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COUNTRY: Germany

SUBJECT: Russian Pressure on V-2 Scientists

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Russian progress in V-2
weapon production can be gauged by the rate at which Germans
who worked on the various parts are being sought out by the
Russians.

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1. Heinz KAMMERER, Berlin-Neukoelln, has been under Russian pressure for almost two months. He has been visited by Russians (once during the last fortnight), has been told to report to various places in the Russian Sector (including Weissensee, seat of scientific interrogations), and has received threatening telephone calls. At present American WP's drop by his house every two hours to check on his safety. By this pressure, it is assumed the Russians are now in the beginning stages of the so-called "Briggs Operation," the high-frequency steering apparatus.

2. A second engineer, Hans RIEDEL, Berlin-Lichterfelde West, was first sought by the Russians at his warehouse on 18 July, with the Russians claiming their visit was to inquire about RIEDEL's earlier Telefunken activities and later "to make a deal." RIEDEL actually was production chief of the V-2 department for procurement of materials and development of ersatz materials, and had 600 men working in his department.

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3. Engineer Herbert MENDE, Berlin, believes that as soon as the high-frequency steering apparatus is in production he, MENDE, will be contacted by the Russians, since he is a radar expert and was also RIEDEL's deputy from the end of 1944 on, with a department of 400 men. MENDE is very unwilling to work for the Russians

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