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From: US Military Attache, Stockholm, Sweden

To: War Department

Nr: 372 7 April 1945

Msg nr 372. To MILID.

Enemy in Norway preparing defense line approx 50 kilometers from Swedish border along line from Brekken in north to Fredrikstad in south. Inf Div 230 and 140 Div ZBV moving into this sector Hq of which located at Hamar, CG, General Vogel. Norway to be held long as possible German supplies all kinds sufficient 3 to 4 months. Inf.

End.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, LOG

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland

To: War Department

Nr: 2211

7 April 1945

B-2, Source 2036, Msg Nbr 2211 Acting Cheatele to  
MILID Washington DC.

Forty to fifty AA pieces left Starnberg (Beveria)  
to protect Brenner Line. Several thousand road and bridge  
workers and construction materials sent to Brenner Line  
from Austria, Bavaria and Italy by truck and animal  
transport since end March.

Legge

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INFO : CG AAF; OPD; Col Park

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland

To: War Department

Nr: 2212 7 April 1945

From Military Attache Bern, to MILID Washington DC.  
Msg nbr 2212.

B-2 since 28 March total 1 div left Waldkirch-Freiburg region by truck for Swabian Jura, now distributed mountainous region Furtwangen-Villingen to Esslingen. Other troops moved from South Bavaria to Franconian Jura and Thuringian Forest as far as Oisenach (source 1066) acting Cheatle.

Following source 1036:

New units of Wehrmacht reported in Black Forest. Artificial fog units arrived Freudenstadt region. Arty Bns recently emplaced Sulz-Lahr-Dinglingen zone instructed not to open fire in order to conceal their presence. Other Arty units in position several weeks Southern half German Rhine front. Some pontons have arrived vicinity Sackingen.

Logge

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INFO : CG AAP  
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*Colonel Park*

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From: US Military Attache, London, England

To: War Department

No. 43306

4 April 1945

To MILID from Morgan sr nr 43306. Sgd Tindall

Supplementing cable number 43287 dated 2 April 45 German plans against attack from Sweden comprise defenses on line Brekken Soth to Faermundsjoen-along western shore Faermundsjoen-along Trysil River to Nybergsund. From this point probably over Rena to Elverum thence to Mjosa and along rivers Vorm and Glomma. 36th Army Corps to be reestablished by 1 April under Lieutenant General Vogel to defend this line. Composition of corps 230 Infantry Division (previously reported dissolved without confirmation) consisting of 349 Grenadier Regiment 859 Fortress Regiment and 930 Artillery Battalion and 140 Division presumably commanded by Major General Kreutler consisting of 139 Mountain Grenadier Regiment and 3 and 6 Jager Battalions formerly of 8 Mountain Division and 388 Grenadier Regiment formerly of 214 Infantry Division.

If Swedish intervention or Allied landings do not compel otherwise General Bohme recommends defending Lyngen line until 19 May. On 15 March Wehrmacht had gasoline and

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From: US Military Attache, London, England

No. 43306

4 April 1945

oil sufficient for three months, ammunition five months with heavy fighting, military rations four months; fodder obtained through forced requisition. Estimated enemy strength 187000 men in Norway of whom 172000 Germans exclusive of Navy and Air Force.

End

NOTE: 43287 is CM-IN 1409 (2 Apr 45)

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INFO : CGAAF, OPD, COL. PARK, LOG

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From: US Military Attache London, England

To: War Department

Nr: 43287

2 April 1945

Sgd Tindall to MILID sr nr 43287 from Morgan

Additional reliable info today shows intensification  
German efforts defend Norwegian-Swedish border. Fuller  
info follows promptly.

End

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INFO : CG AAF

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The following is Germany's official accounting of her submarines (Austro-Hungarian not included) in World War I:

Building Program 1918 - 1919	419
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War Losses:

Sunk in combat	178	
Interned during the course of the war in neutral ports	7	
Scuttled prior to Armistice 1918 in Adriatic and Channel bases	<u>14</u>	199
Scuttled in transit to British ports 1919		6
Delivered by reason of Article 188 of the Versailles Treaty to:		
England	107	
France	46	
Italy	10	
Japan	7	
United States	<u>6</u>	176

Left in Germany and destroyed 10

Building program abandoned 419

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Subject GERMANY-Navy Organization Fleets and Other Operating Forces: BATTLE UNITS  
(Nation reported on) (Main title as per Index Guide) (Subtitles) (Make separate report for each title)

BRIEF.—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

## Purpose.

History: Important Officer Personnel; Headquarters and Regional Offices; Special Emblems.

Types of Vessels or Units: Human Torpedoes (Neger and Marder); Assault Boats (Sturmboote), principal type, - Explosive Motor Boat ("Sprengboot" or "Linse"); Midget Submarines, operating types, - "Biber," "Molch," and "Seehund;" "Schlitten," torpedo-launching seaplane float; "Spinne" (T-10), a special torpedo launched from shore, electrical-ly controlled; and "Dackel," a long-range shore-launched "Curly" torpedo; Naval Operational Detachments responsible for naval sabotage operations, especially of Swimming Saboteurs.

Operations: Personnel Procurement and Training; Bases; Strength (including Building Yards); Tactics; Missions.

Conclusions.

Enclosures: (A) Particulars of the Explosive Motor Boat (Linse).  
(B) Particulars of Midget Submarines.  
(C) Partial Summary of Operations - April/September, 1944.  
(D) Designations and Abbreviations of Small Battle Units.

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I. INTRODUCTION

I.

1. The Small Battle Unit Command was set up late in 1943. Units under this command began to operate in April 1944. This organization had a fourfold purpose:

- (a) To strengthen coastal defenses against Allied landings.
- (b) To provide new defensive weapons which would compensate in part for the failure of submarines.
- (c) To provide a stop-gap until old submarines could be equipped with anti-radar and anti-ascdic devices or until new submarines with increased speed and better protection could be built.
- (d) To create quickly a naval arm which could serve as a useful propaganda theme to save the face of the navy at the time submarine losses were severe.

II. ORGANIZATION

2. Modelled after the Italian Sabotage Organization, the Small Battle Unit Command was founded jointly by the Navy and the Abwehr (Army-Navy-Air Intelligence). The SS also is reported to have played a prominent part during its early days.

3. The Organization was first entitled Marine Einsatz Kommando. By December 1943, active training had commenced. Early in 1944 the Navy acquired a controlling interest, although the SS continued to be active in one of the branches, Swimming Saboteurs. The Organization as a whole was, however, placed under the jurisdiction of Naval Group North and the Fleet and was given the new designation of Marine Einsatz Abteilung (MEA). In April 1944 the name was again changed to Kommando der Kleinkampferbaende (K.d.k.). Rear Admiral Heye (since 1 August 1944, Vice-Admiral) was placed in command and the organization was given an independent status similar to that of submarines. In other words, the commanding officer did not report to the commanding officer of the fleet but directly to Naval Operations where a special section was set up. This was called SKL/S (Seekriegsleitung Sonderunternehmung--naval operations for special undertakings). Headquarters of the revamped K.d.k. were established at the Hotel Zur Kammer, Tismendorfer Strand. Headquarters had previously been maintained at Heiligenhafen.

4. Vice-Admiral Heye joined the Navy in 1914. After graduating from the Naval Academy (Marineschule) at Muvik he was commissioned as Lieutenant zur See (Ensign) in December 1917. He then served in a submarine until the end of the War. Before the present War, Heye had served as commanding officer of a torpedo boat and later as the commanding officer of a torpedo boat flotilla. From 1936-1938 he was in the Operation Section of the Naval High Command (O.K.H.). Promoted to captain in January 1939, he became commanding officer of ADMIRAL HIPPER in March of that year and was probably still in command when the HIPPER participated in the capture of Trondheim. In 1941 Heye was given a shore command in the Black Sea and, after having been advanced in rank to Rear Admiral in September 1942, was appointed Naval Liaison Officer with the 12th Army. The 12th Army was then in the Balkans. Since about April 1944, Vice-Admiral Heye has been in command of the Small Battle Units. He is reported to be somewhat out of favor with the SS and an anti-Nazi. Heye's father was Commander-in-Chief of the German Army under the Weimar Republic.

5. Hoye's Chief-of-Staff is Lt. Cmdr. Fritz Frauenheim who joined the Navy in 1930. In the present War he has been a successful submarine commander and also commanding officer of 2 submarine flotillas in the Mediterranean - one in the Aegean and one in the Western Mediterranean. He is reported to be extremely good-looking and rather vain. He is inclined to make his subordinates responsible for his own mistakes. Nothing is known of his party loyalty.

6. The Small Battle Unit Command was intended to embrace all special offensive weapons such as Human Torpedoes, Midget Submarines, Special Assault Craft and Swimming Saboteurs. As the scope of the organization expanded, it became necessary to establish regional offices, and office command staffs were set up at Oslo, Norway, Aarhus, Denmark; Søngvarden near Lilhelmshaven; and at Livorno, Italy, under the designations "K-Stab Norge", etc.

7. A new emblem was devised in the form of a shoulder patch for all members of the K.d.k. This consisted of a round blue patch with the head of a sawfish superimposed in gold. Pilots of Assault Craft wear the patch with gold piping and those who have at least one action to their credit have a golden sword superimposed on the patch.

8. In addition to this emblem, arm bands bearing the name "HITLER-JUGEND" to be worn on the lower right arm were issued to all personnel of the 611 K-Flotilla. It was to be worn only in Germany and never on operations. This occurred after a delegation from the Flotilla had participated in parades designed to interest young boys in the organization. At a meeting in Duesden one of the boats was pointed out by Admiral Doenitz as one of the new weapons upon which Germany's success depended, and the gathering was told that the Fuehrer had shown his appreciation for the skill and bravery of the Flotilla by bestowing upon it the name "HITLERJUGEND".

### III. TYPES OF VESSELS OR UNITS

#### 9. (a) Human Torpedoes (German: Ein-Mann-Torpedo):

(1) This was the first type of special unit to operate. Two classes of Human Torpedoes have been identified, the Neger and the Harder. The latter is reported to be an improved type with submersive capabilities. The Neger could not submerge. Both types consist of two 21" electric torpedoes, one secured above the other and about 6 inches apart. The lower is the live torpedo and is frequently referred to as the "baby". The other torpedo, whose warhead has been modified to accommodate the pilot, is called the "mother". This torpedo contains the propulsion unit which is simply the standard motor with batteries with slight modifications. The "mother" torpedo contains special release gear for firing the torpedo, control gear and an airing system for the pilot.

(2) The following are the particulars of both the Neger and the Marder

Length:	24' (approx.)
Speed:	
With live torpedoes	2.8 knots
Without live torpedoes	3.1 knots
Endurance:	
Mechanical	19 hours
Human	About same as mechanical
Range:	50 - 60 miles
Live torpedo range:	10,000 yards
Live torpedo speed:	20 knots (maximum of 27 knots has been reported)
Live torpedo running time:	15 minutes

"Baby" torpedo is probably T-3 with Pi-2 pistol (any standard pistol may be employed, but the impact and magnetic pistol with the impact whiskers removed is preferred.)

Range for firing torpedoes (effective) 300 - 500 meters

Range for firing torpedoes (maximum) 800 meters

Cockpit with perspex dome

In addition, the Marder has a periscope, is a little longer owing to the flooding compartment forward and can dive to a maximum of 30 meters. Its usual diving depth, however, is 10 to 15 meters.

(b) Assault Boats (Sturmboote):

(1) Germany has experimented with several types of Assault Boats but has developed only one type capable of operating with any degree of success against major targets such as transports and naval escorts. This is the Explosive Motor Boat or Sprengboot, frequently called the Linse. Prototype was the Italian MTM, an explosive motor boat without radio control. These German craft are fast motor boats about 10' long, operated by one man who sits in the stern and is jettisoned when about 200 meters from the target. The boat from this point on either pursues a collision course toward the target or may be radio-controlled by "command boat". On impact with the target, the trigger rail around the boat fires a small explosive charge which sinks the boat. At the same time a fuse is ignited which sets off a main charge of about 660 pounds in 2 to 4 seconds and when the boat is at a depth of 10 to 15 feet. The craft is equipped with a chemical self-destructer to function at an interval of one-half to one and one-half hours later, should the boat miss the target.

(2) Enclosure (4) contains particulars of Explosive Motor Boats according to information dated February 1945 and graded as "fact" except as noted.

(3) Germany has also developed another type of Assault Boat modelled after Italian SM. This vessel carries one torpedo in a tube in the center line of the boat. This vessel is 27' long and has a beam of 9'4". It has a maximum speed of 30 to 35 knots and an endurance of 120 miles.

(4) A smaller type of torpedo carrying craft known as the Schwein may also exist. This type of craft is reported to be about 18' long and to have a maximum speed of 37 knots. After the torpedo has been fired, the boat may operate like an Explosive Motor Boat.

(5) Types of torpedo carrying craft have proven less satisfactory than the Explosive Motor Boat and it is probable that very few have been completed; construction may have been abandoned.

(c) Midget Submarines:

(1) Three German types have been identified and are known to be operational: Biber, Melch and Seehund. In addition there is an experimental type called the Necht which is not believed to be operational. This type was probably abandoned in favor of the Seehund.

(2) The Italian Type CB Submarine, a number of which are operating in the Mediterranean, is probably not to be classed as a Small Battle Unit and therefore does not fall within the scope of this paper. It is probable that Germany classed as Small Battle Units only those submarines which carry a crew of one or two men. The Italian CB has a crew of four.

(3) Enclosure (B) contains the particulars of the three operating types of German Midget Submarines.

(4) Recent information has been received concerning Walter Submarines, Type XVII and XXVI. These vessels are probably not to be classed as Small Battle Units.

(d) Other Types:

(1) Schlitten: The Schlitten is a seaplane float with two torpedoes on either side. It is reported to have a speed of about 8 knots. It has probably been abandoned because of its tendency to circle and because of poor visibility for the operator.

(2) Spinno (T-10): The Spinno is a special torpedo (T-10) devised for the defense of coastal areas. It is launched from the shore and controlled electrically from the firing point through a fine insulated wire paid out by the torpedo. The torpedo has a range of 6000 meters at 30 knots. It may be launched from torpedo tubes or from a beach using a trolley. Spinno sites have been reported in Denmark at Helsingør and in the area of the Little Belt.

(3) Dackel: Dackel is a long range shore-launched "Curly" torpedo. It is reported to have a slow speed of 6 to 9 knots and a long run reported to be 3 to 4 hours.

(e) Naval Operational Detachments:

(1) Marineinsatzkompanie (MEK) constitutes another section of the K.d.K. This section is responsible for German Naval Sabotage Operations and especially for the operations of Swimming Saboteurs (Hörroska pfer - abbreviation HK). Occasionally other Small Battle Units may be assigned to the HK for special duties. The function of Swimming Saboteurs is to attack ships, bridges, locks and other strategic shore installations along river or water fronts. They operate independently or in small groups usually with a sabotage mine or torpedoes or with special offensive weapons. The first group of HK's were trained in Italy in 1943 and operations by this and by other groups began in 1944. Swimmers wear special rubber suits with large rubber fins attached to their shoes; tight fitting caps with

camouflaged nets; they are provided with special breathing apparatus consisting of an oxygen bottle carried on the chest and a tube for the mouth. Thus equipped, they can remain submerged for an hour. It is reported that an improved breathing apparatus gives an even longer endurance. Equipment is largely of Italian manufacture. Swimmers sometimes wear nose-clips when using the breathing apparatus, also diving goggles which enable them to see up to 16 feet under water. Weapons known to be used by Swimming Saboteurs consist of modified 21" torpedoes which can be maneuvered by 3 men; especially designed limpet torpedo-mines 16' to 20' long and 8' to 12' in diameter; and mines especially designed for the particular operations. "Te-mines" were used in the attack on Wijnegon Bridge. These are modified G.S. mines and are described as ordinary submarine mines about 3 meters long, 40 - 45 cm. in diameter with hemispherical ends. A flexible handrail running around the mine lengthways is used to attach tow-ropes fore and aft. Buoyancy chambers at each end give slight buoyancy which varies from mine to mine but which can be adjusted.

(2) Closely akin to Swimming Saboteurs are Seabottom Walkers (Meeresläufer). Little is known concerning this unit.

IV.

OPERATIONS

10. Personnel Procurement and Training:

(a) Personnel is drawn from all branches of the German Navy with an admixture of SS, G.I.F and Army personnel. They are not all volunteers.

(b) In one group of the 211th K-Flotilla, the Majority were SS with temporary naval rank but some members were the regular Navy or other services. The SS men had been told that they would be required for only one action, after which they would revert to their SS units.

(c) All operational personnel of 363 Flotilla K.d.K. consisted entirely of volunteers from German Navy ranks and Waffen SS. Mechanics, drivers and administrative personnel were not volunteers and all belonged to Naval Administrative and ordnance units. Average age of torpedo operators estimated at 21.

