dispatch #1529, Bern, March 6, 1943)

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French Resistance: The Formation of Secret Armies

1. In southeastern France secret armies are forming in the forests. Two thousand men have gathered near Grenoble. The French and Italian authorities dare not interfere with them. Arms and clothing are distributed to them out of the casernes.

2. French resentment at the forced labor decrees has reached a pitch of intensity unequalled since June 1940. There is revolt en masse in certain villages.

(OSS Official Dispatch #1543, Bern, March 6, 1943)

Suggestions for Fortifying French Resistance

Two additional fields of endeavor invite use as means of building up French resistance:

(1) The old resistance groups such as Liberation, Combat, Franc-Tireur. The strongest of all resistance groups viz., the Communists, have now joined these. These all need development directly from the U.S. These groups have hitherto looked to De Gaulle and London. We can supplement these directly, but the work should be coordinated with London if the disruption of London contacts has not been too serious.

(2) The Army, heretofore neglected, and suspicious of the Communists, looks to us and to Giraud. Between five and ten thousand officers are reliably reported to be in hiding in the Savoie mountains. Among them and other like-minded army elements useful work could be done.

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Conditions in Alsace-Lorraine

A good Alsatian source reports a new deportation threat in Alsace-Lorraine. Evacuation of a zone a kilometer deep along the frontier between Delle and Bâle is under consideration by the military authorities. Object is to prevent the escape of Alsations and French prisoners to Switzerland.

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