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German government has offered to leave in camps all Prisoners of War as Allied armies advance. U S has accepted this offer and informed the German government that the agreement is considered in effect as of 2359 BERN time, 22 April. Above agreement also has been accepted by the British government. Soviet government has requested that proposal be accepted on their behalf. Effect of this is that Germans will no longer attempt to evacuate those camps in line of advance and as a result larger recoveries may be anticipated. Preparations should be made accordingly.

In accepting the above agreement, the U.S. Government has obligated itself not to return recovered U.S. Prisoners of War to combat duty. In this connection, Commanding General. Communications Zone will will take necessary steps to insure that U.S. Prisoners of War recovered from camps under this agreement subsequent to 2359 BERN time, 22 April, are returned to the Zone of the Interior and not reassigned in this Theater.

All U.S. Army Prisoners of War left in camps by the Germans and recovered under this arrangment after the effective

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date of the agreement will be returned to the Zone of the Interior regardless of how long such personnel have been absent from Allied control. As regards such recovered Prisoners of War the policy announced in Par. 21 A of SOP No. 58-RAMP, Hq ETOUSA 3 April 1945 is changed accordingly.

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