(d) Members who participated in one mission expressed the opinion that it failed because the operators were chosen too hastily, without sufficient regard to the necessary qualifications for such an enterprise.

(e) The K.d.K. Manning Division ("K-Sturm Abteilung") is located at Kappeln on the north side of Kieler Bucht. Recruits are quartered here before being drafted to the specialized training centers. Originally the Pioneer Barracks in Luebeck served as the training pool, but Luebeck is now used only as an equipment depot and as a transit station.

(f) After general preliminary training at Kappeln, recruits are drafted into one of the specialized branches of K.d.K. and from this point on training takes place at one of the training establishments of the branch. Recruits for the One-Man Torpedo Service are trained at Eckernförde and at Surendorf (near Eckernförde). Candidates for service in Moleh type of Midget Submarine are also trained at Surendorf, while the Biber Midget Submarine recruits are trained at

Seimsdorf near Luebeck. Biber training exercises are carried out in Luebecker Bucht and on the Trave. Training for service in Two-Man Midget Submarine (Hocht and Seehund) takes place at Houstadt. The principal school for candidates for Assault Craft (this included Explosive Motor Boats) is located at List on the Island of Sylt. There are, in addition, training centers for Explosive Motor Boats near Priesterbek on the Speckorsee and at P18n. The principal training centers for Assault Craft were formerly maintained in the Adriatic area, and it is probably that training on a small scale is still being carried out at Stresa and Sesto Calende in Italy. A school for Swimming Saboteurs is now also maintained at List on the Island of Sylt. This school was formerly maintained at Venice, where a small center still exists. Other schools for Swimming Saboteurs are located at Valdarno in Italy and Bad Tölz in Bavaria. Training exercises for Swimming Saboteurs have been carried out near Cuxhaven, Kiel and on the River Trave. Training for special operations under the Marine Einsatz Kommando takes place at Hornum near Sonderborg.

(g) In addition to the above, the ports on the eastern Danish Coast, Saaby and Søran, are important training centers for Small Battle Units, as well as bases for defensive operations.

#### 11. Bases:

(a) Small Battle Units operate from the Dutch ports of Groningen, Rotterdam, Paertershaven and IJmuiden. At IJmuiden Midget Submarines are using the E/R boat shelters where it is estimated there are protected accommodations for 50 units and unprotected shelters in a block under construction for 60 Seehunde. This is the type of Midget Submarine believed to be based at IJmuiden.

(b) In the southern North Sea area Midget Submarines and other Small Battle Units base also at Wilhelmshaven and on the Frisian Islands, especially Borkum and Nordendy.

(c) Norwegian bases for defensive operations are Mo-i-Rana, Trondheim, Alesund, Bergen, Kristiansund (S), and Stavanger.

(d) The principal base for the operation of Small Battle Units in the Western Mediterranean is at San Remo. The first Sturmboot Flotilla was based here in the fall of 1944. Pola is the principal operating base in the Adriatic.

#### 12. Strength:

(a) It is estimated that on 1 January 1945, Germany had available for operation and for training purposes at least 300 one-man torpedoes of the Harder Type, 300 Explosive Motor Boats, 300 Midget Submarines (Molch Type) and 200 Midget Submarines (Biber Type). These were distributed: 300 in Holland and southern North Sea Ports; 200 in the Mediterranean area; 600 in Norwegian, Danish and Baltic waters for defensive operations and for training.

(b) Since the first of the year Germany has completed and put in operation a considerable number of submarines of the Seehund Type. Flotillas of K.d.K. are composed of 60 units, except that Biber Flotillas have 30 units. Flotillas have the letter "K" plus the number of the command. In addition there are flotilla numbers by type of craft. For example, the 1st Harder Flotilla is the K-361; 2nd Linse Flotilla is the K-221.

(c) There is no information as to numbers of Small Battle Units under construction.

(d) Yards reported to be building Explosive Motor Boats are Blohm & Voss, Hamburg; Lübecker Flenderwerke, Lübeck, Engelbrecht, Berlin; and an unidentified yard at Königsberg. Midget Submarines are building at Germania Werft, Kiel; Schichau, Danzig; Lübecker Flenderwerke, Lübeck; Howaldtswerke, Kiel. Human torpedoes are assembled at several yards including Deutschewerft (Finkenwärder), Hamburg; Deschimg, Bremen; Lübecker Schiff und Maschinenbau, Lübecker Flenderwerke, Lübeck. Human torpedoes may also be assembled at inland factories.

### 13. Tactics:

(a) The One-man Torpedo is launched from a two-wheeled carriage which is also used as a trailer for road transports; at the starting base a simple wooden launching ramp is built, over which the torpedo is pushed into the water, - a depth of 6 1/2 feet being sufficient to get the craft afloat. The operator takes his seat and fastens the cupola before the craft is launched. The effective range at which targets are attacked is said to be from 300 to 500 meters according to the state of the sea. When the target is sighted the operator of the Marder floods the flooding compartment, in order to be able to submerge rapidly, but keeps the craft at such depth that the cupola is just above water level to ensure visibility. After firing the torpedo, he immediately submerges and proceeds away from the area. The usual depth of submersion while on operations is stated to be from 32 to 49 feet, although experiments at lower depths had been carried out. The operator estimates the speed and distance of the target and determines the approximate angle of the target in relation to his own craft; crews are told to attack only ships travelling on a straight course, and to aim always for the center of a vessel. Operations are invariably carried out at night but never during periods of full moon, even during training no daylight operations had been envisaged.

(b) Explosive Motor Boats are either carried down the beach and launched by hand or pushed into the water on a special trolley like One-man Torpedoes. The control boat and two Explosive Motor Boats, which constitute a "Rotte", put to sea together under their own power, the control boat leading and the Explosive Motor Boats following, generally in line ahead. When the commanding officer of the control boat judges the target to be in range he orders the Explosive Motor Boats by megaphone to close station and proceed slightly ahead of him. On a further command by megaphone each operator sets his craft on a collision course and is jettisoned. If the Explosive Motor Boat is radio controlled the operator switches on the receiver before abandoning his craft. The control boat then takes over control of the Explosive Motor Boat by radio and picks up the men.

(c) The formation plan for a sortie of the First STURMBOOT Flotilla was as follows: 23 boats put out from San Reme in an inverted Vee double echelon formation. Spacing was visible distance, or about 50 feet, and just outboard of the wake of the boat ahead; the leader boat navigating for the formation was a two-man ILL boat. Two ILL boats minus their explosive charges carried extra gasoline; the three boats were to pick up survivors in attacks.

(d) Biber proceed almost entirely on the surface, and submer only when absolutely necessary; occasionally they lie on the bottom. Experiments have been carried out towing Biber with Linsen and E-boats, but neither proved satisfactory; R-boats, though used operationally, are also unsuitable and several Biber have been sunk while being towed by them. Tugs have been found to be the most suitable for this purpose, and they are commandeered as required, - not attached to flotillas. The Biber is regarded as a one-action weapon and is not expected to return safely to base after an operation.

(e) For the Channel operations E-boats and plane attacks have been synchronized with large-scale Explosive Motor Boat and Human Torpedo raids. Dummy torpedoes, complete with perspex dome and model operator, as well as a few circling torpedoes, have also been employed in connection with these operations.

#### 14. Missions:

(a) The two most publicized missions of the Small Battle Units were its first offensive action, the One-man Torpedo attack by H.E.K. 75 on the Anzio Beachhead in April 1944, and the attacks on the Nijmegen bridges by Swimming Saboteurs and Lidjet Submarines. The first attack in the Channel area occurred off the British Assault Area on 6 July 1944. Intermittent attacks have continued ever since. The Sechunde made their first appearance in the Scheldt estuary early in January 1945, when three or four were sunk.

(b) In Enclosure (C) there is supplied a partial account of K.d.K. operations, including some sorties in which both German and Italian units participated; items re One-man Torpedoes, Explosive Motor Boats and Lidjet Submarines are arranged chronologically by areas, and Swimming Saboteur expeditions chronologically. It is not to be regarded as an entirely accurate or comprehensive summary, but is indicative of the scope of activities in which this branch of the German Navy is engaged and the measure of success attained.

(c) The navy failures shown in the summary have been attributed to various causes. The first attempted Letworp operation carried out from Lillo on the night of 13/14 September by six Swimmers in two motor boats was unsuccessful because the navigator had been given faulty information concerning currents. A second attempt was made the following night by the same units; due to bad navigation one motor boat never reached the point opposite the target lock where the Swimmers were to disembark and the second boat, in addition to difficulty experienced with navigation, found that the position of the lock gate had been mistakenly located on an air photograph as abreast a "conspicuous crane" which object was in fact a lifting bridge which had been up when the photograph was taken. A mine was placed in position, but an artillery barrage began shortly before the time set for its detonation so it was impossible to distinguish its explosion.

(d) Although the operation by HEK 60 and 65 against the Nijmegen bridges on the night of 28/29 September was partially successful, the original intention to lay a pair of mines on each side of the pier of the road bridges was frustrated by the strength of the swirl which carried the Swimmers beyond the target. They succeeded in getting into the backwash and laid both mines on one side of the pillar where the water was only 18" deep; as a result the effect of the explosion was considerably lessened. The Swimmers' return to German-controlled territory was prevented by the capture of Ochten soon after they left the bridges, from which circumstance it would appear that German field intelligence was at fault.

(e) Descriptions by German sources of more recent sorties in the English Channel and Ligurian Sea areas further illustrate the general ineffectiveness of K.d.K. units except for a certain nuisance value. Groups from the 215th K-Flotilla (E.K.Bs.) started out from Flushing to go to Dunkirk on the night of 22/23 October but failed to reach their objective due to a combination of circumstances: operators of the 3d group found it difficult to maintain the course set on leaving port, because of a strong tendency to drift to starboard; the Explosive Motor Boats of the 1st "Rotte" were unable to keep in contact with their Control Boat because of the speed at which the latter operated; an Explosive Motor Boat of the 2d "Rotte" broke down and had to be taken in tow; several Explosive Motor Boats were grounded and unable to get off owing to the falling tide.

(f) Sorties by Saboteurs attached to the IER 40 in November had as their objective the destruction of Allied installations and aids to navigation on Schouwen and the water tower on the mainland opposite the eastern end of that island; these came to naught, according to the informant, because of their leader's incompetence and apparent lack of interest.

(g) Swimming Saboteurs were observed in the Romagen Bridge area at the time it collapsed, but they are reported to have done no damage.

(h) In the Mediterranean area the First Sturmboot Flotilla of Explosive Motor Boats and Torpedo Craft operating from San Rocco has had few successes and many losses. The general morale of personnel is said to be low on account of improper training, poor leadership, and their not being picked up after bailing out in attacks. In October an informant stated that this is the first and probably the last flotilla of its kind and expressed the belief that, after the remaining boats had been expended, any surviving personnel would be placed in infantry units.

(i) Recent developments would seem to indicate that the Midget Submarine is scheduled to play a leading role in the future operations of Small Battle Units. Midgets, especially those of the Seehund type, are appearing in considerable numbers at Dutch ports from which numerous sorties have been made recently against shipping in the area between the Thames and Scheldt estuaries. Explosive Motor Boats also continue to operate in this area.

(j) The losses inflicted by these units are comparatively small in relation to the Allied tonnage in the theaters of operations. German losses have been severe. However, the Germans may consider the expenditure well worth the price inasmuch as they can claim a total of 50,250 tons sunk or damaged, including frigates, freighters, minesweepers, a destroyer and a light cruiser.

#### V. CONCLUSIONS

15. The K.d.K. is an arm improvised by a country moving towards defeat. It represents in naval warfare what the flying-bomb represents in war in the air. It has adapted methods which were first exploited by an Italian organization and has succeeded in carrying out some of the missions entrusted to it, both Secret Service and offensive operations. However, the fourfold purpose set forth in the Introduction to this paper has been realized only to a limited extent.

16. The K.d.K. received a large measure of official support, and urgent priorities in war material and personnel were granted to it.

While the success attained has not been commensurate with the forces involved, the blame can hardly be placed at the door of Vice-Admiral Heye: had he been granted an additional month or two in which to train his personnel and produce sufficient equipment, the result might have added considerably to the hazards of the Allied assault in Normandy.

17. Recent evidence provides confirmation that the Small Battle Units Command continues to expand and it is estimated to have had operationally available from 1050 to 1350 units at the beginning of this year. The development of Midget Submarines has been considerably increased, doubtless because it has proved to be the most profitable branch of this organization.

18. Naval Special Operations units are likely to continue to operate for some time. While operations by Swiming Saboteurs are limited by weather conditions, novel forms of attack by One-man Torpedoes, Explosive Motor Boats and Midget Submarines, particularly in inland waterways, as well as commando raids, are to be expected. There has been considerable concentration of the different types of craft used by this organization in Danish and Norwegian areas, from which a guerilla type of naval warfare could be carried on even after land operations have been concluded; the length of time such activity could continue would depend primarily upon the amount of supplies which Germany is able to transport and conceal in suitable locations.

19. Although it is not known what, if any, post-defeat plans the K.d.K. may have as a body, there is the possibility of its becoming the nucleus around which a new German Navy might be built, and those individual members of the organization who have been trained in underwater sabotage or other "sneak attack" tactics represent a certain danger.

PARTICULARS OF THE EXPLOSIVE MOTOR BOAT (LINSE)

Displacement and Dimensions

- (a) Length: 18 ft. 3 in.
- (b) Beam: 5 ft. 4 in.
- (c) Depth of hull: 2 ft. 7½ in.
- (d) Draught: 1 ft. 9 in.

Hull

- (a) Soft wood
- (b) Plywood hatch covers
- (c) Hard chine, low freeboard

Machinery

- (a) Engine: Ford V8
  - (i) 1,000 revs. at 6 kts.
  - (ii) 3,300 revs. at 27 kts.
- (b) Propeller: One

Speed

25 - 27 kts. (max.) (B2)

Endurance

Up to 60 miles

Fuel

30 - 50 gallons carried

Seagoing Complement

One

Explosive Charge

- (a) 660 lbs. delay action
- (b) Stowed aft, under operator's seat
- (c) Impact charge fitted
- (d) Rendering safe
  - (i) Exact details of how to render safe the explosive charge are not yet known.
  - (ii) No attempt to render safe should be made except by an expert.

Scuttling Charge

Chemical, with delay action ½ to 1½ hours

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PARTICULARS OF MIDGET SUBMARINES

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BIBER</u> (Eval. B-1 and B-2)	<u>MOLCH</u> (Eval. B-2)	<u>SEEHUND, TYPE XXVII</u> (Eval. B-1 and B-2)
Displacement:	6 tons (with torpedo)		16 tons (est.)
Length:	29' 6"	35'	39'
Beam (with torpedo):	4' 9"	7' 6"	5' 3"
Diameter:		3' 8"	
Speed:		2 speeds: 3-4; 6-7 kts. (no intermediate speeds)	6-8 kts. with tor.
Surfaced (max.):	6½ kts.		
Submerged (max.):	6 kts.		4-5 kts.
Endurance (human):	48-70		Can lie on bottom
In hours:		24 hours	60-70 hours
In miles:			
Surfaced:	100		275 at 8 kts.
Submerged:	4½-5½ (possibly longer)		50 at 3-4 kts.
Diving Depth:	200'	Unknown (depth gauge 164')	100' cruising depth (gauge marked 328')
Armament:			
Torpedoes:	2-21" electric (5000 yds. at 20 kts.)	2 electric (possibly similar to those of Biber and Seehund)	2-21" electric (with net cutters 18½ kts. to 6000 yds.)
Torpedo Tubes:	None	None	None
Guns:	None	None	None
Mines:	2 instead of torpedoes		
Propulsion:			
Surfaced:	6 cylinder gasoline	Electric motor	Diesels 6 cylinder 70 h.p.
Submerged:	Electric motor	Electric motor	Electric motor 75 h.p.
Fuel:	Gasoline (26 gals.)		Oil (110 gallons)
Crew:	1	1	2
Periscope:	Yes	Yes	Yes (6'2" above hull)
Air Intake:	Yes*	?	Yes
Construction:	Sectional	Sectional	Sectional

\*Air intake enables vessel to proceed on engine with hatch closed

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PARTIAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - APRIL/SEPTEMBER 1944  
(Not to be regarded as entirely accurate or comprehensive)

