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Military authorities have again asked whether we perceive objection to returning to Germany in American custody former German officers Eugene Dollman and Eugene Wehner both of whom participated in negotiations for German surrender Italy and who now in American custody. (REMEMBER 4255, November 21 and Caserta's 849, November 30 and 8 of January 10) Both G-2 and CIG believe these men of continuing intelligence value and anxious evacuate them from Italy. Italians formally asked military to hand Dollman over to them in January and have recently repeated request but no answer given yet.

G-2 believes Italians do not know they hold Weiner and Italians have in any case not asked for him.

In view of changed circumstances since matter last brought up believe Dollman should be repatriated only if overriding requirements of military intelligence exist. If Dept agrees that they do I propose suggest to military authorities that on his transfer Italians be notified that he will remain in American custody and any application for his return to Italy will be given every possible consideration after his detention by American authorities no longer required. Weiner being checked on UNWCC lists; if not listed suggest informing military authorities no objection his repatriation.

Please instruct.

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