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Note for ^{25X1A} [redacted] regarding German S^{ht} in retrospect:

I glanced over Sections V and VI and think the comments of G/JS mild: mostly an example of kindly litotes. The two sections, so far as I can see, are a prize essay putting forward the particular philosophical views of the writer, which aren't deep.

The problem is how to get anything done about this, and I think it's a more serious one than the Italiana paper was. The latter had at least something to recommend it, but this hasn't anything that I have come across so far.

Nevertheless, I ~~ix~~ had a feeling here and there that if the right person had been able to deal with the material, the report might have been acceptable or even superior. I should like to assume ~~ix~~ in other words, that all the facts are there---though various professional comments make me doubt it---and that under various intangible conclusions there is probably some truth. The trouble lies in basic thinking, an absence of which is reflected in the vague and confused ~~winkz~~ writing. If someone could exercise some thought processes on the material in relation to knowledge of Germany and knowledge of the relationship of the German to the world problem, he ought to be able to bat out excellent copy on this in a short time.