CHANNEL AND NORTH SEA

<u>Date and Place</u>	<u>Weapons</u>	<u>Result</u>	
		<u>Allied Losses</u>	<u>German Losses</u>
5/6 July British Assault Area	18 one-man torps.	H.M.S. GATO and H.M.S. MAGIC (minesweepers) sunk	2 sunk, 2 poss. sunk, 2 prisoners taken
7/8 July British Assault Area	14 one-man torps.	ORP DRAGON (Polish CL) sunk	7 sunk, 6 poss. sunk, 1 found beached undamaged; 4 prisoners taken
2/3 August British Assault Area	60 one-man torps. 12 dummy one-man torps. 48 E.M.Bs.	H.M.S. QUORN (DD), H.M.T. GHIRSAY and L.C.G. 764 sunk; 2 "Corncoobs" (im- proved docks) and 2 M.T. ships damaged	31 E.M.Bs. sunk, 2 prob. sunk, 1 poss. sunk; 20 one-man torps. sunk, 3 prob. sunk and 13 poss. sunk; 31 prisoners taken
8/9 August	39 E.M.Bs.	None	29 sunk, 1 prob. sunk; 6 prisoners taken
15/16 August Attack attempted, abandoned owing to weather	40 one-man torps.		
16/17 August British Assault Area		F.S. COURET and 1 "Corncoob" hit; 1 L.C.F. sunk	18 torpedoes accounted for; 10 prisoners of war
5/6 October Scheldt Estuary	60 E.M.Bs. 1 Group of 12 to escort ships running supplies to Dunkirk, other 4 groups seeking targets of opportunity along Belgian coast	None	Operation probably abandoned because of bad weather; 3 prisoners of war from 1 E.M.B. which capsized

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<u>Date and Place</u>	<u>Weapons</u>	<u>Allied Losses</u>	<u>Result</u>	
				<u>German Losses</u>
21 April Anzio Beachhead	40 one-man torps.	None	25 sunk; 4 prisoners taken	
23/24 August Off Antibes	? one-man torps.	None	No prisoners	
4/5 September Monaco Area	One-man torps.	None	3 sunk; 3 prisoners taken	
7/8 September Off South Coast of France	E.M.Bs.	None	5 destroyed, 1 probable; 7 prisoners taken	
9/10 September Off Mentone	One-man torps.	None	10 sunk; 3 prisoners taken	
30 Sept./1 Oct.	24 E.M.Bs. 1 Italian Midget Submarine "C.B.16"	None	1 E.M.B. (control) sunk; 2 prisoners. 3 of "C.B.16" crew of 4 surrendered	
25/26 Off Cannes	"Molch" 7	None	3 "Molch" sunk; 3 prisoners	

SWIMMING SABOTEURS

3/7 July Orne River Against Pont de Ranville	14	None	1 party of 10 blew up bridge (? Pont d'Heronville) still in German hands; got back safely. Second party un- successful; 3 prob. killed, 1 prisoner	
August From Houlgate shipping in Assault Area	10	None	All swimmers got back safely	
August From Houlgate Orne canal locks	4 (carried by 2 E.M.Bs.)	None	Unsuccessful; swimmers got back safely	
Mid-September Locks at Antwerp	3	None	Unsuccessful; swimmers got back safely	
14/15 September	2 E-boats (1 German, None 1 Italian, each with 1 E.M.B. carrying coxswain and 2 swimmers	None	Unsuccessful; 1 E.M.B. capsized; crew escaped on E-boat. 1 E.M.B. sunk during operation; 3 prisoners	
24 September Nijmegen Bridge	4	None	Unsuccessful; all swimmers got back safely	
28/29 September Nijmegen Bridge	12	None (except damage to bridge)	10 prisoners; 2 killed	

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DESIGNATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS OF SMALL BATTLE UNITS

<u>German Designation</u>	<u>German Abbreviation</u>	<u>Type or U.S. Equivalent</u>
Biber		One-man Midget Submarine; cf. Molch
Dackel		Long-range, shore-launched "Curly" Torpedo
Ein-Mann-Torpedo		One-man Torpedo
Flosse		Float; term for Swimming Saboteur; (see Meereskämpfer)
Hecht		Two-man Midget Submarine; abandoned in favor of Seehund
Invasionsboot		Another term for Explosive Motor Boat; cf. Linse, Sprongboot, Sturmboot
Kleinkampfverbände	K.K.V.	Small Battle Units (old term)
Kleinkampfverband Flottille	K. Flot.	Small Battle Units Flotilla
Kommandoboot		Control Boat, (together with two Sprongboote form a unit of a Linse Flotilla)
Kommando der Kampfverbände	K.d.K.	Small Battle Units Command (new term)
Kommando 'S'		Another designation of Sturmboot (assault craft) Command
Linse		Explosive Motor Boat (E.M.B.) The 1st Linse Flotilla is known as K.d.K. Flotilla 211 or K. Flot.211; the 2nd Flotilla as K. Flot.212, etc c.f. Sprongboot, Invasionsboot, Sturmboot, Kommandoboot. The E.M.B. is similar to the Italian M.T.M.
Marder		Human Torpedo; cf. Neger. Marder, as distinguished from Neger, can submerge.
Marineinsatzabteilung	M.E.A.	Small Battle Units (old term)
Marineinsatzkommando	M.E.K.	Command for special naval operations; this was the first name of the Small Battle Units Command.
Marineinsatzkommando z.b.V.	M.E.K.z.b.V.	Naval Operational Command, special duties
Meereskämpfer	M.K.	Swimming Saboteur; cf. Flosse
Meeresläufer		Seabottom Walkers; a branch of Swimming Saboteur

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<u>German Designation</u>	<u>German Abbreviation</u>	<u>Type or U.S. Equivalent</u>
Molch		One-man Midget Submarine; cf. Biber The 1st Molch Flotilla is known as K. Flot. 411.
Neger		Human Torpedo; cf. Marder The 1st Neger Flotilla is known as K.d.K. Flottille 361, or K. 361; the 2nd Flotilla as K. 362, etc.
Schlitten		"Sledge" Boat fitted with two torpedoes; resembles seaplane float; for coastal operations; experimental
Schwein		Slang for One-man Sturmboot; carries one torpedo slung underneath the boat
Seehund		Two-man Midget Submarine The 1st Seehund Flotilla is known as K 311.
Spinno		Remote-controlled Electric Torpedo; fired from shore batteries
Sprengboot	Spr.	Explosive Motor Boat (E.M.B.); cf. Linse, Invasionsboot, Sturmboot, Kommandoboot
Stichling		Slang for Small Submarine or Human Torpedo
Stieglitz		Slang for Midget Submarine
Sturmboot		Assault Boats of which two types have been identified: Explosive Motor Boat, and Torpedo-carrying Craft; (Italian: S.M.A.)
Sturm-Wikinge		Special formation of Small Battle Units; type of unit unknown

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Paraphrase begins: According to directives from OKW the Commander in Chief in Norway General Boehme has issued the following orders for the period 1st April to 15th May:

"1: If special circumstances do not require concentration of troops in southern Norway the Narviak area will be held. Arme Abteilung Narvik shall give up troops and will consist of 210 and 270 Infantry Division and Six Mountain Division.

.2: With reduction of Arme Abteilung Narvik the Seven Mountain Division and 518 Infantry Regiment together with 702 Infantry Division and 14 Luftwaffe Division shall be transported southwards to be evacuated if some part of them are not needed in connection with .3.

.3: Some regrouping shall be undertaken in order to establish a front against the east. In this connection there will be formed a staff at Hamar with General Vogel as Commanding Officer".

Original evacuation program has to date been executed according to plan except for Eight Mountain Division whose main forces passed Lillehammer (southwards) on 22nd March.

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From: US Military Attache, London England

Nr : 43249 30 March 1945

(Mine) Norwegians in London now believe that Lyngen line will be abandoned and that entire area north Narvik will be scorched. More important than ever to cut railway north of Tondheim to prevent movement south and consequently also prevent general destruction. Plans for cutting railway ready but difficulties with Sweden prevents execution. When Jorstad Bridge was blown month ago the chief saboteur and two assistants were arrested on Swedish soil before crossing to Norway and sent to Stockholm where held for six weeks by Swedish authorities. Rest of party continued with job successfully. - My comment: Report given in full paraphrase because of unusual interest. Establishment front against east especially interesting in connection with mounting evidence that Norway will be held regardless cessation fighting on continent. Report being prepared on that subject. Swedish interference with sabotage operations at this stage inexplicable here. American personnel and equipment employed in recent operations. Classification applies primarily to sabotage railway and Swedish attitude.

End

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INFO : CG AAF; OPD; Col Park; C of S

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From: US Military Attache, Stockholm, Sweden  
To: War Department  
Nr: 360 30 March 1945  
To MILID repeated to SHAEF and MA London.

Underground German source C-3 rating reports Ober Kommando west shifted from Badnaubelm to Thuringer Forest Parachute divs 3, 6, 7 and 8 practically wiped out. Source quotes Ger officer opposition group west front strength estimate as follows:

Of seven armies, only 25th in Holland and 19th on upper Rhine intact. First and 7th armies are of korps strength. 5 PZ divs are half strength, 5 have only 25 tanks each. 3 PG Divs have 2,000 men each. 6 parachute divs total 23,000 men. All VG divs total 67,000. Only six of inf divs are full strength, two have regt strength.

Kessler

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF  
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From: U.S. Military Attache, Lisbon, Portugal.  
To: War Department  
Nr: 163 29 March 1945  
Msg sr nr 163. To MILID Washington, DC.

Military pilot who recently flew new German Minister to Lisbon is reported E 2 having declared that great numbers of men and materiel are being moved from west to east in preparation of powerful counter offensive against Soviet armies.

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INFO : CG AAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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From: United States Military Attache, Stockholm, Sweden

To: War Department

Nr: 355

29 March 1945

To MILID Washington DC from Rayens sgd Kessler, 355  
repeated to MA London and SHAEF.

Same source as my 189 having carefully qualified following as coming from only one contact, and unconfirmed, says that 28th March meeting of OKW after strong opposition it was decided at Hitlers instigation to initiate gas warfare.

Comment: Because of brief amount of time elapsed since alleged meeting and receipt of report here am inclined to discount above story and rate it C O.

Story may be honestly transmitted plant to check boldness of drive and unnecessarily aggravate our supply and transportation problems. However source has been occasionally correct and may be in this instance.

Footnote: 189 is CM-IN-10760 (11 Feb 45) <sup>End</sup> G-2

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 FROM TINDALL SR NR 43231 TO MILID FROM MORGAN

NORWEGIANS REPORT FROM EXCELLENT SOURCE THAT GERMANS  
 HAVE ORDERED THOUSANDS OF MAPS OF SOUTHERN SWEDEN.  
 MILITARY ATTACHE COMMENT: ONLY IMPLICATION APPEARS  
 INTENTION EVACUATE TROOPS THROUGH THAT TERRITORY.  
 SOUTH SWEDEN BELIEVED UNDEFENDED AT PRESENT. SWED  
 ISH MILITARY ATTACHE INFORMED BY NORWEGIANS IN

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From: US Military Attache, London, England

To: War Department

Nr: 43231

28 March 1945

From Tindall sr nr 43231 to MILID from Morgan.

Norwegians report from excellent source that Germans have ordered thousands of maps of southern Sweden. Military Attache comment: Only implication appears intention evacuate troops through that territory. South Sweden believed undefended at present. Swedish Military Attache informed by Norwegians in London.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : OFD, CG AAF, Col. Parl, Log

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland

To: War Department

Nr: 2188

27 March 1945

To MILID msg 2188 SHAEP and Seventh Army notified.

New order directs training Ersatz Army in Stuttgart Area be finished 31st March but parts already sent toward Main Valley last week. Main Allied attack expected direction Wuerzburg and Neuernberg.

Boche plan to hit Allied Army in Main Valley from both flanks. Army of South already going into position 24th March (Source 1062 C 3) on line Uffenheim-Koenigshofen-Adelsheim-Heilbronn, with Army Group Oberrhein providing flank protection as far as Basel.

Hq Army of South still Ludwigsburg. Rundstedt reported by some sources in command. One PZ Div and one MTZ Div of 12,000 men reported to have moved north (Nearly all tanks new, though old type, 12 to 14, armor front, six to eight sizes. Tanks have rough coating like plaster against projectiles hitting on slant).

Rest Ersatz Army as follows:

Reutlingen, Tubingen and Goettingen one regt about 1,000 men each with large parks. Camouflaged vehicles ready on roads. One Grenadier Bn security for each regt.

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland

Nr: 2188 27 March 1945

Esslingen-Cannstatt:

One MTZ Div, about 120 tanks and 7,000 MTZ Inf.

Heilbronn-Weinsberg: Same.

Grailsheim, Hall and Waldenburg each one Inf Div of about 10,000 men.

Gmund, Aalen and Noerdlingen Arty Parks 1100 to 1200 guns, from field to heavy rail guns. Equipment all trps reported excellent.

Legge

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland

To: War Department

No: 2176 22 March 1945

From Legge to MILID Washington DC. From 1402, C-3,  
Ref 2176, SHAEF informed.

Swiss press reports following: present population  
Berlin about three millions of whom about two million German  
and foreign workers. So called poison gas belt four kms wide  
reported around city.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF  
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From: US Military Attache, Stockholm, Sweden  
To: War Department  
Nr: 308 19 March 1945  
308 to MILID Washington D C.

Careful investigation of Swedish radio report that new type V weapons are being assembled at Sola Airdrome Stavanger, Norway discloses recent delivery of fair quantity HS 293 glide bombs. These possibly mistaken for V ls by untrained observers. No change in gas bomb deposits at Sola since March 1943.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF  
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From: US Military Attache, Stockholm, Sweden

To : War Department

Nr : 292 15 March 1945

To MILID Washington DC, sr nr 292 from Rayens to MIS  
rptd to MA London and SHAEF.

Ex German Press Maj quoted in my 189 of 10th Feb reports from a reliable source that on 8th March a General Staff study concerning the Military Economic Situation prepared by the OKH and OKW was presented to the Reich Government. The conclusion drawn in the study was that the outlook was hopeless and that further resistance would be treason against the German people.

It recommended immediate cessation of hostilities. Rated C-3. The study was presented to Hitler's Councilors who withheld its contents from him. After consideration the study was rejected by the Council and returned.

Kessler

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CGAAF

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Combined Chiefs of Staff  
77500 Col C R Peck

13 March 1945

US Military Mission  
Moscow, Russia

British Joint Staff Mission  
Washington, D. C.

Number: WARX 52652

TOPSEC book message to Deane and Archer for action, to  
AMSSO pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, from  
the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Pointing to MX 23173.

1. Orders have been given to General Spaatz and Air  
Marshal Bottomley to carry out promptly the action requested  
by Marshal Khudyakov unless they consider it impracticable  
of successful execution. In the latter case report will be  
made to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

2. You will be kept informed.

End.

MX 23173 is CM-IN-11902 of 12 Mar 45

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J.O.S. Reporting No. 37-73  
By RAH Date MAY 21 1973

ORIGINATOR : CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy, Gen. Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell,  
Adm. King, C of S

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Secretary, General Staff  
3542 General Marshall

12 March 1945

Supreme Headquarters  
Allied Expeditionary Forces  
Forward Echelon  
Rheims, France

Number: WAR 51725

Personal for Eisenhower from Marshall

Reference message from Archer and Deane MX 23173 of 11 March, the U.S. Chiefs of Staff have recommended to the British Chiefs of Staff "That orders be given Speatz and Bottomley to carry out promptly action requested by Marshal Khudyakov unless they consider it impracticable of successful execution. In latter case report to be made accordingly to Combined Chiefs of Staff with statement of reasons."

End.

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J.C.S. Regrading Memo 37-73  
By RHP Date MAY 21 1973

ORIGINATOR: SGS

INFORMATION: CC/S  
Adm Leahy  
General Arnold  
General Hull  
General Bissell  
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Secretary, General Staff  
3542 General Marshall

12 March 1945

Commanding General  
US Strategic Air Forces in Europe  
St. Germain, France

Number: WAR 51724

Personal for Spaatz from Marshall

Archer and Deane in Moscow report following from Marshal  
Khudyskov:

"According to information which we have, the General Staff of the German Army is situated 38 kilometers south of Berlin in a specially fortified underground shelter called by the Germans The Citadel. It is located on the territory of Stamm-lager at a distance of 5 1/2 to 6 kilometers south-southeast from the town of Zossen and from 1 to 1 1/2 kilometers east of a wide super highway which runs parallel to the railroad from Berlin to Dresden.

The area occupied by the underground fortifications of The Citadel covers from about 5 to 6 square kilometers. The whole territory is surrounded by wired entanglements several rows in depth and is very strongly guarded by an SS Guard Regiment.

According to the same source the construction of the underground fortifications for the German General Staff was started in 1936. In 1938 and 1939 the strength of the fortification was tested by the Germans against bombing from the air and against Artillery fire.

I ask you, dear General, not to refuse the kindness as soon as possible to give directions to the Allied Air Forces to

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bomb The Citadel with heavy bombs.

I am sure that as a result of the action of the Allied Air Forces, the German General Staff, if still located there will receive damage and losses which will stop its normal work and the installation shall have to be moved elsewhere. Thus the Germans will lose a well organized communication center and headquarters.

Enclosed is a map with exact location of the German General Staff."

Deane adds: "On the British map 1: 500,000 Europe (air), the area located is on the right side, about half to 3/4 of a mile east, of the road between Zossen and Neuhof with the southwestern corner of the area at 52 degrees 11 minutes north and 13 degrees 28 minutes east." This completes message from Deane.

