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Dear COMPASS:

This letter is from SLEDGE personally.

In terms of cleaning up the CHALK problem, the following questions must repeat must be answered in order that this operation can get off the ground. WHEEL is considerably concerned that with the passage of time CHALK may get discouraged and discontinue looking for indication from us that we are willing and prepared to cooperate.

1. As concerns the Drop Site that CHALK gave to us to load: COMPASS must actually enter the site area and describe it accurately with narrative and description. Please refer to Letter No. 1 attachments to refresh your memory.
 - a. Is the radiator between the two sets of doors or behind the second (inner) set of doors?
 - b. How far is the radiator from the doors?
 - c. What is the size and shape of the hook? Its thickness and color? How far would the loader have to reach in to fasten the dead drop package on to the hook? Or would it have to be loaded from above rather than from the side?
 - d. Is the inside of the building and drop site identical with CHALK's details? If not, where are the discrepancies?

2. As concerns the Signal Site that CHALK gave to us:

Please review the description as CHALK gave to us; prepare some pretext to actually use the telephones and on one of COMPASS' walks through the area, stop in, make the call, and study the internal set-up to determine if it is actually as CHALK described.

3. As concerns the drop site that WHEEL is to get to CHALK:

JIG: I still do not understand why specifically COMPASS does not like the wall as a site for CHALK to toss a package over. COMPASS mentioned earlier that the lights in the courtyard go on. Who turns them on? Are they on all night every night? What is the story? If COMPASS has solid objections to using the wall of JIG, then please detail all objections. If COMPASS is determined that JIG cannot be used, then COMPASS must come up with an alternate dead drop site for CHALK to load (which we would unload). Is there any indication that the recent JIG incidents have altered PRESS "protective" and security procedures?

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4. In order to keep this operation going once initial contact is established, COMPASS must find yet another drop site for CHALK. So please find another drop site which CHALK would load for another go-around which would afford maximum accessibility and security both to him and to the unloader (probably a diplomatic type or a Bedskiner). In connection with this, locate a signal site which CHALK would use to signal and which you would observe on a daily basis while looking for his signal. Both these sites must be fully described in narrative and sketches.

We are truly on the spot as far as the CHALK operation is concerned. I have no alternative now but to ask COMPASS to fulfill the above request within two weeks after receipt, otherwise I shall have to find someone else to do the job. This I would hate to do but will be forced to do unless we have the full package in our hands within two weeks.

I, personally, find reading your letters a little difficult. I, therefore, request that, with our secure means of commo, you avoid double-talk and make your letters as clear and complete as possible. Please prepare them as if they were official despatches. We have found that on some things COMPASS has written, there were several interpretations of what you meant depending on who read the letter.

I wish COMPASS success in this and all future endeavors.