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SUBJECT: EGGEN, Hans Wilhelm
TO : Commanding Officer, SCI Unit Z Units

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1. Attached herewith information, sent to us
by R. MASSON, which is to be forwarded to CSDIC, where Subject
has been sent for interrogation.

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SCI Unit Z
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Memo: JZX-5424

8 November 1945

TO: OC, CSDIC, Rome GMP

SUBJECT: EGGEN Hans Wilhelm *Ch*

REFERENCE: Our Memo JZX-5356 of 2 November 1945

1. We attach herewith the following: *E-1 (Smith)*

- a) Private letter of Col. R. MASSON to SCI/Z Milan.
- b) Photostat copy of newspaper article which appeared in the Tages-Anzeiger für Stadt und Kanton Zurich on 22 October 1945.

2. The above materials were forwarded to SCI Unit Z, Milan by MASSON on his own initiative and raise interesting questions regarding the nature of Subject's contacts with MASSON.

3. It is requested that this matter be fully discussed by Subject during his current interrogation.

JAMES ANGLETON
Capt., Inf.,
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C O P Y

S E C R E T

Berne, 20 October 1945

To: SCI/UNIT Z/MILAN
From: Col. R. MASSON
Subject: EGGEN, Hans Wilhelm

I am informed that the German subject, Hans Wilhelm EGGEN, who entered Italy on 1 October 1945, has been arrested at Ponte Chiasso, and is now detained by the American military authorities in Italy. Without any reference to the charges that the Allies might bring against him, I should like to state the following:

- 1) In my capacity as Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Swiss Army, I have dealt with the repatriation of a certain number of Allied subjects. Their liberation took place before the end of the war.
- 2) Mr. EGGEN, whom I have known since 1941, has assisted me in rendering this service to the Allies. He was responsible, for instance, for the liberation of General VANNEMANN, former Military Attache at the American Embassy in Berlin, who had been detained by the Germans. General VANNEMANN, who is at present in the United States, told me when he passed through Berne that, if it were necessary, he would willingly attest to the very great help given him by EGGEN. Moreover, EGGEN was responsible for the liberation of several other Allied subjects. I shall only mention the cases of General GIRAUD's family and Major DODGE of the British Army.
- 3) While in Switzerland, EGGEN was arrested a few days before the end of the war by the Swiss authorities, and detained for several months. He was eventually liberated, as nothing could be proved against him.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ R. MASSON

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Colonel-brigadier Masson

Berne, le 20.10.45.

(Lettre privée)

A l'autorité militaire américaine C.J.C.

M i l a n
Via Telesio

Ayant appris que le ressortissant allemand, H. Wilhelm E g g e n, qui a passé en Italie le 1.10.45. avait été arrêté à Ponte Chiasso et se trouve actuellement détenu par l'armée américaine d'occupation, je tiens, à toutes fins utiles et sans préjudice des griefs que pourraient avoir les Alliés contre la dite personne, à déclarer et à certifier ce qui suit:

- 1) Comme ancien sous-chef d'état-major de l'armée suisse pendant la guerre 1939/1945, j'ai eu l'occasion de m'occuper du rapatriement d'un certain nombre de ressortissants alliés. Ces libérations ont eu lieu avant la fin de la guerre.
- 2) M. Eggen, que je connaissais depuis 1941, m'a aidé à rendre de tels services aux Alliés. C'est ainsi qu'il s'est chargé, par exemple, de la libération du Général américain Vannemann, actuellement aux Etats-Unis, ancien attaché militaire à Berlin, détenu par les Allemands. Le Général Vannemann, que j'ai vu à Berne, lors de son passage à travers la Suisse, m'a dit qu'il était prêt, le cas échéant, à reconnaître l'immense service que lui avait rendu Eggen. Eggen s'est occupé de plusieurs libérations au profit des Alliés. Je me contente de citer encore la famille du Général Giraud et le major britannique Dodge.
- 3) Se trouvant en Suisse quelques jours avant la fin de la guerre, Eggen fut arrêté par nos autorités et détenu pendant quelques mois. Il fut ensuite libéré, aucun acte hostile à la Suisse n'ayant pu être retenu contre lui.

Avec parfaite considération

R. Masson