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Chief of Staff to  
Supreme Commander,  
Allied Expeditionary Force

The British Chiefs of Staff Committee are anxious that prisoners of war in German hands should receive a warning, before they are evacuated from their camps, against the disclosure of any knowledge in their possession of the clandestine activities which have been carried out by them or on their behalf. It is important in the interests of prisoners of war remaining in Japanese hands that this information should not be divulged. The Chiefs of Staff understand that it is your intention, as soon as possible after the end of hostilities, and before prisoners of war are evacuated from their places of internment, to send to the various camps interrogating officers. I am instructed, therefore, to invite you to arrange for these interrogating officers to circulate in writing to all prisoners of war a message in the following terms:-

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"On the authority of the Supreme Commander, and in the interests of your comrades who are still prisoners of war in Japanese hands, you are hereby warned that you must maintain strictest silence on all secret activities of which you have knowledge or in which you have taken part during your captivity. Any leakage of information regarding these activities may well endanger the lives of your comrades held by the Japanese."

A similar request has been addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre.

C. R. Puce

Secretary,

36 1137 Chiefs of Staff Committee.

16th October, 1944