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Subject:  Operation of Vienna Station

Request for Radio Supplies

1. During our last visit to the Vienna Station <sup>we</sup> were acquainted with the  operation, particularly with its radio network. Up to that date we had not been aware of the fact that any operation on the continent had been using radio as one of its means of communicating.
2. The chain operates into Yugoslavia from Austria and Germany, particularly, Italy, Free Territory of Trieste and Hungary occasionally. The "base station" at present is at Bad Reichenhall, Germany (near Salzburg), moved to this location from Bad Gastein, Austria (U.S. Zone). Exact locations of Field stations are unknown to us as some have been "in motion" recently. All operators are non-American.  and  of the Salzburg station are preparing a complete background report on the network. We emphasized the need for exhaustive details, particularly as to what kind of signal plan and ciphers used; the identities of all radio operators, etc.
3. Briefly, the present problem is that of re-supplying the base with new gear. We have reviewed a list of items needed among which was a BC-610 transmitter, etc., but thought that the radio history of the operation should preface the equipment request so that a better evaluation of the operation's needs could be given. We asked Vienna to forward a list of the requested items directly to you when the background information has been supplied. We believe that a VANITY type transmitter and associated equipment would be adequate (100 watt transmitter). We do not believe we are too hasty in adding that new signal plans and ciphers should be provided. However, all of this can be better determined upon receipt of the project write-up.

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