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~~SECRET~~ INTERCOMM: TEXT OF SOLID WARNING

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE UNITED NATIONS AT WAR WITH GERMANY, HEREBY ISSUE A SOLID WARNING TO ALL COMMANDANTS AND GUARDS IN CHARGE OF ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY ~~AND~~ AND GERMAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND TO MEMBERS OF THE GESTAPO AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OF WHATSOEVER SERVICE OR RANK IN WHOSE CHARGE ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR HAVE BEEN PLACED, WHETHER IN THE BATTLE ZONES ON THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OR IN THE REAR, THEY DECLARE THAT THEY WILL HOLD ALL SUCH PERSONS, NO LESS THAN THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND AND THE COMPETENT GERMAN MILITARY, NAVAL AND AIR AUTHORITIES, INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALL ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR IN THEIR CHARGE. ANY PERSON GUILTY OF MALTREATING OR ALLOWING ALLIED PRISONER OF WAR TO BE MALTREATED, WHETHER IN THE BATTLE ZONE, ON THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION, IN A CAMP, HOSPITAL, PRISON OR ELSEWHERE, WILL BE RUTHLESSLY PURSUED AND BROUGHT TO PUNISHMENT. THEY GIVE NOTICE THAT THEY WILL REGARD THIS ~~RESPONSIBILITY~~ ~~RESPONSIBILITY~~ RESPONSIBILITY AS BINDING IN ALL ~~CIRCUMSTANCES~~ CIRCUMSTANCES AND ONE WHICH CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANY OTHER AUTHORITIES OR INDIVIDUALS WHATSOEVER.

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TEXT OF SOLEMN WARNING

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The Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, on behalf of all the United Nations at war with Germany, hereby issue a solemn warning to all commandants and guards in charge of Allied Prisoners of War in Germany and German occupied territory and to members of the Gestapo and all other persons of whatsoever service or rank in whose charge Allied Prisoners of War have been placed, whether in the battle zones on the lines of communication or in the rear, they declare that they will hold all such persons, no less than the German high command and the competent German Military, Naval and Air Authorities, individually responsible for the safety and welfare of all Allied Prisoners of War in their charge. Any person guilty of maltreating or allowing Allied Prisoners of War to be maltreated, whether in the battle zone, on the lines of communication, in a camp, hospital, prison or elsewhere, will be ruthlessly pursued and brought to punishment. They give notice that they will regard this responsibility as binding in all circumstances and one which cannot be transferred to any other authorities or individuals whatsoever.