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I to First Field Report on Alecsei KURGVEL,
dated 25 April 1945.

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WAR ROOM APPENDIX I to FIRST FIELD REPORT

KURGVEL, Alecsel

The following is a translation of a document forwarded by Al A.G. on 21 July 1945 under reference 21 AGp/INT/2428(449) and is in fact a report by FAK 166 on the dropping of 5 parachute parties into Esthonia during the second half of April 1945:-

Frontaufklaerungskommando 166M

25 April 1945.

Notⁿ for file on the Expeditions Ilmsalu, Kamele, Krapu, Paaru and Taliku, all in Esthonian territory.

Compositin of the Groups.

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Ilmsalu: ✓	W/T operator Saadjarv ✓	W/T name "Ants" ✓
	Intelligence man Ilves ✓	" " "Mardus" ✓
Kamele: ✓	W/T operator Kaasik ✓	" " none
	" " Merisalu ✓	
	Intelligence man Merik ✓	
	" " Lepik ✓	
	" " Loo ✓	
Krapu: ✓	W/T operator Luha ✓	" " "Mitsmann" ✓
	Intelligence man also	" " "MDS" or "KMP" ✓
	W/T operator Kramp ✓	
	Intelligence man also	
	emergency W/T operator	
	Puusepp ✓	" " "Juri" ✓
Paaru: ✓	W/T operator Lender ✓	
	Intelligence man Kaur ✓	
Taliku: ✓	W/T operator Tammik ✓	" " "onu" ✓
	Emergency W/T operator	
	Kuusk ✓	" " "Paul" ✓
	Intelligence man Rink ✓	" " "Vanamees" ✓

Tasks of the Groups

Collection of information in their respective territories about:-

- a. Military dispositions, specially coastal defences, airfields and position of troops.
- b. Organisation and development of ports, work in the ports and ships' movements.
- c. Organisation and development of industry.
- d. Political and economic life of the people.
- e. Morale of civilian population and of the troops.

As secondary task the Groups were to make contact with nationalist groups, special stress, however, was laid on the fact that in the present military and political situation this would be particularly dangerous.

Area of each Group

- Ilmsalu: Coastal strip from Baltischport to Reval with relevant Hinterland.
Kamele: Baltic Islands in sight of Mainland, coastal strip from Virtsu to Baltischport with relevant Hinterland.
Krapu: Coastal from Reval to Loksa, if possible right to Hungerburg, with hinterland.
Päaru: Forestland south east of Reval and Reval harbour.
Taliku: Pernau harbour and west coast to Virtsu, with hinterland.

Dropping of Expeditions

The parties Ilmsalu, Krapu and Päaru were dropped on the night of 20/21 April from a Do 24. On account of the low clouds and ground mist the parties could not be dropped exactly at the required points. One member of the Krapu party jumped too early so that the rest of the party were not dropped at the appointed place.

The parties Kamele and Taliku were flown over the ground in another Do 24 on the night 22/23 April but could not parachute on account of ground mist and low cloud. The operation was repeated successfully on the night of 23/24 April. The party Kamele was dropped in two runs. The first three to be dropped signalled as arranged with the flash lights to help the second run. A member of the crew reports that while the last man was descending he saw a white rocket fired from the ground. It is possible that he mistook the flash light signals for a rocket. No other signal, apart from the flash light, had been arranged with the first party and it was not known that the party possessed any signal rocket or pistol.

Pre-arranged Dropping Points.

Actual dropping points.

Ilmsalu	near Laitse, 15 km south-east Baltischport/Paldiski/ Moonlight. Time 2330	near Siimika, 16 km south-south-Baltischport; 15 km south-west of prearranged place.
Krapu	near Sigula, 50 km east of Reval Moonlight, Time: after Ilmsalu.	near Jagala, 29 km east of Reval, 20 km west-west-south of the prearranged place.
Päaru	near Lendermaa, 40 km south-east of Reval, 5 km. north-east of Kose	Near Aruvalla, 25 km south-east of Reval, 15 km north-west of the pre-arranged place.

Moonlight, Time after Krapu, before 0100 hrs.

According to the Captain of the seaplane the flight was extremely difficult through cloud and mist. The dropping points were, however, pin-pointed. Dropping height 200 metres. Parachutes all opened. The last two members of the Krapu party were dropped

at the same place where the first man had fallen out too early while locking out of the plane and where he had afterwards been seen.

Taliku near Polemdmaa, 20 km west- as arranged.
west-south of Pernau
Good visibility, bright
moonlight.

Time: 0045 hrs.

Krapu near Kivimäe 10 km east
of Haapsalu

near Alakula, 56 km south-
west-west Haapsalu, 7 km
south-west Marjamaa, 48
km south-west-west of the
prearranged place.

Good visibility, bright moonlight, Time 0100 hrs.

According to the Captain of the seaplane the whole area west of the area where he dropped Taliku was covered with thick mist. He decided therefore to drop the party Krapu well clear of the Haapsalu area.