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ROUTINE

TO:

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

18 AUG 51

ACTION:

FDP (1-2-3)

IN 22369

INFORMATION:

AD/SO (4), OPS (5), PLANS (6), S/C (7-8-9), DDP (10)

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TO: WASHF

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RE: [] 6731 (IN 20192)

THUNDERCLAP

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

1. GROUP DROPPED ACCORDING PLAN REF AT 0035 HOURS 17 AUGUST.
2. T/4 LEFT BEHIND IN SAFEHOUSE UPON REQUEST OTHER GROUP MEMBERS WHO FELT HE WOULD HANDICAP MISSION.
3. PLANE CREW REPORTS GROUP DROPPED IN FOLLOWING ORDER: T/5, 2, 1 AND 3. T/5 FOR YET UNKNOWN REASON, JUMPED PREMATURELY AFTER PLANE PASSED KREPI TRUNCIT AND HEADED SOUTH FOR DROP ZONE RUN. ESTIMATED HE LANDED ONE MILE NORTH DESIGNATED DROP ZONE. T/2 ON DISPATCHER'S SIGNAL, JUMPED 12 SECONDS LATER. ESTIMATED HE LANDED ONE HALF MILE FROM DROP ZONE. T/1 AND 3 CHUTES WERE NOT HOOKED ON STATIC LINE WHEN T/5 AND 2 JUMPED. THEY JUMPED 18 SECONDS AFTER T/2, OVER DROP ZONE.
4. PLANE DOORS OPENED TEN MINUTES BEFORE T/5 JUMPED. ALTHOUGH GROUP TRAINED TO ALERT FOR JUMP WHEN BELL RANG AND JUMP UPON SIGNAL

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FROM DISPATCHER, T/5 REPORTEDLY JUMPED BEFORE EITHER GIVEN.

5. T/5 CARRIED COMPLETE W/T SET AND GENERATOR IN GENERAL PURPOSE RELEASE LEG BAG. HE DOES NOT KNOW AREA. T/2 ALSO CARRIED W/T SET AND GENERATOR. T/2, 1 AND 3 KNOW AREA WELL.

6. GROUP HAD EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN ASSEMBLING AND FINDING WAY TO RENDEZVOUS POINT. HOWEVER T/5 AND 2 PROBABLY LANDED ON STEEP TERRAIN MAKING IT DIFFICULT FIND EACH OTHER. T/1 AND 3 PROBABLY TOGETHER. SLIGHT POSSIBILITY T/1 MAY FIND T/5 AND 2.

7. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY EXCELLENT.

8. NO W/T CONTACT YET.

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