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FROM	Chief of Base, Salzburg		DATE 31 AUG 1959
SUBJECT	GROUND/OPERATIONS Salzburg Operations Base/Caching Program		RE: "43-3" — (CHECK "X" ONE)
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- a. ~~WASA-5216~~, 20 July 1959
- b. ~~FRAN 6872~~, 8 August 1959

1. As EUGA suggests in reference b. above, we plan to place W/T equipment in the ground for trained individual W/T agents. If war breaks out, they are then expected to retrieve the equipment without further instructions from us and contact a Base Station. This has always been our policy. However, outside of this specially earmarked equipment, we plan to cache two "blind" W/T sets with batteries in each OW Area; this totals sixteen sets. We had planned to place six of these in the ground this summer as noted in reference a.

2. These sets would be used by any W/T operators dropped into an occupied Austria; by agents who for some reason do not have access to equipment of their own; and finally, any agents which may be recruited to replace those now having sets available. We realize that a signal plan and crystals would still be needed to put this equipment in operation, but believe these relatively small items, along with a cache report, could be carried in by an infiltrating agent or, in the case of an in-place agent, they could be dropped or smuggled in. Complete equipment with batteries could not be so easily handled.

3. We feel it is unfortunate we cannot carry out our caching plans this summer and hope to do so next spring. Of course, we understand the reasons proposed for not caching materials other than W/T equipment at present, but hope difficulties which stand in the way of this can be cleared up by then. Perhaps the caching assistants requested in reference a. can be made available by next spring.

4. In reference to EUGA's request for a conference, [redacted] intends to be in Frankfurt on 20 September 1959 enroute to Scandinavia. He can, at that time, meet with EUGA representatives for one or two days to discuss the W/T caching program. (Vienna Note: Considering the usual pouch delays to Frankfurt, perhaps the preceding information should be cabled to EUGA.)

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