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TO: Chief, CIB, G-2, 12th Army Group.
FROM: GC, SCI, 12th Army Group.
SUBJECT: Penetration Agents, 12th Army Group, to 6 May 45.

1. Following is a report of Penetration Agents operated by SCI, 12th Army Group, up to and including the week ending 6 May 45.

2. BABY, a converted Germanophile who had served with French units in the German Army.

Status: BABY is giving valuable information under interrogation at METZ, following his being overrun east of FRANKFURT. He was employed, after his crossing of the lines, by Kommando 313.

3. BISON, former employee of SD and SS Signal OCS, METZ.

Status: We are tracing BISON at DORTMUND, where he was reported seen by a captured SD agent, August REINHARDT.

4. OSTRICH, important sabotage agent, associate of SKORZENY, case prepared by SCI, Paris.

Status: We expect to receive shortly the final interrogation report on OSTRICH, who was overrun near FREIBURG, after close recontact with SKORZENY's headquarters. Preliminary reports contain considerable new information.

5. BREATHEN, former SD interpreter and translator in VICHY, also worked for German Embassy there.

Status: BREATHEN was put across the lines for the second time, following his first successful mission in which he contacted the SD and Abwehr, STUTTGART. We are now looking for him, since he evidently has been overrun.

6. BOOSTER, former LVP member, with substantial record as collaboratorist.

Status: BOOSTER was returned by German Division Intelligence Officers twice in Third Army territory as a German agent. Third Army received good operational intelligence from him, but the readiness with which German Intelligence officers swallowed his cover story and sent him back prevented the accomplishment of his real mission, penetration of the German Intelligence Services. He is now being held to see whether he can be of further use.

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7. BUMPER, ex-mayor of GORZE, NOVEANT and CORNY (MOSELLE), administrative official under the Germans and close friend of Maj Gen DUNCKERN and SD and Abwehr officials.

Status: Agent is across the lines.

8. BISHOP, SD agent and official, COLOGNE.

Status: A full report is being obtained from BISHOP, who is in a First Army hospital recovering from a wound. He reestablished contact with Warner KLEINER, chief of Section IV of the SD, COLOGNE, who is now under arrest.

9. Because of the conquest of Germany, the previous methods and criteria by which we conducted penetration cases, with much success, must now be changed. There are no longer enemy lines through which agents can be passed; there are no Intelligence officials of divisions to whom they can turn themselves in and prove their previous record of collaboration; it would be difficult, if not impossible, for them to find their former associates in German Intelligence through whom to penetrate such Intelligence; and it remains to be seen whether organized GIS groups still exist or whether German Intelligence has become an unorganized scattering of individuals. We are giving the subject much study, and hope soon to submit new lines of approach.

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