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PSF Wayne Coy
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR WAYNE COY:

7-12-44

I raised the point in Cabinet on Friday that nearly six weeks have elapsed since the Russian War began and that we have done practically nothing to get any of the materials they asked for on their actual way to delivery in Siberia.

Frankly, if I were a Russian I would feel that I had been given the run-around in the United States.

Please get out the list and please, with my full authority, use a heavy hand -- act as a burr under the saddle and get things moving!

The enclosed comes in just before I leave. In regard to bombers, we should make and the British should make small token deliveries. In regard to P-forties, it is ridiculous to bring any back here from England by steamer through the submarine zone and we should expedite 200 of them via Fairbanks from the total number now in this country.

I have told the Russians that I am dividing things into two categories -- first, material which can be delivered on the Russian western front in time to take part in battle between September first and October first -- and secondly, those materials which physically could not get there before October first. I have chosen that date because after October first, we all doubt if there will be very active operations in view of rain, snow, frost, etc. and that if Germany can be held until then, Russia is safe until the Spring.

Step on it!

F.D.R.

Memo from Gen. Marshall to the Pres. 8/2 subject: Transfer of air material to Russia.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 15, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT:

From: Wayne Coy *WC*

Edgar Mowrer this morning brought to me a Frenchman who is traveling under the name of Jean Bernard. His real name is Emmanuel d'Astier du le Vigeric. He is the head of an organized group of Frenchmen known as "Liberation", one of three such groups organized and working together to slow down production in French factories, to conduct other sabotage activities and to aid the United Nations at the time of Commando raids or an all-out attack.

Bernard traveled from France to England in a British submarine. He has informed the British government of the extent of the activities of his group and the two affiliated groups. He talked to Biddle in London and to General McClure. Biddle arranged for him to come to the United States to give the same information to the proper officials here as he gave to the British officials in London. Through Biddle's efforts Bernard traveled to America on an American bomber.

Bernard has appointments tomorrow to see Ray Atherton of the State Department and undoubtedly will see Welles and Hull. It seemed to me that you would like to hear directly from Bernard his story of the extent to which the French people are prepared to resist the Germans. His connection with the Navy also gives him more information about the French Navy than other sources which we have had.

Do you want to see him?