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November 17, 1944

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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OSKAR MANTEL

Reference is made to an Office of Strategic Services memorandum dated November 3, 1944, your file 12-1330-2, over the signature of Mr. Horace W. Peters and directed to Mr. C. Darwin Barron of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This memorandum refers to a meeting on November 3, 1944, between certain representatives of the Office of Strategic Services and this Bureau with respect to the case of Oskar Mantel. (S) 4

Mr. Peters' understanding of the conclusions reached at this meeting is considered to be correct; however, I would like to point out that an additional conclusion was agreed upon to the effect that should your interrogation of Oskar Mantel cause you to decide to take action, such action would not be taken without first discussing the matter with the Bureau if the contemplated action had any connection with or would affect any individual of interest to us in the United States. Since Mantel has some knowledge of certain vital operations which were directed against the United States by German Intelligence, anything which would indicate to the Germans that Mantel has been compromised would, of course render valueless those matters known to Mantel. (S) 4

After you have reviewed the previous interrogations of Mantel and completed your own interrogation, it would be of interest to know of any matters developed by you coming within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Given to Mantel: OGS 11-27-44
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Memorandum for: Mr. C. Darwin Marron

Subject: Oskar ~~Mantel~~

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This will confirm our understanding of the conclusions of the meeting held in your office on November 3 attended by Messrs. Will, Cameron and Lt. Dunn of the OSS, and by Messrs. Cunningham, Marron, Fletcher and Penny of the FBI, concerning the subject:

1. The FBI has no objection to the OSS reading the complete interrogation prepared by K.I.S.
2. The FBI has no objection to the OSS further interrogating the prisoner along the lines discussed with you, which might develop OSS interest in certain subjects presently located in Europe.
3. In any interrogation or communication concerning the prisoner, the OSS is particularly to avoid any reference to the prisoner's associations or knowledge of individuals in this hemisphere.

We greatly appreciate your offer to discuss with us any phases of the case of interest to the OSS which may come up at a later date.

Horace W. Peters
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