The U.S. Chiefs of Staff have recommended to the British Chiefs of Staff "That orders be given Speatz and Bottomley to carry out promptly action requested by Marshall Khudyskov unless they consider it impracticable of successful execution. In latter case report to be made accordingly to Combined Chiefs of Staff with statement of reasons."

End.

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INFORMATION: CC/S  
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General Hull  
General Bissell  
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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

To: War Department

No. MX 23173 11 March 1945

To the Combined Chiefs of Staff, British Chiefs of Staff and General Eisenhower, personal for the addressees only from Archer and Deane TOPSEC MX 23173.

Deane has just received the following letter from Marshal Khudyakov which is quoted in full:

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From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

No. NX 23173 11 March 1945

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Request that we be informed of the action taken in connection with Marshal Khudyakov's request.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm Leahy, General Arnold, General Hull, Gen Bissell, Adm King, C of S

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From: US Military Attache, Madrid, Spain  
To: War Department  
No: 11/1930Z 11 March 1945  
To MILID Wash DC signed Johnson.

German source evaluated C reported that person on last Lufthansa plane from Germany to Barcelona says Nazi leaders preparing to take refuge Obersalzberg with SS troops - ordered resist to last.

Principal Nazi chief's plan escape to Norway by planes type HE 177, Viking planes awaiting there to transport them non stop to Japan from where will direct terror operations and civil war in occupied Germany.

Conditions in Germany growing worse and complicated by flight refugees from East West fronts, nevertheless ultimate victory remains only topic permitted conversation and complainers are executed, Nazis in craze are especially vengeful against aristocracy and property classes.

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INFO: CGAAP  
OPD  
Col Park  
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UHR

From: US Military Attache, Stockholm, Sweden

To : War Department

Nr : 260

3 March 1945

Sr nr 260 from Rayens rptd to SHAEF and MA London.  
MILID Washington, D C.

Free German contact reports following rated C 3:

According to information dated 24 February from German Supreme Command in the West the Americans are employing a new tank which has "Tremendous" fire power against which no effective counter weapon is available.

Same Hqs expects an extension of the offensive front to a width of 200 kilometers.

Contact reports from other sources that on 25 February all rail traffic in Bayern and Franken was stopped. 65 locomotives and 160 freight cars were destroyed in one day in general vicinity Munich. 23 fuel supply trains were burned in previous three days making critical shortage of aircraft fuel in West. AA ammunition shortage very critical. Gun crews now ordered to withhold fire unless signalled to fire by command post and then limit number rounds used to 85. Ammunition supply at gun positions reduced 25 per cent in past week. Heavy AA batteries one each from Munich and Augsburg have been ordered to reinforce defenses of Berchtesgaden.

The small two man submarines lately active mouth of Thames are based at Wilhelm-Shafen. Kessler.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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(4 Mar 45)

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF APPROVED TRAFFIC SINCE MID-JANUARY 1945 -  
1½ MILLION TONS VITAL GOODS MOVED THIS WAY DURING WAR - NO IMMEDIATE  
SERIOUS EFFECT ANTICIPATED - SWEDEN'S MERCHANT FLEET NOW 217 VESSELS  
1,555,600 G.T. - LESS THAN PRE-WAR TOTAL BUT OF BETTER QUALITY - YARDS  
BOOKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

"APPROVED" GOTHENBURG TRAFFIC

1. Virtual suspension of "approved" Gothenburg traffic occurred in mid-January due to the fact that no Swedish-German trade agreement, to which the traffic had been closely tied, had been negotiated for 1945, since no trade with Germany was contemplated. Four homebound vessels were ordered by the Swedish Government to remain at the Faeroes until future German action was clarified. Under German agreement to grant "approval" for individual voyages the MV YARRAWONGA departed the Faeroes on 6 February for Gothenburg and the MV MONGA-BARRA sailed Gothenburg on 8 February for Buenos Aires.

VITAL COMMODITIES CARRIED

2. The "Gothenburg" or so called "safe-conduct" traffic being Sweden's maritime link with the outside world has played an important part in Swedish foreign trade in the war years. Except for three previous interruptions, two of them during 1943, Swedish vessels have kept open a "pipe line" to countries overseas through which in moderate quantities came such vital commodities as cotton, cattle feed, petroleum products, oil seeds, hides, foodstuffs, etc.

EXPORTS & IMPORTS

3. Trade has been maintained with both North and South America as well as with Spain, Portugal and Africa, each country providing products of vital importance to Sweden in the maintenance of her economy. By 1 January 1945 imports totaling roughly 1½ million tons have been brought to Sweden in 216 safe-conduct vessels since the beginning of the blockade, 26 of these ships having carried petroleum products. Departures were balanced with arrivals and as a consequence 220 ships departed Gothenburg during this period, 51 in ballast and the balance carrying 750,000 tons of Swedish exports.

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GERMAN-SWEDISH TRADE

4. In view of the close connection between Swedish-German trade and the Gothenburg traffic, a brief review of the successive steps leading to the suspension of trade between Germany and Sweden is of interest.
5. Swedish-German agreements from 1939 until mid '43 did not limit to any great extent the supplying by Sweden of Germany's requirements, however, a new agreement formulated in June '43 cut down on such vital German imports as ores, special steels, ball bearings and allied products. Sweden granted no more credit to Germany and attempted to secure repayment of outstanding obligations. In June 1944 SKF reduced exports to Germany to 25% until 12 October 1944. On 10 August Sweden withdrew insurance on her ships destined Dutch and German ports west of Kiel, on 18 August insurance was suspended on Swedish vessels to all Axis ports and on 27 September 1944 all Swedish, Baltic and Bothnian ports were closed to German shipping. On 4 October Swedish Foreign Office issued a directive prohibiting vessels over 20 tons calling at enemy ports, and on 12 October shipments of bearings were suspended for the duration.
6. German implied reaction to these measures included the naming of certain Baltic areas as war zones (at least 2 Swedish ships have since been lost in these areas) and cutting off of coal exports to Sweden.
7. Although now faced with a tighter blockade than at any time during the war due to possible limitation of Gothenburg traffic and virtual suspension of German trade, Sweden's economy is not expected to be greatly upset inasmuch as she has stock piled quantities of essential material and Germany had completed to a considerable extent commitments made under the 1944 Swedish-German agreement.

SHIPPING LOSSES AND GAINS

8. Sweden's current shipping picture reveals the following significant facts: pre-war merchant tonnage of 1,618,700 g.r.t. has suffered sinking losses due to war causes of roughly 200 vessels approximating 600,000 g.r.t. Added to the fleet during this time were 182 vessels aggregating nearly 500,000 g.r.t. and pre-war tanker tonnage of 20 ships totaling 257,000 d.w.t. has been doubled.
9. Sweden has sustained roughly 75% of her losses outside and 25% inside the blockade. An example of the depletion of her "blockade free" shipping is the block of 125 ocean going ships under time charter in May 1940 which now has been reduced to 50 vessels.
10. Twenty-nine vessels of 135,000 g.r.t. were delivered during 1944 and Sweden's merchant fleet tonnage as of January 1945 consists of 2117 ships totaling 1,555,600 g.r.t. Breakdown of the fleet which contains many new fast motor ships is as follows:

Steamships	-	696	-	555,000 g.t.
Motor vessels	-	578	-	921,000 g.t.
Sailing vessels				
& auxiliaries	-	843	-	81,000 g.t.
		2117		
11. 324 vessels aggregating more than 1,400,000 d.w.t. are now laid up in Sweden as against 177 ships of 332,000 d.w.t. laid up in April of 1940 and Swedish yards though faced with a shortage of steel are fully engaged for the next several years.
12. Swedish post-war outlook is far from dark, as she has been replacing older vessels sunk with new fast tonnage and at the termination of hostilities will have a merchant fleet, particularly in the tanker class, more than adequate for her needs. Utilization of this valuable tonnage by the Shipping Pool would greatly minimize post-war European shipping problems; however, the question of Sweden's entry into the Shipping Pool is still unsettled. A natural desire to protect vital import and old markets as well as plans to insure that her exporters are able to maintain competitive prices appear to be the governing factors.

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To: War Department  
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MILID Washington DC. 2094 sent to SHAEF.

Himmler recently told intimate friends: Militarily we lost war but wont stop to fight until moment favorable for Party. SS influence on Army steady growing. If need be we can carry on for years in reduct. Outside Maquis will function sabotaging work of occupation troops and suppressing any undesirable German Government. (Source 3064 V-2 we reporting this with greatest reserve). Possible alliance with Russia envisaged with German agents directing Russian politics and chance for future. Von Bock man of hour with National Communism theory. Exofficers ready to cooperate with Russians to gather round him. Nazis intentionally leaving best troops West Front in contradiction heavy transports West to East to lead Russians to make up with Germans. German people hate Anglo Americans more than Russians because latter did very little bombing of cities.

New Subject. C-3 many officials Spanish Embassy Berlin (2094 sent to SHAEF) with families entered Switzerland on way home last week.

Gross Deutschland PZ Corps formed in Nov of PZ Div same name and 7th PZ Div. End Dec PZ Div Gross Deutschland

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consisted of 1 PZ Gren Regt (4 Bns) 1 Gren Regt (4 Bns)  
1 PZ Regt 1 PZ Arty Regt 1 AA Detch. All units completely  
Mtz. Gren Bns about 400 men.

356th Inf Div entrained Bolzano for Vienna betw 27  
and 30 Jan, 715 Gren Div at Comacchio end Jan, 362 Gren Div  
then slated transfer to East Front.

Three of highest officials Baden-Alsace executed at  
Karlsruhe as Defeatists.

Schweizer Illustrierte Zeitung of 14 Feb reports  
Belgian King prisoner at Rhine Hotel "Dreesen" at Godesberg,  
important H-Q at Mtn Hotel Petersberg (Opposite the Dreesen)  
another in park of Hotel Godesbergerhof a few hundred meters  
further from Dreesen. This weekly some-times has suprisingly  
up to date data. 1402.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF  
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To: War Department.

Nr: 2087 10 February 1945.

Message serial number 2087. From Legge. To MILID  
Washington, D.C.  
Cantonments for trps being prepared villiages Wiese  
Valley and Kandern Area. Trps evacuated from Alsace sent  
Mullheim Area condition men and materiel poor. Lorrach VS  
for departure for Mullheim. Donsueschingen VS now at Schopfheim  
7th.

Badly damaged by arty fire Efringen-Kirchen, Istein,  
Eimelpingen, Mark T RR also tie up with Kandernal Valley RR,  
likewise Mulheim station, Neuenburg-Chalampe and Mulheim-  
Badenweiler RRS. 6th.

Numerous tanks all kinds sent East Front January 29 to  
February 3 from Hanau and Frankfurt Areas, 200 to 300 from  
Karlsruhe to Cologne Sector 200 to 300 from Melsungen Depot.  
Contents Inf and Arty munition dumps Eschwege-Waldkappel  
hastily sent East Front instead West Front. Several hundred  
105's MM guns from Hannmunden and Göttingen Depots rushed  
East Front. Since beginning February thousands workers truck-  
ed to Mannheim Area for defense works. Large number also  
arrived Schwetzingen-Hockenheim-Graben Area likewise concrete  
and steel for fortifications. Hills between Delberg and  
Darmstadt reported fortified to permit heavy arty to dcminate  
Rhine Valley. Fortification work and installation heavy guns  
begun area betw Mainz and Frankfurt 6th.

In Saar Basin: Maybach mine producing 560 tons of

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coal daily. Hundred thousand tons on ground unable to deliver. Rochling Plant at Altenwald synthetic gasoline, many Russian prisoners. At Heinitz synthetic gasoline plant likewise at Reden. At Louisental Power Plant. All together Saar mines little damage by bombings. 29 January to 4 February Immsendingen Rail Line to Waldshut 7 trns Mtn Dps 3 VS for fortification work average 6 daily material especially for fortifications.

Tunnel betw Weil-Ost and Lorrach-Stetten provided with plank road for heavy trucks, guns etc.

Cylindrical bodies in sections 3 meters long sent from Sackingen to Schopfheim where assembled, Part then shipped to Hanau (We investigating to find whether V projectiles) Lonza Plant at Waldshut-Tiengen sending large quantities nitrogen to Black Forest probably for explosives, especially to Zell and Mambach North of Schopfheim. Bridge on Rielasingen-Hilzingen Road which crosses Singen-Gottmadingen RR 1 1/2 KM south of Hohentwihl mined. 1 to 5 February Across Switzerland Germany to Italy 3200 tons ores 3 trns industrial salt, north 274 cars rice 135 corn, flour, steel plate etc 5th.

214th, 295th and 702nd Inf Divs left Corway before 21 January. Still there 5 Inf Divs 4 of which alerted for departure 7th and 8th and largest part 2nd Mtn Divs and 2 Coastal Divs.

Source 6061B-2 Following C-3.

Aarberg betw Waldshut and Tiengen being fortified.

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38 MM AA Battery 2 KM<sub>s</sub> west of Schopfheim at road bifurcation to Langenau.

29 January to 3 February via Tingen East 16 Trp Trns  
3 to 10 daily materiel West 9 Trns fresh trps for Lahr,  
Offenburg, Karlsruhe also daily average 12 materiel for Black  
Forest, Karlsruhe, Mannheim. Coast defense line reported  
under construction from Emden to Eostock. Several Bns VS  
arrived Black Forest, behind line Rastatt-Freiburg. Important  
fortification work Black Forest Grenzach-Sackingen-Lorrach,  
Stgedrgen and Petersell.

End.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF  
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From: US Military Attache Stockholm Sweden  
To: War Department  
Nr: 175 8 February 1945  
175 from Rayens repeated London. MILID Wash DC

Younger members Foreign Office optimistic regarding early termination German resistance but disclaim supporting facts and concrete evidence.

Higher military officers basing their opinions on scanty reports from Berlin believe end will come suddenly without notice but not in immediate future.

Number 169 reports 3rd Feb Berlin bombing exceeding November 43 in effectiveness. Morale naturally low but not at breaking point. Prefer Allied bombs to Russians presence. Further exodus of Govt Administrations to locations west and southwest of Berlin. Combat efficiency Folksturm Troops negative. Russian divisions outnumber Germans on East Front two to one. Shortage of munitions acute with coal shortage critical. Gasoline and oil should be Allied primary bombing targets. Without explanation 169 changes his previous views in a message 7 February saying Germans will capitulate if Berlin falls or if it is long under siege.

266 confirms 105's statement that practically no factual news is coming through. Both surmise that resistance will continue until break through on West Front combined with Russian successes disperses German tenacious mystical belief in miracle.

ACTION: G-2 Kessler  
INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col. Park Log  
CM-IN-8283 (9 Feb 45) DTG 081300Z mlm

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From: United States Representation Allied Control  
Commission for Rumania

No: M 363 4 February 1945

2nd Assault Ind Regt, operates under orders of the  
4th Mountain Division.

Hungarian, none noted.

Changes in disposition: German.

8th Armored Div operates south of Lert,  
18th SS Motor Div withdrawn at Gandlova, 15 KM northwest  
of Krennica, for reorganization,

1st Mountain Skiers Div is north of Tarna,  
3rd Mountain Div is west of Hucin,  
4th Mountain Div is between Sivetic and Kunovo Teplica,  
8th Light Inf Div is east of Litava (Hqrs at Litava),  
46th Inf Div is between Litava and Cerovo,  
76th Inf Div is between north Malinec and northwest  
Vucubec (CO Brig General Von Kalkowski),

208th Inf Div is between north Ponuylok and Rybnik,  
211th Assault Guns Brigade is in Budapest.

Hungarian: SZT Laszlo Inf Div is east of Iomeroo,  
1st Mountain Brigade operates north of Silic at  
Lenink mountains.

Staff: Elandras Sendor, CO of the 10th Inf Div was  
captured in Budapest, with all the Staff of 2nd Division on  
17th January. End

M323 is CM-IN-25796 (26 Jan 45) G-2

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From: US Military Attache, Stockholm, Sweden  
To: War Department  
Nr: 166 3 February 1945  
To MILID Washington DC. 166 repeated London

Gleaned from 84 February 3 was following rated C 3.  
German strength West Front reduced to minimum defensive force,  
weak in Panzer units.

Relatively thin Nazi forces in northeast Germany,  
IE, Danzig Stettin Area, because terrain there favors Russians  
encirclement. Stettin believed to be initial Red objective  
as preliminary to attack on Berlin from the north or north-  
west.

Source believes bulk of German reserves assembling in  
area south or southeast of Berlin perhaps vicinity of Dresden  
or Prague for eventual counter-attack in northeast direction  
which he expects may be soon.

Should counterattack stall withdrawal into rugged  
defensive terrain "In heart of Greater Germany" would still  
be possible.

Source cites reports of few troop movements in north  
but many in South. Berliners in present situation said to be  
calmly phlegmatic.

