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Telegrams Regarding Operation Foxley

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FROM

TO

SUBJECT

GERMANY - POLITICS

OPERATION FOXLEY. SOE plan to liquidate Hitler and/or his satellites.

To: C.D.

APR 1979 114 - ACD/79/7410

From: [unclear]

Copy to: [unclear]

I refer to Robin Brook's ~~letter~~ ^{letter} of the 3rd April, with attached correspondence.

This no doubt arises from our request to M.I.5 for facilities to obtain personal information about leading members of the R.S.H.A. on which I wrote to CD/O on the 16th March. (ACD/79/7268). You directed that back to me with the word "Yes".

(I attach a copy of ACD/79/7268 for your convenient reference.)

The argument for FOXLEY and FOXLEY II was basically the disorganisation that these operations, if successful, would have caused in the O.I.S.

As the O.I.S. had probably been fairly well disorganised since by other events, I think the balance of advantage would not lie in trying to catch R.S.H.A. officials of the Kaltenrunner type, alive.

I may say in passing that I think the argument in the third paragraph of Robertson's letter is not quite sound, as there might well be circumstances in which assassination was possible, but arrest was not possible.

However, I advise that we give the necessary reassurance and I suggest for your consideration your reply to Robin Brook on the following lines:

"I refer to your ~~letter~~ ^{letter} of the 3rd April, with attached correspondence. The FOXLEY operations were considered at a time when it was thought that a certain thinning of the ranks

CPT. E.H. Bennett

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CIPHER TEL FROM NEW YORK
MESP 1130 22.3.45. RECD 2320 22.3.45. COM

Class A
ADA
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TRIBE.
FOLLOWING FROM G. 11,000

- A. HAVE SEEN SUBJECT WHO I SOUNDED OUT ON LINES OF YOUR TELEGRAM 979
- B. HE, FAR FROM BEING DISCOURAGED BY MY INTIMIDATIONS OF POSSIBLE TOUGHNESS OF ASSIGNMENT, SHOWED EVEN GREATER KEENNESS.
- C. HE HOWEVER WISHES TO MAKE ONE STIPULATION WHICH IS THAT HE WILL NOT FIND HIMSELF OUT OF A JOB ON COMPLETION ASSIGNMENT OR IF GERMAN WAR ENDS BEFORE OPERATION TAKES PLACE, SINCE HIS PRESENT INTERESTING AND SPECIALIZED EMPLOYMENT IS GOOD FOR DURATION OF BOTH WARS.
- D. HE WOULD LIKE TO GET A PERMANENT CLANDESTINE JOB AND SAYS HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LIVE IN GERMANY AFTER WAR.

0457 23.3.45. MC.

File "G"

what is this? 7

Class A
AD/X

123
CIPHER TEL TO NEW YORK 16.3.45. COM

2979

OUR 2759 AND YOUR 109 OF 27 JANUARY 45.

- 1) FOR YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION WE ARE CONSIDERING USING THIS MAN FOR A HIGH PRIORITY ASSASSINATION TASK WHICH WOULD REQUIRE HIS LYING LOW IN GERMANY FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD COLLECTING NECESSARY INTELLIGENCE TO ENABLE HIM TO DO JOB.
- 2) BEFORE MAKING OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR HIM WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AS TO HIS SUITABILITY.
- 3) CAN YOU POSSIBLY GIVE US THIS WITHOUT DIVULGING TO HIM REAL NATURE OF TASK WE HAVE IN MIND.

0353 17.3.45. MC.
ORIGIN AD/X
SUBJECT: CAPT. E.H.BENNETT.

(Copy)

A/CD/79/7500

10th March, 1945.

To: CD/O

From: A/CD

I have been asked by I.I.B whether we have ever cleared on a War Cabinet or high level, Operation FOXLEY II, which applies to the proposed assassination of senior Nazi officials.

We got high authority for Operation FOXLEY but there was some doubt as to its wisdom in some places and it may be that the greater includes the lesser.

It will suffice I think, if I inform I.I.B that we have generally, authority to proceed on FOXLEY lines and approval of the major FOXLEY operation obviously includes the lesser.

Do you agree?

TO:

L/AX ✓
Copy to AD/2

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LAX/219. . . .

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FROM:

L/AX

12th February, 1945.

FOKLEY II.

1. In XP/10/24, it was suggested that FOKLEY II be extended to include BOHMANN, GOEBBELS, GOERING, KALTENBRUNNER and any others whose names I might care to submit.

2. In addition to the above persons I would suggest that certain less prominent lights of the SS hierarchy - potentially more dangerous on account of their comparative youth and the active part they might well play in any Nazi underground movement - be included.

