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EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS
JULY, AUG. 1943

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FOUO DATE	REFERENCE	To/From	SUBJECT
16 Aug 1946	1546/141/14(18)	From B. C. S. (D)	German Officers

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SUBJECT: Gen In Officials



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6 Aug 43

Forwarded herewith for your information copies of letter from
AFHQ and message to Armies on the above subject.

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HQ 15 Army Group
B.N.A.F.

W.D. Gibson. Lt. Col
Lieut. Col.
P.O.S. (1).

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& attached telegram is sent. 6/8. J. G.*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

B-369.501/1.

HEADQUARTERS

8 AUG. 1943

AMGOT

30 July 1943.

SUBJECT: Exchange of Diplomatic Officials.

TO : G.S. Intelligence, Main HQ 15 Army Group.

1. The Department of State Washington has telegraphed that it has received, via the Swiss Legation in charge of German interests, exorbitant demands from the German Government for the exchange of Counselor of Embassy S. Pinkney Tuck and the remainder of the official party now detained at Baden-Baden. The German Government has been informed that these demands are unacceptable. The Department of State feels, however, that the chances of effecting the release of its diplomatic officials would be materially increased if it were able to obtain custody of important German civilian officials preferably possessing consular or diplomatic status. The Department has already obtained custody of sufficient Italian officials to obtain the exchange of American officials captured by the Italians at Monte Carlo.

2. The Department of State has intimated that it hopes Allied armed forces will seize no opportunity to obtain the custody of accredited civilian German Officials. 5350

3. Should any such German officials be met with in localities occupied by our troops they will be taken into custody immediately and A.F.H.Q. notified.

(Signed) S. S. HILL-DILLON
Lt. Col. G.S.
for K. E. D. STRONG,
Brigadier, G. S.,
A. C. of S., G-2.

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(W) For Information (INFO).		Message Instructions	
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