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SUBJECT: Counter-Sabotage Measures vs. Amt VI (BESEKOW) Organization

In view of the arrival from Germany of agents directed by the above-named BESEKOW, on missions of sabotage against the Allies, the following precautions and counter-sabotage measures have been taken:

(1) OSTRICH was arrested by CIC authorities after having been sent through the lines on a sabotage mission. He was transferred to Paris, and after interrogation, removed from custody of the Blvd. Suchet to an apartment where he could be built up for a return trip to Germany. He has made numerous local contacts, and it is through him that we met two other agents, Mme. NEY and MOREAU. OSTRICH is, we believe, a safe man to return through lines to get further information about sabotage depots in France, future sabotage missions, and other information of vital importance in our counter-sabotage program.

(2) Maurice ZELLER is another agent who came through the lines about the same time as did OSTRICH. He had been given the address of a property known as La Rouillee, as rendezvous, by OSTRICH. OSTRICH, in turn, had received this address from Mlle. Alice MAKART, his secretary-mistress, who had had it from GAUDIOT. GAUDIOT is a friend of Pierre MORAND, a Frenchman who is on the Propaganda Staff at Siegmaringen in Germany.

La Rouillee has also been given as a rendezvous point to other members of the BESEKOW organization, notably TONIN, HAGEDORN, and NEY. It is almost certain that BESEKOW now also knows of it, and that since it is said to be suitable for parachute operations, and is remote enough to be safe, there is a chance that it may be used as a base for German sabotage operations. OSTRICH has contacted Mme. MORAND, wife of the owner, and leased the property in his name. He has seen the place, and can describe it to the BESEKOW group when he sees them again. Mme. MORAND is under control by the S.M.

In view of these facts, ZELLER has been established at La Rouillee. He is in telephonic communication with this detachment and will call us if anything of interest occurs. We are sure of him.

(3) Mme. NEY also came through the lines, and after arrival in Paris contacted Mme. HOSATTE, her sister, and her brother-in-law M. ALLIX, formerly M. NEY's secretary, and in charge of a Milice Intelligence service. This M. ALLIX has been returned to his home in the hope that other agents will contact him, as did Mme. NEY. He also is in telephonic communication with our detachment in case of emergency. We feel sure of him because he believes that our intervention has saved him from 20 years at hard labor.

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(4) Through further information furnished through interrogation of Mme. NEY we learned of the existence of an information service headed by one LAGARDERE, ex-member of the Milice. This man is training young women at Siegmaringen, and sending them through the lines to bring back newspapers and information. They included three young girls who arrived in Paris some time ago, saw Mme. NEY, who gave them money to return to Germany, before we entered the case. But they also contacted a Mme. BELLET (54 rue de Lille), whose name and address had been furnished them as a possible source of help. Mme. BELLET is shortly being released to return to her home, because she is expecting a visit very soon from a friend named Mlle. GABET, secretary of a M. LEON, who heads an information group in the South of France. Through contact with Mlle. GABET we hope to get details concerning the activity of this hitherto unknown organization.

Arrangements are being made for the penetration of this Southern group through the person of JIGGER, who expects to attend the rendezvous between Mme. BELLET and her visitor.

(5) The Abbe CLERGET was, through interrogation of Mme. BELLET, revealed to be a letter-box for the LAGARDERE organization. He is under arrest, and another priest at the same address, the Abbe GLAUDE, is acting for us by receiving all calls and mail which come for his former associate. GLAUDE is an American citizen, and he is also in constant telephonic communication with this detachment.

All of these activities have been planned and executed by this detachment; after conferences with Col. Rothschild and Lt. Bardet.

#### CONCLUSIONS:

(1) The OSTRICH operation is protected by the fact that both the agents who came through at about the same time as he, and who were to form his team (ZELLER and VLIEN), are in our hands; in addition, from all reports we learn that BESEKOW still expects to see OSTRICH in Germany again;

(2) The three young girls of the LAGARDERE organization have, as far as we have been able to discover, managed to recross the lines to Germany; they will carry with them the news that all the contacts they made - Mme. NEY, Mme. BELLET, and the Abbe CLERGET - are still free in case other agents wish to contact them;

(3) Most recent information concerning OSTRICH's standing with BESEKOW and his group comes from Andre RAILLART, recently arrested line-crosser, who reports that the Germans talk constantly of the good job they are sure OSTRICH is doing in France, organizing a Maquis, etc.

(4) Attached sketch illustrates graphically the set-up we have established.

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