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20 July 1945

TO: C.O., X-2 Germany  
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SUBJECT: RSHA Financial Operation

1. Fritz SCHWEND, formerly in charge of purchasing agents for RSHA Amt II, was visited in Stadelheim Prison, Munich, by George SPITZ. SCHWEND had been moved from 7th Army IC to Stadelheim and after about three weeks in that latter place had finally begun to talk. SPITZ was familiar with the past operations of SCHWEND and is now working for us with the approval of Group. It is believed that SPITZ is primarily responsible for the success of this mission. SPITZ persuaded SCHWEND that his best chance would be to confess his activities with the RSHA and to cooperate with us. SCHWEND agreed to collaborate and to write out a history of his own activities and a list of the RSHA personalities known to him. He also agreed to turn over to us all hidden valuables which he knew of.

2. SCHWEND was taken out of Stadelheim Prison and, accompanied by Capt. Timm, Capt. Michaelis and SPITZ, was taken to a small town in the Austrian mountains where he had buried some gold. The gold was dug up by SCHWEND and it amounted to 7139 pieces of French and Italian origin (weight approximately 47 kgs). According to SCHWEND the value of the money is about 200,000 dollars.

3. This money had been buried by SCHWEND a few days before the arrival of the Americans. The burial place was known also to SCHWEND's secretary and probably to other members of the RSHA. The money constituted a possible threat to Allied security as it could have been used to finance anti-Allied activities.

4. SCHWEND has been placed under house arrest at the home of George SPITZ. He is engaged in writing up his own activities and a list of RSHA personalities.

5. We are preparing a further trip with SCHWEND on which he will put us in contact with all of his agents and also locate the caches of other hidden valuables.

6. SCHWEND's statements will be forwarded by pouch. The future position and possible employment of SCHWEND is under consideration and proposals concerning him will be submitted for your approval.

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