3. These persons are in all cases high ranking SS officers in charge of various Hauptämter of the SS or of departments in the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (RSHA). With one or two exceptions they are still, it is believed, all located in Berlin or its suburbs, and offer a considerably easier target than HITLER, HIMMLER or GOEBBELS for example.

4. The relationship of the various SS-Hauptämter, the RSHA, and the Ordnungspolizei with the Allgemeine SS, the Waffen SS and the police is shown diagrammatically in Appendix I.

5. The names of the above key-men and the offices they hold are given in Appendix II. Apart from future considerations, the elimination of some of the above could probably have an immediate and marked effect on Party morale.

6. Photographs and/or descriptions of certain of these persons are already in our possession, and it is hoped shortly to complete the list together with any changes in address (office and residential), as well as to obtain information on the daily routine, habits, etc., of these persons.

7. In view of the apparent tardiness in withdrawing FM from West Prussia it is possible that SS and RSH offices may remain in Berlin and only be withdrawn to South Germany at the last moment, although there is already evidence that archives were removed some time ago.

Name

Office

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- (i) SS Brigadeführer SCHILLERBACH
Head of Amt VI of RSHA and Militärisches Amt.
Address: Berlin 32 Bernauerstrasse
- (ii) SS-Sturmabführer Otto SKORZENY
A personal friend of Schellenberg and Head of Amt. 3. (Sabotage) of Amt VI as well as of Amt. D (Sabotage) of the Militärisches Amt (ex Abwehr).
Address: Friedenthal (Oranienburg) resides at Oranienburg.
- (iii) SS-Gruppenführer MÜLLER
Head of Amt IV of RSHA, i.e. the Gestapo.
Address: Berlin, S.W.11, Prinz-Albrechtstrasse 8-9.
- (iv) SS-Brigadeführer OHLENDORF
Head of Amt III of RSHA (Deutsche Lebensgebiete).
Address: Berlin, S.W.11, Prinz-Albrechtstrasse 8-9.
- The above four are it will be noted all RSHA men.
- (v) SS-Obergruppenführer u. Gen.-Lt. der Waffen SS G. BIRGER
Head of the SS-Hauptamt (Central Dept. of the SS).
Address: Berlin-Grünwald, 7-11 Douglassstrasse (and corner of Gustav-Freytagstrasse).
- (vi) SS-Obergruppenführer u. Gen.-Lt. der Waffen SS Hans JÜTNER
Head of the SS-Führungshauptamt (Operational H.Q. of the SS).
Address: Berlin-Wilmersdorf, Kaiserallee 188.
- (vii) SS Obergruppenführer und General der Waffen SS Oswald POHL
Head of SS Hauptamt Wirtschaft und Verwaltung - WVHA (Economic and Administration Dept. of the SS); member of Hitler's Personal Staff.
Address: Berlin - Lichterfelde, Unter den Eichen 126 - 135.
- (viii) SS-Gruppenführer u. Gen.-Lt. der Waffen SS Richard GLÜCKS.
Head of Amtgruppe D of WVHA - Führung u. Verwaltung der Konzentrationslager (administration of concentration camps).
Address: Oranienburg.
- (ix) SS Gruppenführer u. Gen. Lt. d. Waffen SS Dr.-Ing. KAMMLER
Former Head of Amtgruppe C of WVHA (Bauwesen); (address: Berlin-Lichterfelde West, Schlossstrasse 60) now 1/3 of rocket site in West. Hitler's liaison officer at WVHA.
- (xi) SS-Obergruppenführer u. Gen. der Polizei VONNENBERG
Head of the Ordnungspolizei.
Address: Berlin, Unter den Linden 7a.

The above four are it will be noted all SS/NA men.

- (v) SS-Obergruppenführer u. Gen.-Lt. Head of the SS-Hauptamt (Central
der Waffen SS G. BIRGER Dept. of the SS).
Address: Berlin-Ordnswald,
7-11 Douglasstrasse (and corner
of Gustav-Preytagsstrasse).
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der Waffen SS Hans JÜRNER (Operational H.Q. of the SS).
Address: Berlin-Wilmersdorf,
Kaiserallee 188.
- vii) SS Obergruppenführer und General Head of SS Hauptamt Wirtschaft und
der Waffen SS Oswald FOHL Verwaltung - VWMA (Economic and
Administration Dept. of the SS);
member of Hitler's Personal Staff.
Address: Berlin - Lichterfelde,
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Polizei WENNENBERG
Address: Berlin, Unter den Linden 7.