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FROM : CG NINTH US ARMY

TO FOR ACTION : SHAEP FWD ATTN G-1 PWX INFO ROOM

FOR INFO : CG TWELFTH ARMY GROUP ATTN G-1 PWX, CG TWENTY
FIRST ARMY GROUP TAC, CG NINTH AIR FORCE,
CG XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS

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Stalag Luft I located at BARTH (P-2553) overrun by Russians 30 April contains approximately 7500 US Air Corps officers, 400 US EM, 500 RAF officers, 150 British infantry EM, 50 Polish, French, Czechs and miscellaneous did not stand fast. Potable water supply ended 1 May. Water after 1 May being hauled 3 miles by horse drawn teams. Last regular Red Cross parcel issue 1 per man made on 30 April. An emergency issue made 2 May. Approximately 22500 Red Cross parcels on hand being held by Russians. General state of health good. Commander of Prisoners of War is Col HUBERT ZEMKE, Air Corps. Standfast orders being obeyed. Radio receivers operate. Good reception on commercial band, especially BBC broadcasts. Nearest airfield located 2 miles south of camp. Col ZEMKE requests air evacuation. Above information received verbally from ex-PW Capt JOHN F BELL, 0389828, HQ Ninth Air Force.

XVIII ABN reports that Marshal ROCOSSOVSKY will allow no negotiations except between himself and Field Marshal MONTGOMERY.

G-4 section this Headquarters states it is impractical to run a truck shuttle from BARTH to HILDESHEIM, due to travel distance involved, shortage of available trucks, and due to physical discomforts for ex-PWs to be evacuated. Request either that air evacuation be arranged from BARTH direct to LE HART

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with processing to be done at LE HAVRE or that evacuation be arranged by sea.

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