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By the end of August, eight of the ten W/T sets available at the station had been either given out to agents or buried. Persons who have received sets are: [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] has two sets and the others one each. [redacted] and [redacted] have been trained as W/T operators by the German station. [redacted] will soon be put in contact with [redacted] on completion of certain security measures within the [redacted] group. We shall complete burial of the remaining two sets as soon as possible. Although considerable effort has been expended on the attempt at discovery of W/T operator material, we have failed to make as much progress along this line as initially hoped. The effort will be continued and intensified. Some delay was occasioned in burial of W/T sets because of the non-weather resistant packing in which the sets arrived at the station. We were forced to remove the sets from their original packing and place them in large tins which were then soldered shut. During [redacted]'s recent visit to Vienna we discussed this problem with him, recommending that immediate attention be given to the problem of proper preparation of sets for burial prior to shipment to field stations. [redacted] will draw up a memorandum analyzing problems connected with burial of sets. We have not found it possible to conceal sets in the walls of houses, as suggested in a recent Washington memorandum, and have been forced either to bury the sets in the ground or give them to persons for concealment in their homes. During [redacted]'s visit we also recommended to him very urgently that we be permitted to give out signal plans to agents like [redacted] and [redacted] without waiting until the crisis has overwhelmed us. By that time it will be far too late for us to locate such agents and tender them their signal plans. [redacted] concurred in Vien-1973 with our view that the signal plans must be given out now as, otherwise, we can be fairly sure that the assets we have developed with expenditure of time and effort will be lost at the time of crisis.

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