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3 November, 1944

SUBJECT: Preliminary Interrogation report on WEBER, Ludwig, alias NEUMANN,
Leon (non de guerre), alias HAAS, Karl,

TO : Mr. Robert Blum

The following preliminary interrogation report was made by 307th CIC unit
Seventh Army. A more detailed report will be submitted as soon as available.

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307TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS DETACHMENT
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: NEBEL, Ludwig, alias NEUMANN, Leon (nom de guerre),
alias HAAS, Karl, confessed German agent and saboteur.

1. This Subject was apprehended by CIO, 36th Division, just after he had crossed the lines just north of Le Tholy from German occupied territory into the Seventh Army Sector. He pretended to be HAAS, Karl, Alsatian escaping to join the French Army. He was brought to CIC, 7th Army, for detailed interrogation.

2. Interrogation by CIO, 7th Army, has so far revealed the following information:

1) IDENTITY: Subject is a civilian employee of the Waffen SS, assigned to Abteilung VI-8 (sabotage) of the Reichssicherheitsamt. He had, however, the pay book and often wore the uniform of Untersturmführer (lieutenant) in that organization. In a previous questioning, Subject had stated that he had the rank of Untersturmführer.

2) HIS MISSION: a) About 1 October 1944, at Badenweiler, Germany, NEBEL received written orders from Gruppenführer SCHELLENBERGER, head of Abteilung VI, to proceed to France, locate and destroy the two American gasoline pipe lines which cross France. He was given no information as to the location of the pipe lines.

b) He was paid 1,000,000 francs in new banknotes in series, provided with about eighty pounds of explosives especially prepared for the pipe lines and given some German army food which included dried sausages, Sarotti chocolate, hardtack and candy.

c) He was provided by the Polizei Presidium of Belfort with the identity card of HAAS, Karl, Alsatian who had been killed in an air raid at Belfort.

d) He was advised by Capt. Hofmann, 1-C of the 198th Division, Gerardmer, to cross into the American sector at a point just north of Le Tholy where the lines were inadequately guarded.

e) If he had succeeded in crossing into France, Subject would have joined the French Army or found other employment which would enable him to secure a French identity card. Armed with that, he would have proceeded with the execution of his mission. The necessary explosives, he said, would have been parachuted to him at an isolated villa called La Rouillee, mentioned below. Contact with Germany would have been established by sending someone back across the lines. Subject vehemently disclaimed any precise knowledge of deposits of explosives left behind by the Germans for the benefit of their saboteurs.

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3) OTHER AGENTS ON THE SAME MISSION: Two other agents, ZELLER, Maurice, alias FONTANIER, and VLIENEN, Fernand, alias VERNEUIL, were to follow shortly afterwards to work with NEBEL. Rendezvous was to be had at one of the following places: a) 47 Ave Murat, Paris, home of MARTIN, Richard, collaborator, former mayor of Comme of Montmorency or of Norgency near Paris, one of the leaders of a group left behind by the Germans to do sabotage after France should be occupied by the Allies; b) a villa called La Rouillee, owned by one MORAND, Pierre, located in an isolated forest between Pierrefont and Taillefontaine, near Compiègne, north of Paris; c) 93 Ave Philippe Auguste, chez GRENET, Paris.

4) SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND: Subject was born 4 August 1912 at Hochwald, near Basle, Switzerland. His father Theodore, together with a brother Joseph and a sister Sophie Hedwig LEMANN, are still living there. Another brother, Theodore NEBEL, born 1899, has been in the United States since 1921, and, when last heard from about 1928, had married an American woman and was living in Philadelphia, Pa.

Subject lived in Switzerland until 1942 when he escaped to Germany and entered the service of the Raffen SS. He has been a National Socialist since 1930. He was once imprisoned as a deserter from the Swiss Army and several times for Nazi political activity. He is still a convinced Nazi and would have been glad to carry out his sabotage mission in France.

5. Subject is still under interrogation and information secured from him will be the subject of future reports.

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