ACTION: G-2 ✓ Kessler  
INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log  
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To: War Department  
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To MILID Wash DC. 2066 msg nbr.

Via Fulda toward Hofbieber from Alsfeld 10 to 16  
Jan very few trp trns due to destruction Dsudle Bridge over  
river south of BID Salzschlirf. 17th Jan traffic resumed.

19th to 24th Jan average 8 to 10 trp trns daily.  
Average 7 to 8 trns supplies and war materiel daily follow-  
ing identified:

Signal Co of PZ Army under VonMenseufel.  
One trn Cartographic Services above Army  
PZ Jageradt 120, PZ Jageradt 129.

Towards Alsfeld from Hofbieber 22-24th Jan 21 trns  
Inf Regt.

Towards Hunfield from Hansu 10-24th Jan 14-15 trp  
trns daily following identified:

Res 1 R 192 Res AR 192,  
Res Regt 234 (One Bn) Res PI,  
Btl 156

These trps from Darmstadt destination Frank-  
furt on Oder.

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15-21st Jan 86 trns Armored Div (In spite of numerous bombings) believed 2nd PZ Div moving with about third its heavy materiel (Tanks, Arty).

22-24th Jan 56 trns TCO still in progress (VG Div and three fourth SS Bn) toward Erfurt.

Source 3312 B 2 from 1404.

Towards Hansu from Hunfeld 10-14th Jan 34 empty trns 35 trns following trps and materiel:

5 Bns Ersatz Inf trps,  
6 FA Batteries.

RR line Fulda-Loschenrod-Gersfeld-Badnustadt still interrupted. Only minor traffic by changing trns at 2.1 KM south exit Fulda. Line not yet repaired near Loschenrod.

Via Bebra towards Hodebach-Ronshausen from Malsfeld 10-15th Jan average 12-13 trns daily evacuation services. 53 of above trns transporting machines of heavy tank factory from Wuppertal to Gotha, where to be reinstalled.

14 trns Territorial trps without arms, 13 hospital trns, 3 trns Russian prisoners, 1 trn French workers, specialists in heavy industry.

16-24th Jan average 4 to 5 trp trns daily average 12 trns war materiel daily, 35 empty trns of 45 passenger

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coaches each (Jan 18-20th).

Towards Malsfeld from Honebach 10-16th Jan transit Sturm Kommando 322. Sturm Kommandos composed of Inf who been given training of Inf Parachute and SS (Political and moral). Strength 187 officers and men.

Besides normal Inf weapons, these units reinforced with flame thrower detachments and section of 288 MM SF guns. Men specially trained for street fighting.

322 Sturm Kommando came from Eisenach-Luhla, Training Depot of Sturm Kommandos Nos 300-325. Destination Bocholt.

17-20th Jan 248 trns Ref Inf Div 320th Sturm Kommando attached this div movement from Gotha destination Oldenburg.

Towards Sontra from Hersfeld 10-14th Jan 40 trns heavy materiel. Trns composed of 13 covered freight cars, 2 flat cars with light or medium AA arty and 28-30 flat cars with heavy materiel tanks and mtz arty, etc. Two trns with 12 cars bearing Hq of Mtz or Armored SS Div Jan 12.

15-20th Jan TCO Guben 333 EJ of 110 trns. Armored Div complete with materiel. Apparently 11th PZ Div or Gespenster Div, from Pirmasens destination Berlin.

20-25th Jan TCO 67 trns 1st Class Inf Div. Detachments 71st Inf Div identified. Trns from at least as

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far as Frankfurt probably from Front, since two thirds of locomotives were changed at Frankfurt which occurs only after long trips.

Ten trns Mtz SS formation. 12 trns heavy materiel (Following above 10 trns) destination at least Neuen where locomotives were to be changed.

Towards Hersfeld from Sontra 10-14th Jan 37 trn war materiel and supplies for new Siegfried Line fortifications.

14-15th Jan 45 cars each.

21-25th Jan 41 trns Airborne Div which in reserve Bayreuth. Final destination unknown but it will go at least to Giessen.

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ACTION: G-2

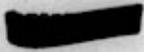
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

**INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

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OSD letter, May 8, 1978

RHP, MARS Date **MAR 13 1978**

Serial 7-45  
(Start new series each year, i. e. 1-3, 2-4)

From Op-16-FA-4 at Washington, D. C. Date 1 February 1945  
(Ship, fleet, unit, district, office, station, or person)

Reference Op-16-FA-4 Serial 1-43  
(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)

Source Official Evaluation A-1  
(As official, personal observation, publication, press, conversation with—  
Identify when practicable, etc.) A-1 to G-0 etc.  
AS/EN 1-10; SEC. 3131B-11-15-42

Subject GERMANY Navy Submarine Losses  
(Notice reported on) (Main title as per index guide) (Subtitles) (Make separate report for each title)

NOTE—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

1. The following tabulation of submarine losses is based on United States and British figures of losses assessed as known and probable for the present war, and on German official figures for World War I:

CAUSES	1939 - 1944		1914 - 1918	
	Number:	%	Number:	%
Air	252	48.6	7	3.
Surface	212	41.	52	29.
Submarines	24	4.6	19	11.
Mines and Nets	9	1.8	53	33.
Surface & Air	8	1.6	1	1.
Collision & Accident	6	1.1	8	4.
Unknown	6	1.1	12	7.
Scuttled	1	.2	-	-
Ramming	-	-	21	12.
TOTAL	518	100.	178	100.

2. There have been no reports of losses due to nets in the present war.

3. Of the 518 submarines lost, 325 have been assessed as "known" losses and 193 as "probable" losses. In addition to those, Germany has lost 53 submarines not yet assessed, which gives a total of 571 units lost or probably lost during the first 5 years and 4 months of warfare.

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4. Germany suffered her heaviest losses in 1943 and 1944 with a figure of 190 lost and probably lost in 1944, as compared to 219 in 1943, 69 in 1942, 37 in 1941, 27 in 1940, and 9 in 1939.

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TOT BY HAND FROM ARMY VIA COMINCH.  
TO MILID FROM DUNN SR NR 23949.

CHIEF NORWEGIAN INTELLIGENCE STOCKHOLM REPORTS 2,000 TON U-BOAT BERTHED IN SLIPWAY NUMBER 2 LAKSEVAAG APPEARS BEING PREPARED FOR LAUNCHING V-1 PROJECTILES. DECK GUN HAS BEEN REMOVED AND RAILS LAID. INFORMATION APPEARS CONFIRMED BY DRUNKEN CAPTAIN OF U-BOAT WHO TOLD THAT U-BOAT WOULD GO SUFFICIENTLY NEAR AMERICAN COAST TO BOMBARD NEW YORK. NORWEGIAN AGENTS WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY. DATE OF ORIGINAL OBSERVATION NOT GIVEN. NAVAL ATTACHE HERE INFORMED. B-3.

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FROM	ALUSNA MURMANSK	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CNO ALUSNA MOSCOW ASTALUSNA ARCHANGEL	PRIORITY
DATE	1 FEBRUARY 1945		DEFERRED
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(TO CNO MOSCOW ARCHANGEL.)

REPORT OBTAINED FROM NORTHERN FLEET ON ENEMY ACTIVITY JANUARY 1 TO 22 REVEALS 2 TO 5 SUBS REGULARLY OFF MURMAN COAST. RECONNAISSANCE NORWEGIAN SEA DAILY AND BARENTS SEA OCCASIONALLY BY HE 17<sup>th</sup> AND TU 88'S SINGLY OR IN PAIRS. SURFACE VESSELS CONSTANTLY OPERATING IN HAMMERFEST TRONDHEIM AREA. SOVIET DD ATTACKED SUB VARANGERFJORD ON 9TH RESULT UNKNOWN.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ALUSNA LONDON SENDS CNO (DVI). COMNAVEU HAS INFO FROM FLEISCHMANN.



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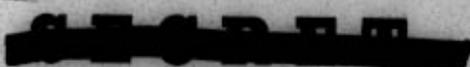
2,000 TON U-BOAT BERTHED IN HAUL NUMBER TWO LAKSEVAAG BEING PREPARED FOR LAUNCHING V-1 AND V-2 PROJECTILES.

HAS BEEN REMOVED AND RAILS HAVE BEEN LAID ON DECK. IN APPEARS CONFIRMED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE U-BOAT WHO IN

STATE TOLD THAT U-BOAT WOULD GO SUFFICIENTLY NEAR AMER COAST TO BOMBARD NEW YORK. CABLE ADDS U-BOAT CLOSELY

BY NORWEGIAN AGENTS. DATES OF INFORMATION NOT KNOWN. RECEIVED TOPSEC. RECLASSIFIED SECRET ACCORDING TO F341

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FROM <b>ALUSNA STOCKHOLM</b>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
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ALUSNA TO CNO INFO COMNAVEU.

BERGEN INFO 23 JAN. ~~2000~~ TON SUB IN PEN 2 LAKSEVAAG SHELTER BEING FITTED FOR LAUNCHING V1 AND 2 BOMBS. GUNS REMOVED AND TRACKS BEING LAID. ONE OF OFFICERS SAID WHILE INTOXICATED THAT SUB WAS TO GO TO US AND THAT NEW YORK WOULD GET A SHACK BEFORE WAR ENDED.

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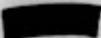
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 UHR

From: US Military Attache, Stockholm, Sweden  
To: War Department  
Mr: 156 28 January 1945  
156 from Rayens repeated to London.

Increased gas defense activities reported in Berlin by 169 who notes unusual refurbishing of and practice with gas masks. Another reliable observer just returned from Berlin reports nurses undergoing intensive courses in treatment of gas casualties.

Both sources report civilian morale low with common dread of Russian occupation.

169 reports poorly equipped Volks Sturm units being rushed eastward armed with salvaged stocks of Russian rifles and ammunition. Bulk of reserve and some west front units being shifted east since no large scale Allied offensive expected at present in the west. Courland pocket being evacuated by sea with Gen Obstshoerner shifted to Armeegruppe Silesia B2.

Reliable observer mentioned above claims Berlin estimates objective of Posan spearhead is Stettin in order to seal fate of Nazi units in Courland and East Prussia while Russians regard for next major push westward.

Other B1 sources report accelerated troop shipments from Norway now averaging 1400 daily.

Kessler

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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[REDACTED] UHR

From: US Military Attache Stockholm, Sweden

To : War Department

Nr : 151

26 January 1945

151 Reur Source Control Military 232 repeated to London for info. To MILID Washington DC

Reinforcements Marsch Bataillons and materiel in recent weeks sent to Courland Bridge-head but no known withdrawals to date. According to concensus B 2 sources.

On 20 Jan convoy of several loaded troop transports including 12000 ton ship departed Kolberg with north east course believed destined Courland.

Bridge-head group is HQN or "Nord Armee" under Gen Obstschcoerner with following 30 Divs represented:

Inf Divs 7, 21, 23, 32, 33, 50, 61, 81, 87, 88, 126, 132, 205, 215, 218, 289, 290, 401, 671,

Volks Gren Div 31,

PZ Divs 4 and 7,

L W Feld Divs 12 and 13,

SICH Divs 207 and 221

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From: US Military Attache Stockholm, Sweden  
Nr : 151 26 January 1945  
15th S S Latvian Number 1  
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Average Div estimated 7000 strength.

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(THIS FROM ALUSNA TO CNO)

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(ALUSNA B3 TO CNO INFO COMNAVEU)

PROBABLY LEIPZIG IN ORESUND NORTHBOUND ABOUT NITE OF 2 JAN.

MURNBERG REPORTED PASSING KORSOR DENMARK ON 5 JAN. CLORCB SEEN NORTHBOUND IN ORESUND NITE OF 5 JAN.

KOLNATY VEHOLM PIER OSLO 16 JAN DAMAGED ENGINE AND PROPELLER. EMDEN IN FREDERIK STADLEIRA 12 JAN

CAMOUFLAGED AS ISLAND WITH APPROX 30 ESCORT VESSELS INCLUDING DD-S AND SUBS DAY POSITION OFF OYENKILEN

LIGHT NEAR SOSRENE. POSSIBLE 4 CRUISERS

KATTEGAT OSLO FJORD AREA. C O OF 2 JAN STATES AFTER BERGEN OCT AIR ATTACKS SUBS BEGAN USING HARBORS IN

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AT TORBOLE AND MILAN PRODUCTION OF GOETA SUBMARINES BY THE CAPRONI PLANT HAS BEEN FACILITATED BY THE GERMANS.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NAVAL ASSAULT ARMS AT MILAN HAS RECENTLY BEEN BEGUN BY CAPRONI. THIS INCLUDES A REMOTE CONTROLLED TORPEDO BOAT, WHICH IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE TARGET ELECTRICALLY AFTER HAVING BEEN TOWED TO THE VICINITY BY MOSQUITO CRAFT (MAS). THERE ARE 160 WORKERS AT CAPRONI'S TEN AT ROVERETO.

ON LAKE GARDA NEW HUMAN TORPEDOES, CONSTRUCTED EXPERIMENTALLY, ARE TESTED. THEY TRY TO APPLY JET PROPULSION TO THESE.

NUMEROUS WOODCRAFT FOR EMERGENCY BRIDGES AND FERRIES ARE MADE AT CASALPUSTERLENGO BY SAFA. THE SHOP OF VASSENA, BASTLER'S RELATIVE WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE DEVELOPED A PLAN FOR A VEST POCKET SUBMARINE, WAS VISITED BY SOME NEW FASCIST AND GERMAN OFFICERS, GIVING RISE TO EXAGGERATED REPORTS CONCERNING THE CRAFT

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NO DATE THERE ARE NO APPARENT RESULTS FROM THEIR VISIT TO HIS SHOP IN LECCO.

THIS TELEGRAM IS VALID PROBABLY AS OF EARLY DECEMBER AND ITS SOURCE IS MY 113 OF JANUARY 8.

ALTHOUGH REPAIR JOBS ARE THE PRIMARY FUNCTION, 2 GROUPS OF SUBMARINE MOTORS ARE ALSO BUILT BY FIAT LARGE MOTOR SECTION.

THIS WAS REPEATED AT CASERTA TO AMPOLAD.  
IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 4-

CYLINDER 300 HORSEPOWER SPEEDBOAT MOTOR, TYPE-1001 OUTBOARD MOTORS ARE BROKEN DOWN BY ALFA-ROMEO.

CONSTRUCTION OF INSENSITIVE COMPASSES TO BE USED IN GUIDING V-ARMS AND RADIO STEERING EXPERIMENTALLY AT MILAN IN THE

OMI PLANT IS BEING SUPERVISED BY GERMAN NAVAL OFFICERS. THESE EXPERIMENTS ARE SAID TO BE EXTENSIVE. IT IS ALLEGED THAT,

IN ORDER TO REPEL WAVES USED TO JAM DIRECTION FINDING APPARATUS, COMPASSES ARE COATED WITH SPECIAL PAINT.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KNOWN SPECIFICATIONS OF ASSAULT CRAFT TORPEDOES, OF WHICH RUMI AT BERGAMO HAS A SPECIAL ORDER FOR

80; PROPELLED BY 50 HORSEPOWER 4 CYLINDER MOTOR DRIVEN BY COMPRESSED AIR; 3 METERS IN LENGTH; RUNS 1 MINUTE, 60 KILO-

METERS SPEED PER HOUR; PETROL MIXTURE, NOT WATER COOLED.

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It is high time that something be done about Austria. The resistance there, both in Vienna and the Austrian Alps, appears to be beginning to take some shape. It is hard to appraise the extent of it, but at least there is some evidence of its existence.

Since the Moscow Declaration of over a year ago, little has been done to encourage the Austrian resistance movement. The absence of any outstanding Austrian patriots abroad has been some handicap. There has been no voice to speak for Austria and the United States, Great Britain and Russia have largely passed the matter over in silence, except to urge the Austrians to revolt at times and under conditions when revolt was impossible. With the Russian armies not far away, the situation is now altered. The Austrians are faced with the alternative of becoming a second Hungary and Vienna a second Budapest or of making it so uncomfortable for the Nazis that they will decide to draw their defense lines in the Austrian Alps to the west of the capital.

There are many difficulties in the way of securing action by the Austrians themselves: (1) they are by nature an easy going and not an heroic people; (2) the country has been purposely emptied of the men and many of the women who might form a resistance front. These are in the army or defense work, many far from their Austrian homes; (3) Austria, and in particular Vienna, is filled with a motley crowd of foreign workers and displaced people who have no particular feeling for an Austrian state and are unwilling to make sacrifices for it. In the country and mountain areas there are many bombed-out refugees from Germany who have no interest whatever in an independent Austria; (4) there is such physical and mental lassitude and depression among the people, at least in the cities, that the physical energy to react is largely gone.

However, with all these obstacles it still seems worthwhile to try to arouse the Austrians to more effective opposition but this will require some encouragement on our part.

