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TO: SAINT, DB/001  
FROM: SAINT, DH/001  
SUBJECT: Hans Wilhelm EGGEN

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1. With reference to l10's B-009 of 18 January 1945, you have probably in the meantime received London's XX 5307 of 13 February 1945, which establishes the fact that Hans ECKEN is identical with SS Sturmbannfuhrer Hans Wilhelm EGGEN.
2. We agree with l10's conclusion that EGGEN is not the right man for us. We believe, as does l10, that all our efforts should be bent towards finding a very highly-placed German to penetrate their intelligence and Party organization for us. However, we differ somewhat from 493 in the evaluation of EGGEN, who seems to us not to be "thoroughly reliable" but rather a very shrewd and intelligent man who is trying to penetrate us and, probably on orders from his superiors, attempting to establish good relations with representatives of the Allies.
3. EGGEN made several statements to 493 which quite obviously are not correct and which EGGEN must have known were not true; on page 3 he is quoted as having said that Germany is invulnerable to strategic bombing. The facts belie this statement. The statement that the gasoline crisis in Germany had passed is equally untrue. The fact that his own gas ration had been increased is no criterion whatsoever, since he is performing vitally important assignments for the German war effort. On page 5 EGGEN makes the statement that in his belief the war will go on for another two or three years and result in no one's winning. Certainly no honest person could in January 1945, with enemy armies in the east and west of Germany, believe that the Germans could hold out for another two or three years, at the end of which "no one would win."
4. 493 may have been misled by EGGEN's statement that HIMMLER "apparently has made the FUEHRER class," since HIMMLER has for many years been "REICHSFUEHRER of the SS."
5. Paragraph 9 on page 5 is just one more attempt on the part of German emissaries such as EGGEN to try to split the Allies by maintaining that the Russians are already negotiating with Germany "and are not playing fair with us." We believe it most dangerous even to make it appear as though we were willing to believe such statements or perhaps to establish contact with high German officials on the basis thereof.

6. The above has been shown to 971.

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