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SUBJECT: Allied Prisoners of War
TO: The Chief of Staff

I. DISCUSSION

Recent intelligence from Most Secret sources shows that the enemy is showing anxiety regarding the possible dropping of arms on Allied Prisoner of War Camps.

It is possible that this may be part of a German scheme to attempt to instigate Allied Prisoners of War to rise.

The VCIGS War Office is very anxious that any such attempt should not succeed and he is desirous that a message of warning should be sent to all camps warning against any such attempt and against prisoners of war taking part in any rising unless specific orders are received from the Supreme Commander.

It will be recalled that in January 1944 a message was sent to all camps warning prisoners to stay put in the event of a German surrender or collapse. This was followed up in July 1944 with a message stating that the Supreme Commander would issue all Allied Prisoners of War with orders at the decisive moment.

Nevertheless, in view of the most recent information, I am of the opinion that a further message should be issued.

II. ACTION RECOMMENDED

That the following letter be despatched to the IMI War Office
(TAB 'A') *to new*
This file

III. CONCURRENCES

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