Here are some ideas which occur to me: (1) the United States,

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Great Britain and Russia in the absence of any authoritative Austrian body which can as yet act for Austria might constitute themselves as joint trustees, assuming the obligations to carry out the Moscow Declaration and to constitute an independent Austria within boundaries and under arrangement with neighboring states which would give Austria a chance to work out a viable state; (2) something more should be done to impress the Austrians that every effort would be made by the Allies to save Vienna the fate of Budapest, if the Austrians themselves would take some steps to sabotage the war effort in and around Vienna and to make Vienna generally an unhealthy spot for the Nazis and Gestapo. If Vienna is to become a second Budapest, the responsibility for it should be placed squarely on the Nazis; (3) a study should be made of aid to be given to Austrian partisans in the mountains. In winter weather this is not easy, possibly impractical and we should not hold out false hopes. However, the end of the war is sufficiently near to make it possibly justifiable today to encourage Maquis activities in this area. We have a particular interest in this as it might help to discourage the Nazis from trying to make a last stand in a Maquis of their own based in the Austrian and Bavarian Alps.

The next few weeks may have a particular importance in determining whether we can secure some aid from Austria toward shortening the war and whether Austria can herself do something to help achieve her own freedom. This would have real political importance in building up the self respect and national consciousness necessary to justify and consolidate independent Austrian resistance. But Austrians cannot yet start in on this course alone. We must find a way to give them first some morale and then if a resistance starts to take shape, some material aid.

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REF OUR DISP 121102 JANUARY. NORWEGIAN SOURCE REPORTS 2 LARGE U-BOATS SEEN OFF FENSFJORD SOUTHBOUND 13 DECEMBER

1 SAME TYPE DOCKED BERGEN 14 DECEMBER. RAMP CONSISTING OF RAILS AT 15 TO 20 DEGREES ANGLE TO DECK LOCATED ON

AFTERDECK. RAMP LENGTH ESTIMATED 1/3 SIZE AFTERDECK. 1 U-BOAT HAD CRANE ON FOREDECK. LENGTH OF U-BOAT VERY

ROUGHLY DESCRIBED AS ABOUT 300 FEET. SIZE FORCED USE OF DOKKESKJAER QUAY BERGEN.

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To: War Department  
Nr: FX 87773 19 January 1945

AGWAR for OPD General Hull G-2 MIS info TROOPERS  
from G-2 AFHQ FX 87773 signed Alexander cite FEGBI reference  
Schuyler Rumania M 271 of 16 Jan 45 not to TROOPERS.

1. Our comments as follows:

A. Following not previously identified in Hungary.

3rd and 6th Panzer Divisions.

Dirlewanger Brigade.

9th Hungarian Frontier Division. Accept these as  
new identifications.

B. 18th Armoured SS Division and 18th Motorized SS  
Division probably identical and equivalent 18th SS Horst  
Wessel PG.

C. 8th Motorized Police SS Division possibly confusion  
with 8th Police Regiment though this already mentioned in  
preceding sentence. 108th Police Regiment not known here.

D. 8th Hunters and 8th Light Divisions presumably  
identical.

E. Identification 2208th Infantry Division not  
understood by may refer 208th Division believed Army Group  
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211th Infantry Division carried central front.

F. 128th and 278th Hungarian Divisions not known here and numbers considered improbable.

2. Previous order of battle information from Rumanian General Staff has not shown high standard of accuracy and consider too much value should not be attributed to apparent inaccuracies in above.

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The Germans are attempting to scrape the bottom of their economic barrel with the "VOLKSOPFER." The object is, of course, to collect the last bit of clothing, shoes and other equipment which might be of use at the front by the VOLKSSTURM.

According to a recent report, the Germans are demanding that the wives and families of men at the front turn over for the "VOLKSOPFER" all the civilian clothes and equipment of their absent men folk. This is apparently causing much resentment and no little popular opposition.

This movement on the part of the Nazis may well have an ulterior objective, as it would prevent any soldier returning on leave from putting on civilian clothes and disappearing.

GERMANY

The German press while continuing to stress the seriousness of the situation created by the offensive in the east, is also emphasizing that the offensive has important political significance. Here is what the German correspondent of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung has to say: "In Berlin political circles it is surmised that political as well as military considerations have had weight in fixing the fate of the winter Russian offensive. The Wilhelmstrasse believes it likely that Stalin wanted to put pressure of a political nature on his western allies before he pressed the country for the winter drive. In this connection, the recognition of the recently formed Polish Committee, the conflict between King Peter and Tito and disension in Greece are cited. Berlin believes that the Western powers have more or less given in to Moscow in all these cases since both London and Washington have tacitly at least accepted the recognition of the above Committee by the Soviet. In contrast to their earlier

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attitude, they have more or less abandoned King Peter in favor of Tito and have accepted the hostile situation in Greece. It is concluded from all this that the Allies have been forced to pay a political price for the new Russian offensive. Nevertheless, there is no tendency on the German side to underestimate the military and political weight of the great Russian offensive now underway."

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To: War Department  
Nr: 23748 18 January 1945  
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Norwegian source rated B 1 reports seeing two very large unusual U boats Fensford on December 13 running south. Another source reports seeing same at Bergen following day.

One had deck crane halfway between conning tower and stern other had ramp apparent length one third of after deck ramp inclined at 15 or 20 degrees. Size of sub described as long as 6,000 ton tanker and so big it had to use Dokkeskjaer Quay Bergen.

Naval Attache here reported to ONI 12 November that so called one man torpedoes frequently observed in Norway. All delivered to U boat bases instead of to coast defense points as would be normal if torpedoes. Now believed probable these units are flying bombs for use by submarines described.

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The Russian offensive has made a deep impression on Germany. Communiques and reports of the German military critics have never been more somber. Apparently now, in contrast to some months ago, no real attempt is being made to hide from the German people the seriousness of the situation. Breaks in the line are frankly admitted. Also the German, rather than the Russian, communiques are often the first to give the details of the depth of the Russian penetration and of the loss of important cities.

All this fits in with the line of propaganda for which Goebbels has been so carefully preparing the people. Now it is not a war for supremacy, but a war for survival. It is a war against the invader at the frontier, and against an invader -- or rather, three invaders -- who, according to Goebbels, have vowed to destroy, partition, and enslave the German people. To whip the people up for such a war, Goebbels uses unsparingly bad news when it suits his purpose. He is no longer frightened of it. To a certain extent, it is grist to his new mill.

As the threat to Silesia and a part of Germany becomes acute in the East, the German military authorities must be asking themselves what fronts must be sacrificed in order to try to create a new stabilized line somewhere. Norway and Italy may well be the first theaters from which German withdrawals will start. Several divisions have reportedly gone from Italy towards Vienna already. But the forces in these theaters will not suffice, and soon the High Command will be forced to decide whether to try to hold the east or west front to the end. And the answer to this depends upon whether they would prefer to have the Russians or the Americans and British first occupy the country and impress their mark upon the occupation; whether they would prefer to fall into Russian or Anglo-Saxon hands. Here the views are likely to be differing. Old-line conservative Wehrmacht

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officers would probably prefer the West. The younger, more Nazi, officers would prefer the East as offering the greater likelihood of being able to continue in their profession. In the Party itself there is also some division. The radical wing would prefer Russia. Others would prefer the West, probably on the theory that a trial by the easy-going and quick to forget Anglo-Saxons is preferable to the risks of quick liquidation at Russian hands.

While such speculation is probably going on, it seems likely that the men around Hitler and Himmler are preparing for the possibility of a last stand in the inner German fortress of the Bavarian and Austrian Alps, playing their last card, namely, that when the Russians and Anglo-Saxons actually meet somewhere in Germany there will be such dissension among them that the Nazis in the mountains, if they can hold out long enough, can still save something from the wreckage or at least choose to whom to deliver themselves.

This idea of a defense in a mountain fortress is in line with the Wagnerian complex of the whole National Socialist movement and the fanaticism of the Nazi youth. Hitler and his small band of brigands, who started in the beer-hall of Munich, may find their end not far away in the Bavarian Alps, after having laid most of Europe in ruins.

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### GERMANY

Weltwoche, January 12: A special correspondent, who claims to have seen Hitler lately, writes, "It is said in Berlin that from time to time the Fuehrer is stone deaf, probably one of the results of the attempt on his life. He cannot hear himself or others talking on those occasions, and that has some effect on his brain. It is quite likely that for this reason he has turned over all military affairs to the General Staff and is confining himself to organizing new divisions, preparing new weapons and, strangely enough, the reconstruction of German cities. But he remains the Fuehrer, and his iron will is felt in every domain.

"I saw Hitler in his automobile. He is thinner, his cheeks are drawn, his mouth is tighter, so that his lips are like a thin, straight line. His moustache is longer than before. All that does not say much, but when he lifts his head one sees that his eyes are as sharp and penetrating as ever. They tell the story of terrible earnestness. The man seems almost to suffer under his great responsibility, which has tired him out physically. Wrinkles and grey-hair speak of days and nights of incessant work, but the bright light in the pupils of his eyes convinces one that this man will never change. He is still obsessed with the one dominant idea of Greater Germany, Germany as a world power. He is still a fanatic, when it comes to that, and he will continue to fight for his ideals with all his tremendous energy unless he is stricken with disease or crippled or perhaps loses his hearing definitely, which many seem to fear. This is what he is quoted to have said recently in a private circle, 'If Germany can be saved from a total victory of its enemies, all the inhuman sacrifices in life and property will have been small in the face of that triumph, and Germany will have taken the decisive step leading to a future of success and happiness.'

"Hitler is still the strong man. Himmler would be lost without him. Only one of the leaders has dropped out of the picture. That is Goering, who was supposed to have done the job of total mobilization, which Goebbels is doing; but Goering is not the man like a rock in time of need."

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Gazette de Lausanne, January 12, radio bulletin from Berlin correspondent; entitled "Success of Rundstedt's Offensive".

The battle of the Ardennes has become a defensive battle for the German troops. German communiques report that it is exceedingly severe, and stress the heavy losses of the Americans. 90,000 in twenty days. The presence of fresh American divisions recently landed is signalled.

The reply to the question, whether the German offensive was a success is given in the affirmative. It is pointed out that the German command anticipated that the battle of movement would turn into a battle of position and then into a defender's battle. The German objectives were limited from the beginning and did not envisage mere gains of ground. It is particularly stressed in Berlin how greatly the situation of the German troops has changed since December. A few weeks ago, they were under constant heavy enemy pressure on the Dueren, Saar, and Palatinste fronts, which compelled them to engage a costly defensive battle. The Americans had the possibility of opening a road deep into the German plain. The German commander-in-chief had to choose between yielding to the American will and assuming the initiative by means of an offensive necessitating the use of considerable forces. The latter solution was adopted and had unmistakable success. The present battle has no resemblance to the initial plan of the Allies. It is dominated by the German initiative. The German success corresponds exactly to the intentions of the High Command.

The Koelnische Zeitung writes that the enemy lost the initiative in the battle of Cologne; that the four battles for Aachen finally came out in favor of the Germans; and that the enemy advance on the upper Rhine has now been sidetracked. When the enemy advances two steps on the road to Berlin, he is in reality thrown back twice that distance. The winter battle in the West is very severe for the German troops. Constant bombings make it very difficult for the Germans to maintain their lines of communications with the Front.

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SUNK 2 DD'S OR DE'S DESTROYED FIVE PLANES ON GROUND.  
ESTIMATE 50000 TONS SHIPPING AT KEELUNG. PHOTOS  
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LARGE ENGINE AFT VESSELS. 6 BARRAGE BALLOONS REPORTED  
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FROM FLEISCHMANN.

ANALYSIS REPORTS FROM NORWAY OF DELIVERY LARGE NUMBERS 1-MAN  
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PROJECTILES FOR USE IN U-BOATS AND NOT 1-MAN TORPEDOES FOR COASTAL  
DEFENSE. ALL DELIVERIES MADE TO U-BOAT BASES AND NONE REPORTED  
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LUFTWAFFE HAS MATERIAL BELIEVED FLYING BOMBS STOWED UNDER HEAVY GUARD IN WOODS AT SKEDSMO CHURCH ABOUT 10 MILES ENE OF OSLO. BØ.

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From: US Military Attache, Stockholm Sweden  
To: War Department  
No: 114 11 January 1945

114 repeated London for Mild Washn from Kessler

According to 84 December German offensive West Front came as surprise to his people. 169 had previously reported important conferences principal German leaders but it was believed the agenda was political, Rated C 3.

Prior to the attack Germans massed artillery far forward but no interchange of front line infantry units was made at that time. When attack opened units then in line advanced to limited objectives. Panzer divisions from initial positions well in rear then advanced through openings.

169 now reports withdrawal of Panzer divisions from recently active zones to locations which indicate that Aachen Front may receive next blow.

84 believes Germans have 80 divisions on West Front plus 30 in strategic reserve of which a number unknown to him have been already committed by Rundstedt. He estimates the 100 Allied divisions on this front slightly inferior in number to the German force that can be brought against them.

From Rayens. Have not been impressed with accuracy of information previously received from 84. Appreciate your evaluation.

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From: US Military Attache, Madrid, Spain  
To: War Department  
Nr: 006 11 January 1945  
006 to London Caserta and MILID

Ribbentrop to be replaced Eval B 2 by Seyssinquant.

New Subject: Finnish Military Attache has no info re Lisbons 546 on German Artillery Divs and Corps but his Govt asked him for info on this and German OB in all theaters and he asked me. German sources Eval B O forecast another offensive when bad weather grounds Allied aircraft. Enough gasoline reserves reported Eval C O for two more big German counter offensives.

New Subject: Rumors 200 German submarines of 200 tons attacking Allied shipping especially near Antwerp.

New Subject: Spanish Military Attache on leave in Madrid from Berlin claimed to a friend that only small part of German reserves and new armament are now used on Western Front that Germans will not try regain lost territories but attempt other stronger counter offensives to prolong war until Allied disunity favors Germany which objective is reported from other German sources.

New Subject: He says rocket fuel will be modified for use in Army transport. Rocket planes carry 45 minute supply. Speed of 1450 kilometers per hour was reduced to 1050 because pilot strain. Pilots rest after every three flights and examined frequently.

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From: US Military Attache, Madrid, Spain

Nr: 006

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New Subject: One of three German engineers who arrived Barcelona from Berlin in mid December declared among German friends that new rapid fire weapon of revolutionary design soon appear Belgian Front and so greatly strengthen German defenses that front would stabilize. Spanish Army learned from Germany of new rapid fire rocket gun.

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland  
To: War Department  
No: 2017 10 January 1945  
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Heavy motor transports both ways by Brenner Road because RR still out. Colde to Lane route and normal Verona-Arento-Bolzano Road also used. New Fascist Div Etna trained in Germany now in Italy effectives 12,000. Part already reported engaged Faenza Sector, Main body sent Chiogga. Source 206203. Trn of parlor cars on siding Tribberg station 3 Jan. At slightest air alarm moves into nearby tunnel. Confirm this Hq Himmler. The last item held up for check. Source insists OK.

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From: Bern  
To: Secretary of State  
Nr: A-42 9 January 1945

Economic conditions in Germany.

C. December 23:

Activity of factories in the Friedrichshafen region.

a) Junkers:

The Junkers factories are operating at full capacity manufacturing jet motors (tuyeres) for the new airplane "Me 262" (2 jet motors). This plane attains a speed of 800 kilometers per hour and is equipped with 4 of the 20-millimeter cannons.

b) B.M.W.

These plants are manufacturing a simple rocket jet motor (moteur a reaction par simples fusees) which is mounted on the new fighter plane "Me 163". This new single-motor plane, which has practically no tail and is very small, has a very considerable climbing speed and attains a speed of 950 kilometers per hour when flying horizontally. Due to its motor, its possibilities of utilization are fairly limited; practically, it can be utilized only over a designated target not far from its base. This plane might prove to be a surprise despite its faults as it is very easy to handle and its construction is simple and rapid.

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c) Borsig:

Changes have recently been made in the construction of the "King Tiger" tanks. Certain parts of the armor are now 35 instead of 30 centimeters thick. These tanks are equipped with a 102 millimeter cannon and weigh over 80 tons.

The jet motors manufactured by B.M.W. are not of the same type as those manufactured by Junkers.

C. December 28:

Results of the airraid on Singen of December 25th.

The whole load of bombs fell on a narrow strip of populated area between the Rielasinger-Strasse and the Aach. The northern point was dangerously near the large municipal hospital. The old town between the Aach and the well-known restaurants Schutzen and Badischer Hof presents a lamentable aspect. Numerous private and business buildings were destroyed and it is said that the cotton-mills have also suffered considerably. The air pressure broke all the windows and cracked roofs and house fronts.

The Rielasinger bridge was seriously damaged by a direct hit near the western entrance of the Singen railway station. Over this bridge run the principal railway lines to the Black Forest Stuttgart and Schaffhausen. This destruction, together with the damage done to the tracks and signals, has made direct traffic in the direction of Immen-

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dingen and Schaffhausen impossible. Direct traffic on the secondary line in the direction of Beuren-Blumfield has also ceased.

