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FROM : [ ]

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Dr. Hans Fritzsche Concerning Nazi Propaganda  
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1. There is attached a copy of an interrogation report submitted by [ ] following his interrogation of Dr. Hans Fritzsche at Langwasser on 6 and 7 January, this interrogation having been made pursuant to your cable, WASHG 6653.

2. You will note that the interrogation was confined to matters of direct practical interest to us, and we purposely avoided any extensive discussion of white propaganda.

3. Concerning the results of the interrogation from our particular point of view, the well organized use of rumor and its effective results are interesting, since this possibly is a medium which we might later employ effectively in certain target areas. The use of radio code messages to "fictitious" agents and organizations within target areas is also interesting.

4. As indicated in the report, we are now attempting to obtain more specific information on certain key individuals used by the Nazis in certain specialized fields of propaganda. If we succeed in locating these individuals, we may then arrange further interrogations. Interrogation of Schwarz van Berg, rumor specialist, and the Russian specialists referred to in the report might prove extremely instructive.

5. For your information, ICD did not have a representative present at our interrogation of Fritzsche. As you will note from the attached letter from Dr. Fritzsche to Lt. Moller, ICD employee, dated 20 November 1948, the ICD has already extensively interrogated Fritzsche on the subject of Nazi propaganda. In addition, we felt that it would be inadvisable to have an ICD representative present at our interrogation and linked with [ ] 1, even though [ ] used an appropriate cover story.

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