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EUGENIO DOLLMANN AND EUGENE WENNER

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1. [ ] cable [ ] is self-explanatory as to the present situation of the above-captioned individuals. The following background information is pertinent to the individuals referred to in this cable:

a) PARRILLI - Parilli is Baron Luigi Parrilli, an important Italian industrialist with former Fascist connections, who initiated the surrender negotiations with OSS representatives in Switzerland. He was the prominent figure throughout the negotiations in establishing and maintaining contact between General Wolff and OSS.

b) DOLLMANN - Dollmann is Eugenio Dollmann, formerly a SS Standartenfuehrer and former aide of General Wolff. He, according to a [ ] interrogation report dated 20 August 1946, after conversations with General Pohl and General Wolff, opened negotiations for an armistice in December 1944 when he started conversations with Baron Parrilli, above referred to. Dollmann first discussed negotiations with General Pohl in July 1944 and agreed with General Pohl that he would discuss the matter with General Wolff, which discussion took place in December 1944.

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The above is from Dollmann's own statement in his interrogation. The report of Mr. Dulles, who handled the negotiations with General Wolff and his aides, indicates that after the initial contact by Baron Parrilli, Dollmann appeared, representing General Wolff, to initiate surrender talks. At that time he was given the names of two prominent prisoners whom the Germans were holding and whom we desired to be released as evidence of good faith. This was done. Dollmann also went to Switzerland with Wolff on more than one occasion in connection with the surrender talks. Wolff, in his statement of the surrender negotiations which appears in Mr. Dulles' report, states how Dollmann carried out on 23 April 1945 a mission from Wolff to Kesselring to explain the broad outlines of the surrender negotiations. Dollmann was sent due to the fact that "I had sent his and my old confidants SS Standartenfuehrer Dollman and Staff Doctor Nieson.....". It thus appears that Dollmann did actively participate in the surrender negotiations at no small risk to himself.

c) WENNER - Wenner is Eugene Wenner, formerly a SS Sturmabannfuehrer. He, too, according to Mr. Dulles' report, was an aide of General Wolff and accompanied Wolff on some of his trips to Switzerland in connection with the surrender negotiations. Wenner was the German officer authorized by General Wolff to represent him in the final surrender negotiations which started at Caserta on 28 April 1945 and ended with the signing of the surrender on 29 April 1945, Wenner signing for Wolff. It thus appears that Wenner did participate in the surrender negotiations at no small risk to himself.

2. We have no information that Mr. Dulles made any promises or commitments to Dollmann or Wenner, nor do we have any information as to whether Hussmann and Parrilli made any such commitments. Hussmann was connected with Mr. Dulles in some of the connections in Switzerland. Parrilli, of course, would have no authority to have made any commitments binding upon the Allies. Whether or not binding commitments were made to Dollmann and Wenner, it seems that we owe

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some consideration to these men.

3. It has just been ascertained that Mr. Dulles made no promises or commitments to Dollmann or Wenner, nor did he authorize any other person to make such commitments. He confirmed, however, that these men did participate in the negotiations and his feeling is that if they are in trouble that some effort should be made to help them.

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