According to the statements of the Reichsbahn, it will take at least 10 days before direct traffic between Singen and the Black Forest, Stuttgart and Schaffhausen can be resumed despite the uninterrupted work of the repair crews.

Passenger traffic between Singen and Schaffhausen has been resumed but it is necessary for passengers to change trains.

B. December 30:

Damage to an ammunition factory in Austria.

By a recent airraid on Imst, an ammunition factory was damaged to such an extent that operations had to be suspended completely.

C. December 30:

Railway traffic in the Stuttgart region.

The freight station of Stuttgart-Kornwestheim, where all the traffic from the main lines from Stuttgart now passes, remains the most important shunting center (placue-tournante). Military trains pass through Kornwestheim constantly. Regular passenger trains must frequently stop there for hours as the

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locomotives are not available.

The main station of Stuttgart may be reached only via Kornwestheim and Esslingen with an electric locomotive. On December 10th, the important central entrance to the Stuttgart railway station was completely destroyed and there is nothing left but the tower which is partly damaged. The large stairway has also been destroyed.

B. December 30:

Railway traffic seriously hindered by the cold.

Railway traffic on the whole Reichsbahn network is now very seriously hindered by the cold. During the last few days, trains have been subject to considerable delays and the difficulties encountered by the technical personnel have been nearly unsurmountable. These difficulties were mostly due to the poor state of the material and the very mediocre quality of available lubricants which congeal in the slightest cold.

B. January 2:

Transfer of factories from Graz to Bavaria.

Since December 25th, the factories of Graz, which manufacture large quantities of separate parts for airplanes, as well as weapons and ammunition, are being evacuated to Bavaria. Every day, a train carrying machines leaves Graz for Bavaria. These trains are mostly destined for Plattlingen, Straubing, Landshut, Schwandorf, Amberg, Kempten and Memmingen.

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The archives and office equipment of these factories have been sent to Ravensburg and Weingarten in Wuerttemberg.

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From: Bern  
To: Secretary of State, Washington  
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Economic conditions in Italy.

B. December 5:

Traffic through the Tervisio line

The traffic on the Tervisio line was as follows during  
the period from November 19th to 3rd December 1944:

From November 19th to November 26th: Considerably  
reduced traffic from Germany to Italy due to the damage  
inflicted upon the German railway network; there were 31  
trains with 1,180 cars of which there were 100 to 120  
carloads of coal and 60 to 65 tank cars of motor fuels.  
From Italy to Germany, there were 14 trains with 435 cars.

From November 27th to December 3rd: Traffic was  
completely disorganized. From Germany to Italy there were  
15 trains only with 468 cars of which there were approximately  
40 carloads of coal, 50 carloads of armor-plates and armored  
turrets 5.5 meters in diameter and 15 centimeters thick  
(with the destination of Udine and Mestre), 40 tank cars of  
motor fuels and 34 cars carrying trucks (2 trucks per car) to  
Venezia (halfway between Tervisio and Udine). From Italy to

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Germany, there were 10 trains with 385 cars of which there were approximately 180 cars of industrial goods evacuated to Germany, 17 carloads of airplane wreckage, 42 cars of deteriorated tanks destined for Munich and 7 carloads of retrieved aluminum waste.

C. December 10:

Brenner line.

The Brenner line is still interrupted. The repairs which were begun on November 20th had to be interrupted due to the successive airraids on the line. However, the section between Trento and Verona is still operating. The highway over the Brenner pass is also cut.

C. December 15:

War Industry.

The construction plants "Fabbrica Lendini e Figli" are now manufacturing German tanks of the "Tiger" type as well as flame-protecting tanks. These tanks are shipped to the German troops in Italy as soon as they leave the factory.

C. December 16:

New weapon.

It is said that the Germans have developed a new "secret weapon" consisting of a special incendiary bomb to be utilized on the battlefield for defence operations. This special bomb is equipped with a low altitude parachute (strictly speaking, there is no parachute but a new brake

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device for slowing the fall of the projectile). It has a considerable calorific power and causes wounds and burns which are practically incurable. The new projectile, which is called "Pignatta" in Italian, has the form of a kettle 42 centimeters high and 26 centimeters in diameter; it contains phosphorite and resinous matter. The upper part, which is in the form of a cover 12 centimeters high, contains an explosive charge destined to ignite the incendiary mixture. The projectile does not explode but the 'nflamed gas spouts from holes drilled all around the outside cover. The bottom part of the projectile is equipped with various percussion caps which are set in operation when the bomb strikes the earth. It is also equipped with a device for delaying the explosion which can be regulated and is situated in the lower part of the bomb. This new weapon is manufactured in Italy (it is probably also manufactured in Germany). The body of cylinder of the bomb is manufactured by the Officina Acciaieria e Tubificio plants in Brescia. The covers containing the explosive charge are manufactured by the Societa Anonima Acciaierie Falk in Sesto San Giovanni. The explosive and inflammable charge is furnished by the Montecatini plants in Milan.

C. December 16:

Targets.

A depot and store house of automobiles and accessories has recently been installed at Lodi in the buildings of the Polenghi-Lombardo plants.

A storehouse of the German administration (foodstuffs and clothing) as well as a depot of motor fuels has been installed near the western exit of the railway station of Lodi.

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C. December 15:

It is reported that the construction yards Legnano, in Milan, are continuing to operate at full capacity manufacturing heavy oil engines.

C. December 18:

Airplane Industry.

The airplane factories in Vergiate (northwest of Gallarate) are now manufacturing airplane frames which are shipped in separate pieces to Germany by trucks over the Brenner highway.

C. December 19:

Railways.

The railway traffic over the Brenner is still interrupted. No train has circulated on the German side (Munich-Innsbruck) since December 15th. On the Italian side, trains can now come up as far as Ora, which is a station between Trento and Bolzano. The snowfalls have considerably slowed up the work. However, highway traffic has been resumed on a fairly small scale.

C. December 20:

Germany and Italian production.

A member of the Headquarters of General Leyers, who is responsible for the German control over Italian production,

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reports that the Germans intended at first to transfer to Germany all the industrial material available in Italy. This plan was abandoned in October, however, as a result of negotiations between Mussolini and Dr. Rahn, the German Ambassador in Italy. Another plan was adopted, namely, to cause the paralyzation of industry. It was agreed that it would be utilized in Italy as long as it was useful to Germany. In the case of the evacuation of the territory, it is planned to blow up all the installations and destroy the electric plants, stocks, et cetera. In all cases, it is planned to render the industry unutilizable for the Allies. One of the reasons which caused the former plan to be abandoned was the shortage of means of transportation and transportation lines. Since July, the Brenner line has been utilized only for urgent transports destined for the Army. Industrial goods and raw materials are transported by secondary lines such as Villach, et cetera. The problem of transportation was modified according to directives issued by Speer during his stay in Milan at the beginning of October. Normal traffic has been considerably restricted. In some cases, industrial traffic has been suspended in favor of military traffic including war materials, troops, wounded, et cetera. Because of the shortage of transportation means, it has not been possible in Italy to adopt the system of priority utilized in Germany industry.

C. December 25:

Destruction. Railways.

During the airraids of December 23rd on the Milan region, the railway station of Lissone-Muggio (between Monza and Seregna on the line Milan-Como) as well as a depot of lubricants of the Dost organization was hit. The line from

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Milan to Como was cut at Lissone and Desio but it was repaired on December 24th. However, the electric traction has not yet been resumed.

C. December 25:

Railways.

The repair work on the Brenner line is progressing slowly. The section of the line Ora-Bolzano resumed traffic on December 20th. Traffic has been resumed on the section Verona-Bolzano with 6 trains daily in each direction. Technical circles estimate that normal traffic over the Brenner may be resumed on January 8th or 9th if the work can be continued.

B. December 30:

Military transports from Germany to Italy.

As the railway traffic from Innsbruck over the Brenner is still interrupted, military transports to Italy are now carried out exclusively over the Brenner highway. There is now a fair number of these transports and they consist principally of artillery and anti-aircraft material, ammunition and sanitary materials.

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Many Germans, who normally might be expected to prefer to work with the Anglo-Saxons after the German collapse, are quite likely to surprise us by choosing to collaborate with the Russians. One of the leading German industrialists, whom I shall call Meyer, was here some weeks ago and so expressed himself to a German-Jewish refugee who some years ago had had himself a leading place in German industry. The refugee remarked to Meyer, who is not a Nazi, that he, Meyer, should be able to play an important role with the Americans and British, who would have need of such a man as he for the work of reconstruction. Meyer, as I hear, vindictively rejected the idea of working with those who had destroyed German cities by bombing. Meyer did not specifically say that he was ready to work with the Russians; this was implied in his reference to the fact that Russia had never bombed German cities and had spared the industrial area of Silesia, even though it was in easy range. When the history of the war is written, I believe that the net military advantages gained by the bombing of cities will be rated relatively low. It has hardened and embittered the people; it has made them completely dependent on the State and the Nazi state machinery; it has rendered difficult, if not impossible, the organization of any civilian anti-Nazi work among the bourgeoisie of the great cities, where such oppositional work would naturally develop. Unfortunately, the bitterness caused by the bombing has not turned against the Nazis in the long run, as it seemed likely to do when the bombing started. It has, rather, aroused resentment and hatred against the West and, unfortunately, among the classes, that is to say, the small householder and worker where opposition to the Nazis might have been best cultivated. As our air supremacy over Germany increases, . . . be directed, as seems bound to be the case, against transportation and specific factories and other direct military targets. Such bombing will, of course, inevitably affect civilian as well as military objectives, but the resultant effect on war morale will be less hostile

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to us. Competent observers here do not believe that we will break German morale by seeking the destruction of a few more cities, but many of them do believe that we may wreck their war machine by causing a break-down in transportation by the bombings.

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A-15 to Embassy, London  
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Economic conditions in Germany.

B. December 5:

It has been necessary to suspend the savings program known under the name of "Iron saving" as the results did not correspond to the efforts made.

B. December 10:

As a result of the crisis in transportation, the German food supply is disorganized to such an extent that the Food Supply Ministry has suspended all exchanges of food between so-called surplus districts and so-called deficit districts. Henceforth, every district must rely on its own production. Consequently, certain districts will have too many potatoes but not enough meat while others will have too much meat but not enough vegetables, etcetera. This decree will be felt principally in the meat supply as it will be prohibited to hold other livestock markets than the local and regional markets.

B. December 12:

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As a result of the transfer of factories, it has been possible during the past months to increase considerably the production of airplanes in Germany. In November, 1,500 military airplanes were manufactured (whereof 1,350 were fighters) and 500 to 700 were other planes such as training planes, transport planes and planes for special purposes.

The number of military planes existing in December was as follows: 1,300 single-engine pursuit planes; 1,000 twin-engine pursuit planes; 700 fighter planes; 900 bombers; and 1,000 reconnaissance planes, transport planes and special type planes. Through utilizing these planes sparingly, it is expected to attain a number of 3,400 pursuit planes this spring, which would amount to double the present reserve.

B. December 15:

Bavarian industrial centers.

Straubing: 28,000 inhabitants. A few thousand workers are occupied in the earthenware factories which have been transformed into ammunition factories and factories for automatic weapons. Various trains carrying war materials have already left this locality for the eastern and western fronts.

Plattling: 2,000 workers are busy manufacturing parts for tanks.

Schwandorf: 12,000 inhabitants. Important center for metallurgical production and coal mining.

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C. December 15:

According to the statements of an engineer working in the Ruhr district, the recent air raids have had catastrophic effects in this whole region. All the canals are blocked or partly dry. In Cologne, one of the three large bridges was hit directly. The food supply is worsening from day to day due to the destruction of the means of transportation. The railway tracks are overturned as if they had been plowed. It is no longer possible to ensure coal transports. The consumers come to fetch their coal at the mines. The yards of the mines are obstructed with coal which has been mined. The working hours of the miners as well as the number of underground workers had to be reduced. The informant, who works for an armament commission, states that production is decreasing considerably due to air raids and that the O.K.W. is worried by the development of military events.

B. December 17:

Loerrach: Air raid of December 15th, about 5 p.m. No important results. Approximately 20 buildings and one factory were damaged. The aim was too far eastwards. The entrance of the east Weil tunnel and the exit of the tunnel on the Loerrach-Stetten line were not hit.

Eimeldingen-Haltingen: Air raid in the night 16/17 December and on the morning of the 17th. The railway tracks in the Kandern Valley were seriously damaged at their junction with the Weil-Freiburg line. The traffic will probably be interrupted for 2 to 3 days.

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B. December 17:

Transfer of foreign locomotives:

A thousand Italian locomotives in perfect running order have been transferred to Germany during the past months. The deteriorated locomotives and old models remain in Northern Italy for the requirements of the German Army. A few thousand Italian railway cars in perfect order are now circulating in Germany. Due to the rapid advance of the Allies, the Germans did not remove more than 50 locomotives from Alsace. These were made up of French, Belgian and Polish machines.

B. December 17:

Evacuation measures of the Reichsbahn:

Karlsruhe: Since December 10th, the Technical Service and the archives of the Reichsbahn Direction in Karlsruhe have been provisionally evacuated to Donaueschingen. It is reported that three chiefs of department of the Direction (technical and commercial) are in Donaueschingen.

Stuttgart: The archives and various services of the Direction were evacuated to Goepfingen at the beginning of December. Part of the archives was destroyed by previous air raids.

Augsburg: The archives and various services were already evacuated a certain time ago to Donaueschingen.

Nuremberg: The archives are now in Fuerth. The

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Direction is planning a new transfer.

Munich: The archives and various services have been evacuated to Freising.

In all cases, the districts of refuge are provisional and can be changed according to necessity.

B. December 18:

Results of the air raid on Innsbruck of December 15:

The air raid was very heavy and had good results. The main railway station and the workshops were totally destroyed. The tracks as well as the signal and switch installations were destroyed in many places, principally between the main station and the West station. The circulation of trains through Innsbruck is completely suspended and even the transbordering traffic has not yet been resumed. Up to December 18 no passengers from Innsbruck arrived at Feldkirch.

Results of the air raid on December 16:

Various direct hits on the main station. The West station and the civilian quarters between the West station and the main station were seriously affected. This attack was even heavier and more successful than that of the previous day. The iron railway bridge on the Brenner line (directly after the station) was very seriously damaged and it is estimated that the interruption of traffic on this line will last a week.

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B. December 20:

The great anxiety of the leaders in Germany is motor fuel and each air raid on a synthetic motor fuel factory causes the gravest worry. Until now, the essential supply could be maintained as the Allies did not repeat their air raids systematically.

The Leuna plants are among the most important for the production of synthetic motor fuels; they have been bombed repeatedly but not destroyed; their complete destruction would be a real catastrophe for the supply of gasoline.

Another vital and very centralized industrial center is the aluminum center in Upper Silesia. Despite repeated air raids, it remains sufficiently productive.

The chief German weaknesses are: (1) motor fuels, (2) aluminum, (3) railways.

B. December 20:

Vermunt Power Plant:

Factory began operation in 1929.

Lake measures 5.4 x 10 x 6 cubic meters.

Height of waterfall: 700 meters.

Dam: 400 meters along, 50 meters maximum height, 100,000 cubic meters concrete.

Highest side of dam: 1,743 meters above sea level.

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The lake may be lowered to the shore level of 1,719 meters.  
2.5 kilometer underground passage.  
2 pressure conduits 1,368 meters long and 1.8 meter outside diameter.

Plant near Parthenen:

4 single-jet Pelton turbines running on an average waterfall of 688 meters.

Each turbine can absorb 4.03 cubic meters per second and produces a maximum of 31,800 hp at 500 revolutions per minute.

Hydroelectric plant of Walchensee: (Sketch available if desired).

The small factory of Obernach, on the Walchensee: 7,000 hp. Annual production: 4 x 10 x 6 KWH.

On the Kochelsee, the large Walchensee factory:

8 principal groups. Nominal power 123,000 KWH.

4 Francis turbines  
4 3-phase generators  
H-197 meters n-500 revolutions per minute.  
24,000 hp/group  
supplies the 1,100 kilometer network of the Bayernwerk with 100 KW.

4 Pelton turbines  
4 single-phase generators  
H-192 meters n-250 revolutions per minute.  
18,000 hp/group  
supplies the DRB network 110 KW line for the transport of power.

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The coupling post is near the central post. Characteristic detail: The plant is supplied by a group of 6 pressure conduits placed one beside the other.

The hydroelectric plant Walchensee was constructed 1919-1924.

Annual storage basin with a surface of 16.2 square kilometers.

Part of the water of the Isar is diverted into the lake. A stream of 6.6 meters is utilized, that is, 40 x 10 x 6 cubic meters. Annual production 160 million KWH.

Achensee Plant. (Sketch available if desired).

The adduction of water into the lake (natural adduction + pumping + adduction following the derivation of streams) is 6 cubic meters per second.

