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TO Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

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FROM Chief, EE

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/CART
SPECIFIC Theodor SAEVECKE

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1. Attached is a copy of the file of the 7708 War Crimes Group on Theodor SAEVECKE, Federal Criminal Police Security Group officer now under suspension on war crimes charges. Also attached is an original document from that file, given to us by the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army. It is an authentic, signed, carbon copy of the letter authorizing SAEVECKE's release from the Dachau War Crimes Enclosure.
2. We are also sending for your study our only copy of the British interrogation report on SAEVECKE and some of his colleagues down at the Combined Services Detailed Interrogation Center, Central Mediterranean Forces (CSDIC, CMP), dated 4 June 1945. Our possession of this report, which is still classified Secret, should not be discussed with German authorities, who would certainly want to see it. It would not do Herr SAEVECKE any good.
3. On the other hand, the War Crimes file, including the original letter, may be loaned to German authorities as long as it is held by them as a classified document. You will probably want to show the file first to SAEVECKE and discuss with him the utility of each document in helping to clear him.
4. You will see that the War Crimes file contains little substantive information and does tend to support SAEVECKE's protestations of innocence. The British interrogation report, however, on page 15, attributes to SAEVECKE the management of the shooting of hostages at the village of Corbetta, as a reprisal for the killing of a German SS official. Evidently SAEVECKE admitted this to British interrogators, but as far as we can tell he has not been charged with it in the current investigation. It would be appropriate to discuss this incident with SAEVECKE and consider with him the advisability of suppressing the information. The usefulness of this lever in furthering our control over him is obvious.

(Releasing officer)

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