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FROM : TWELFTH ARMY GROUP SIGNED BRADLEY

TO FOR ACTION : FIRST ARMY, THIRD ARMY, NINTH ARMY, FIFTEENTH ARMY

FOR INFO : SHAEP MAIN, COM ZONE, 21 ARMY GROUP, SIXTH ARMY GROUP, CATOR

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Subject is evacuation of US and British ex Prisoners of War uncovered in GERMANY,

The following procedure and policies will apply for air or overland movement:

A. For air evacuation: Army will bid direct to CATOR for air lift from appropriate forward airfields. US ex Prisoners to be evacuated to LE HAVRE area; British ex Prisoners to the UK. As far as possible, each aircraft load dispatched from GERMANY will consist of ex Prisoners of one nationality only.

B. Copy of rosters will suffice as manifest for each flight of aircraft. Usually 10 planes are in a flight. Each manifest (roster) will contain the following certificate signed by a commissioned officer, serving under army jurisdiction:

" I certify that the individuals listed on this manifest have been disinfested and are authorized evacuation from GERMANY by air."

C. Should air lift prove insufficient, army will decide whether to hold ex Prisoners for eventual air evacuation, or to request overland transportation.

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For overland movement: Com Zone responsible for evacuation, care and disposition from time of departure from army railhead and/or truck head for overland movement to the rear. For your information, Com Zone has established intermediate reception camps behind the armies at LIEGE, STENAY and EPINAL. Com Zone may bid on CATOR for air lift from these intermediate reception camps to UK or LE HAVRE area, or, should air lift prove to be insufficient, Com Zone may continue overland evacuation to the rear.

D. In forward adjacent army areas only, exchange of US and British ex Prisoners of War for evacuation purposes is authorized.

E. Sick and wounded ex Prisoners will be evacuated through medical channels.

F. Armies are responsible for positive identification and for disinfection of ex Prisoners to be evacuated.

G. SHAEF will arrange British representation at all United States camps which may handle British ex Prisoners of War.

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