The capacity of the plant is 25 cubic meters per second.

Waterfall approximately 400 meters.

Present power installed: 125,000 hp.

The plant is capable of "des pointes d'hiver".

Cardano Plant on the Isarco (Eisach). (Sketch available if desired).

This plant utilizes the waters of the Isarco whose flow is 27 cubic meters per second in winter and 250 cubic meters per second in summer. The plant has a daily storage

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basin of 290,000 cubic meters and was constructed for a flow of 80 cubic meters per second available during 178 days from April to September. A waterfall of 150 meters is utilized. Installed power amounts to 285,000 hp. Annual production is 500 million KWH.

(A) 5 pressure conduits of 2.80 meters outside diameter.

(B) 1 pressure conduit of 2.30 meters inside diameter. These conduits are placed one beside the other.

The A conduits supply 5 groups (Francis turbines) of 45,000 hp each for the production of three-phase current which is transported by a 250 KW line to the region of Milan (Cislago). The B conduit supplies 3 groups, each consisting of one Pelton turbine of 147,000 hp, operating a generator of three-phase current at 16/3per/Sec which supplies the Brenner line by 2 conduits of 65,000 volts.

B. December 23:

Transfer of Austrian war industry to Franconia.

The competent German authorities have decreed the transfer of a considerable part of the war industry of the Vienna-Graz-Linz region to Franconia. Numerous transports of industrial goods from the region in question are reported to be heading for Upper Franconia.

B. December 24:

War Production.

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Heidenheim: Locality which had 22,000 inhabitants before the war and now has over 30,000 is situated north of Ulm and has become a very important center of war production. Large factories there are manufacturing small and large caliber weapons, ammunition for the Infantry and cartridge cases. Every week, 2 or 3 trains of war materials leave Heidenheim for the western front. The textile industry which was installed in that locality before the war has also developed considerably. Very large quantities of cloth for the Army are manufactured there and distributed throughout Germany.

B. December 25:

Air raid on Donaueschingen: railway accident near Stuttgart.

The air raid on the railway installations at Donaueschingen on December 25th caused considerable damage. Ten locomotives and a few hundred passenger cars and freight cars were destroyed. The railway tracks were very seriously damaged in the direction of Geisingen and Ruedingen. The Reichsbahn buildings also suffered considerable. The repairs will require a few days. Over 200 workers have been transported by truck from Waldshut to Donaueschingen for repair work. The number of victims is not yet known but the number of wounded is very high. Most of these have been transported by automobile to Tuttlingen. Railway traffic between Waldshut and Donaueschingen is completely suspended.

Two passenger trains collided in the evening of December 24 on the line Feuerbach-Zuffenhausen near Stuttgart.

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Over 40 victims have hitherto been found in the wreckage. This is the fourth serious accident within three months in this region. It is not known if this is due to sabotage or to defective railway material.

C. December 25:

A train of 50 tank cars filled with gas left Eschwege on December 25th for Vetzlar via Hersfeld.

C. December 26:

The Germans state that they have succeeded in overcoming the crisis in production which they had gone through and in stabilizing the situation. Work in the Protectorate progresses smoothly while in Austria production suffers slightly due to sabotage. The Germans, having realized that they would not be able to equal the Allies in an armament competition, have decided to abandon the "Wettrüstung" for the "Querrüstung". This word generally conveys the meaning of the specialized production of certain arms according to the momentary necessity instead of a general armament. An order of priority has been established. Number 1 is the "Panzerfaust"; then come the "Panzerschreck", the Goliath tank, V 1 and V 2, "Sprengboots", jet-propelled planes and one-man torpedoes.

B. December 27:

Effects of the air raid on the railway station at Singen:

The principal effects of the air raid on the Singen  
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railway station on December 26th were: very serious damage to the shunting (trriage) station at the east exit of Singen in the direction of Engin-Immendingen and Gottmadingen-Schaffhausen and the destruction of the viaduct over the Aach on the eastern exit of Singen near the branch-line of the Singen-Regen-Immendingen and Singen-Gottmadingen-Schaffhausen lines. As a result of this damage, which is considered to be very important and to require considerable time to carry out repairs, the direct westwards traffic from Singen is now complete suspended.

X. December 27:

Wehrmacht circles are openly speaking of the coming utilization of a gas with a temporary narcotic effect, probably with an ether base. It is believed that the filter of the gas mask of the Allied Armies does not possess the necessary qualities for preventing this gas from penetrating.

B. December 28:

Effects of the air raid on Innsbruck on December 26th:

The air raid on Innsbruck of December 26th caused such damage between the stations of West Innsbruck and Hall that the direct traffic, which had been resumed on December 21st in the direction of the Brenner, is completely suspended in all directions. It appears that the new line Hall-Brenner was hit outside of Hall.

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Slovakia: Evacuation of German Services.

The administrative office of the German Reichsbahn in Bratislava has been transferred to Vienna. Other administrations are leaving Bratislava. Furthermore, postal service to Slovakia has been suspended since the beginning of December. The goods traffic has been subjected to certain restrictions.

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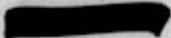
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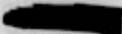
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### GERMANY

1. The Swiss press has reproduced a leaflet which is signed "member of the German colony". The leaflet describes in detail incidents leading up to the resignation, withdrawal, or defection from the Nazi service of some very important German officials attached to the German Legation or consulates here in Switzerland. The statement bears every evidence of accuracy.

The statement also calls for the removal from Switzerland of certain leading members of the SD and Gestapo who have official positions in German consulates in Lausanne, Berne, and Zurich. The names of these Gestapo officials are reproduced. The leaflet concludes with the statement that, as some Germans must continue to live here in Switzerland, the time has come to have a clear line drawn between the right-minded Germans and those who have disgraced the good name of Germany. As yet, it is not known who is the author of the leaflet or what his ulterior plans can be. I suggest you may wish to read the entire article as called to you.

2. Here is a summary of an article in the Leitwoche of January 5 on Hitler's speech. Beginning of summary:

At five minutes after twelve Hitler started his speech, which may well be his swan-song. It was a really painful speech, full of chopped-up phrases and complicated rhetoric. It is said that as an orator, Hitler gets his strength from the masses listening to him. He can only put into strong language what he absorbs from them. If this is true, and we believe that it is, the speech was expressive of great weariness and hopelessness. The echo of a world which no longer believes in itself and already perceives despair hovering overhead. This feeling of hopelessness can be understood. Every one sees how the German hopes are dwindling day by day. The German war command can no longer win; it can only destroy. The attempt to hold Budapest, for example, is in reality tantamount to the destruction of that

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Similarly, despite this initial success, Rundstedt's offensive is, in effect, the sacrificing of elite divisions which can never be replaced. Travelers coming from Germany report that the initial progress realized by the Western army was received by a large part of the population with pronounced dismay. The expression which was current towards the end of the last war, "we will kill ourselves with these victories", is again prevalent.

Meanwhile, Rundstedt's offensive has come to a stop, and it is rumored in Germany that this effort of the Wehrmacht is really the second edition of July 20, ordered by Rundstedt in order to save the prestige of the sinking Wehrmacht and hasten the end of the war by sacrificing elite regiments.

Hitler's arguments are, for the most part, fallacious. It is not democracy which has failed in the present crisis. Hitler's system has transformed Europe into such a heap of ruins that democracy reborn has not yet had time even to start cleaning up the debris. It must devote its entire effort to waging war against Hitler for some months to come. After the last war, it was one of the perfidious methods of Nazi propaganda to hold the German Republic responsible for the defeat. So today the Nazis endeavor to put on the Allies the blame for the destruction and chaos which they themselves have wrought.

From all sides of the Reich we are assured that the Nazis are organizing an underground maquis from which a new national socialism can arise. Hitler's speech is plainly an attempt to prepare the ground for this maquis. The danger of this sort of propaganda must not be underestimated by the democracies, as the events following 1918 have amply demonstrated. Now things must not be thought merely in a negative way -- a great work of positive reconstruction must be undertaken, and it will be a long and difficult task after so much destruction accomplished by the Nazis.

The times through which we are passing are among the most difficult and dangerous of the whole war. Somehow, after five years of war, the idea of the necessity of war is losing ground, chiefly because the German war chances are practically nil. On the other hand, it is not yet possible to go ahead with reconstruction. The extent of the task is too appalling and has given rise to great depression everywhere, since Hitler's evil spirit seeks to exploit, by spreading, confusion, unrest, and despondency in the camp of his enemies.

Uncanny though Hitler's voice may sound today, it cannot become a danger if his adversaries arm themselves with calm and determination. It will be no more than the voice an evil spirit, shrieking through the world at five minutes after twelve with its alarming tone, but doomed to fade away without effect, because in a short time the black hour of the phantom in which alone it can have effect will have disappeared.

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Movements trps and materiel 30 Dec to 3 Jan:

Eng Btn and about hundred pontoons on trucks arrived Neuenburg-Mullheim area, 40 to 58 tanks Badenweiler and Mullheim and 30 to 40 light and medium at Denzlingen and Eichstetten. Two Eng Cos Gottenheim and Thringen near Breisach. VG Rgt from Tuingen at Emmendingen.

Large transports VG and SS from Bavaria to area Wopas-Langweil-Hochspeyer. Inf Div detrained latter two places. About hundred mtz guns arrived Homburg. Large fuel transports sent to Marnheim west of Worms. Morning 31 Dec to noon 1 Jan nine trns Inf and Arty men left Immenstadt for Fribourg.

Heavy damage rail net in bombing 13 to 14 hours 2 Jan:

Kandern station badly hit, round house with three locos destroyed. Wolfschlucht switch station heavily. Three January switches and repair materiel rushed by truck from Wyhlen to both above spots. Wollbach station and village heavily likewise Wittlznngen. Binzen rail installations heavily.

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Inst (Tyrol) munitions plant suspended after recent bombing.

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Since 25 Dec Graz plants for plane parts and munitions being evacuated to Bavaria especially Plattling, Straubing, Landshut, Schwandorf, Amberg, Kempten, Memmingen.

Nine WOP locos destroyed at Salzburg 26 Dec probably sabotage.

Sabotage school functions at Constance. Recruits from French in Germany especially militia and anti Bolshevik LVP graduates provided with necessary papers sent by boat to Switzerland thence to France Swiss looking into matter.

Badenbgw Bruchsal and Lorrach being forcibly evacuated full tilt people as well as belongings. Mass evacuees to Wurzburg source 9062 B-2 following C-3 Innsingen bombing 25 \* wn betw Aach and Rielasinger Ztrasse as far north as municiple hospital badly hit. Rielasinger bridge at east exit station badly damaged rail traffic to Black Forest, Stuttgart and Schaffhausen paralyzed.

28.

Stuttgart-Dorn Westhelm freight station now center all traffic large Stuttgart lines. Central station can be reached from there or Esslingen only by electric shuttle, its important approach completely destroyed.

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Chief instruments of Munich University Chemical Institute saved work now progressing in cellars.

\* Waffens no longer volunteers. Recruiting by Wehrkreis Kommandos.

Plan to cut Boche rations ten percent in spring confirmed.

Tarvis traffic 10 to 17 Dec towards Italy: 14 trains incl 10 and 12 Dec 41 large flat cars heavy tanks and munitions also 60 tank cars about 20 cars cement.

Big camouflaged munitions dump Artone off Ferrara near road triangle directly north of village.

Piedi Colle rail line in constant use, two fifths munitions.

Cincisello airfield north of Milan Straight hits bombing 25 Dec 80 fighters put out of commission.

Big Boche gasoline dump at Nogbra supplied by truck from Trieste.

Work on Brenner RR line proceeding. Trunk line Ora-Bolzanore opened 20 Dec. Traffic Beronz-Bolzano six trns daily each direction.

Boche reported to have decided 15 Dec withdrawal all forces in Yugoslavia to defence line Fiume-Zagreb-Nagykanizsa. This would make six divs available for Italian front and Boche forces in Yugoslavia could thus support right wing

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of Army Friesner (query) holding fronts Wofplattensee. Only  
light well equipped mtz detachments to be left interior.  
Three inf divs reported already sent against 8th British  
Army.

31.

According to WOP officer oper 800,000 tons arms,  
materiel, food stock. In upper Isonzo sector, in Austrian  
Tyrol much more.

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### GERMANY

1. Over the year-end, Germany was studded with the usual speeches and proclamations. Competent informants here who listened to Hitler's statement are of the opinion that it was the voice of the Fuehrer, but whether it was taken from a disk or not was impossible to tell. Certainly, if the Germans had completely fabricated the speech, they would have done a better job, as far as the delivery is concerned. There was nothing particularly inspiring, either in the manner in which the speech was given, or in its content. It is significant that there was nothing in the speech to fix the date of its preparation except possibly the reference to Hungary's defection. It might well have been taken down several weeks ago, possibly piecemeal. There is no reference in the speech to the recent Rundstedt offensive, which is quite striking and possibly dates the preparation of the speech prior to the offensive.

For the sake of good form, and to prevent the spreading of rumors, it was, of course, necessary to bring Goering out of moth-balls again. The fact that he issued a statement should not be taken that he is exercising any real power in Germany. Undoubtedly he has certain popularity and technically remains Hitler's successor, until Himmler is able to put through his reorganization of the government under which, it is rumored, he will become something corresponding to Prime Minister, with Hitler as Chief of State.

Hitler, Goering and Goebbels all emphasized the same thing, that Germany has no choice, that it is either total destruction for Germany or continuing the fight until "ultimate victory".

The secret weapon as the method of victory has very largely disappeared from the German propaganda thesis, and it is upon the power of resistance of the German people themselves -- and the genius of the Fuehrer -- that ultimate victory apparently is to depend.

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2. According to reports received here recently, Hitler, during the early part of December, was at the Reichskanzlei in Berlin, and this conforms to other word which has reached us. This informant states that the Fuehrer has gone through a series of physical crises which affect his mind, and that his facial appearance has undergone great changes so that it is hardly recognizable. It is interesting that there have recently been no full-face pictures of Hitler, that the last photograph taken of him, at the time of the visit of the Hungarian quisling, his face was not clearly shown in the photo.

3. As the year turns, Ribbentrop's position seems to be as shaky as that of Goering, the difference being that Ribbentrop lacks the popular appeal which operates to help Goering out. While year-end predictions are always risky, I should doubt whether Ribbentrop lasted many months longer.

4. Here is a rather interesting comment from the Berlin correspondent of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung on Hitler's New Year speech. Here is the summary:

The fact that Hitler spoke a few minutes after midnight is very significant. He has been silent after his dramatic speech after the event of July 20. He has been invisible as well as silent. The other Nazi leaders had to take over his public duties. Very few photographs of him appeared in the papers.

It was inevitable that rumors should spread about Hitler's state of health. People talked about his being seriously ill on account of his injury on July 20, that many of his affairs of state had to be taken out of his hands. The appearances of Himmler, the second in power and influence of the Nazi leaders, appeared to confirm this version. In such cases, official and categorical public denials usually have no effect. On the contrary, they strengthen distrust, so that it became necessary to have recourse to the only solution, namely, the public appearance of Hitler. Goebbels prepared the way by his article on the Fuehrer in Das Reich. Hitler himself explains his silence by over-work and lack of time, as all his efforts are night and day devoted to increasing the strength of the German Army, to introducing improved weapons, to organizing new units, and to mobilizing the last ounce of strength of the people.

The speech has no particular importance as a sizing up of the war situation. It does not touch any of the present burning questions, but confines itself to generalities. It is noteworthy that the Fuehrer makes such a sharp attack on the bourgeoisie, which he claims belongs to an age that is past. He envisages a "Volksstaat" which will do away with all privilege and give the whole nation equal rights.

The year 1944 brought the German people heavy trials and bitter disappointments. Starvation and suffering are on the increase. All the Nazi leaders discuss this thoroughly in their New Year's messages. Dr. Ley,

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writing in Der Angriff, speaks of the awe-inspiring nights of bombing, the severe battles of materiel, the months of the most painful trials and terrific crises, almost culminating in inevitable catastrophe. The Germans have been spared absolutely nothing in the way of trials and tribulations, but, he says, the winter offensive in the West came like a ray of light in the darkness. It justifies the tremendous efforts which the Nazi Party exacted from the people, as Germany has now withstood the enemy's onslaught. The outlook for the future is still serious enough, but is no longer quite so dark. It is quite comprehensible that the Nazis stress this point and proclaim that it was all worth while, as Germany has caught up again, and the Wehrmacht is once more on the forward march.

The most important internal political development of 1944 was the pervasion of the Nazi Party throughout all vital sections of the nation. The Party can now proclaim that it has total control of the country. Dr. Ley describes the situation in his message as follows: "The fateful year 1944 has ensured total control of the National Socialist Party in all domains. The Party is running the State; the Party is responsible for armaments and production; the Party is mobilizing the country folk. The Party is building the protective walls in the East, South and west; the Party is organizing the Volksturm; the Party is the soul of German resistance; the Party is Germany itself."

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