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FROM

FERDINAND L. MAYER.

TO (FOR ACTION)

TO (FOR INFORMATION) SHERMAN.

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NOTICE!

The attached prints are for your information, and should be destroyed upon completion of your case.

THE FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANCE OF A REPORT JUST RECEIVED FROM 710 RPT 110 WITH REGARD TO CLERICAL MATTERS, WHICH I THOUGHT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO DOLBEARE RPT DOLBEARE AS FROM ME. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT.

"THE FOLLOWING CATHOLIC LEADERS IN BERN ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE CATHOLIC MOVEMENT WITHIN THE REICH: ~~DR. VON GALEN RPT DR. VON GALEN~~, THE BISHOP OF MUNSTER'S BROTHER; DR. JOSEPH WIRTH RPT ~~DR. JOSEPH WIRTH~~, WHO USED TO BE CHANCELLOR; PROFESSOR ~~MUCKERMANN RPT MUCKERMANN~~; THE PROFESSOR, FREDERICK DESSAUER RPT FREDERICK DESSAUER, WHO USED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CENTER PARTY IN THE REICHSTAG FROM FRANKFORT. WE ARE MAINTAINING EITHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT WITH ALL THE ABOVE MENTIONED CATHOLIC LEADERS. AN ADDITIONAL DETAILED MEMORANDUM IS BEING PREPARED FOR OUR USE BY FATHER MAYDIEU RPT MAYDIEU. WE ALSO HAVE A LIST OF ABOUT 40 NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE PLAYING IMPORTANT PARTS IN THE CATHOLIC MOVEMENT IN THE REICH AT PRESENT. AS OCCASION ALLOWS, WE WILL SEND THESE NAMES TO YOU.

"BOTH PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC CLERGY ARE ORGANIZED IN BEKENNTNISKIRCHE RPT BEKENNTNISKIRCHE, AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE NAZI REGIME. REMARKABLE COURAGE IS BEING EXHIBITED BY CERTAIN PARSONS AND PREISTS. QUITE A FEW OF THESE CLERGYMEN ARE BEING HELD IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE TERROR THEY ARE KEPT FROM DIRECTLY OPPOSING THE NAZIS, AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE NOT POLITICAL CONSPIRATORS. AS SOON AS THE NAZI REGIME HAS COLLAPSED, THEY WILL ASSUME ACTIVE ROLES IN AIDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND CHRISTIAN IDEALS. THE PROTESTANTS AS WELL AS THE CATHOLICS HAVE IN MANY CASES DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE, BUT AS A RESULT OF THE QUASI-PROTECTION AFFORDED BY THE VATICAN

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AND THEIR MORE CLOSELY INTERWOVEN ORGANIZATION, THE CATHOLIC CLERGY HAVE BEEN BETTER ABLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST THE INROADS OF NAZISM".

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OPERATOR'S CORRECTIONS: 13TH. LINE, PAGE 1, WORD 3 SHOULD BE SPELT "ADDITIONAL".  
23RD. LINE, PAGE 1, WORD 4 (THE) SHOULD BE OMITTED.  
THANK YOU.

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