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Capt. Duncan C. Lee.

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Grantrade International Corporation Situation  
and specifically, agreement dated February 6,  
1943, between Major Ronald H. Pearce and  
W. A. Barrett, Jr., covering rental of Suite  
1514, 1250 Sixth Avenue.

(b)(6)

From our talk yesterday I understand you agree with  
my convictions that:

(1) The entire history of relationship and engagements  
between OSS and Grantrade should be reviewed by you and recom-  
mendations made as to whether or not the OSS has any good  
claims against Grantrade and, if so, whether they should be  
pressed. As I told you, my guess is that we have grounds for  
action but that doubtless they should be ignored because  
of circumstances and probable conversations between Major Bruce  
and Colonel Aross, with which I am not familiar.

or held in  
abeyance

(2) That the lease made on February 6 between Pearce and  
Barrett should be undone because, in effect, this can be inter-  
preted as relief for Grantrade (Debtor) from OSS (Creditor).  
You also felt, as I do, that the \$120 payment should be recovered  
by OSS, together with all rentals paid to date by Pearce (which  
is to say, OSS) under the terms of Pearce's agreement of February  
6 with Barrett. Incidentally, the rental bills of Pearce have  
come in on Grantrade stationery and Pearce's checks have been  
made out to Grantrade, although the rental agreement was signed  
by Barrett as an individual.

I understand you will talk to me directly after  
analyzing this matter so that we may carefully consider it be-  
fore any steps are taken by any office. Otherwise, we might  
do Pearce or Aross an injustice. In short, after you have  
reviewed the matter, I want the whole picture carefully passed  
on by Whitney Shoparson, Colonel Aross, and John Hughes.

Thanks for your help.

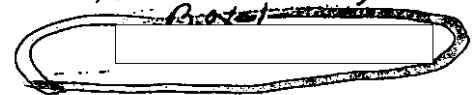
I am attaching the entire Grantrade file from which I  
have extracted and placed on the outside of the folder, those  
docs which seem to bear directly on this situation.

Col. Blum

Attachment.  
Dated

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