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From: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations
To: The Commandant, Fifth Naval District
The Commandant, Sixth Naval District
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The Commandant, Eighth Naval District
The Commandant, Eleventh Naval District
The Commandant, Twelfth Naval District
The Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District

SUBJECT: Enemy Agent Landing Operations, Possibilities Reported.

1. On July 27, 1942, at 2:00 A.M., Robert J. Heligh, a bridge tender on the Anthony Wayne Bridge, Toledo, Ohio, found certain materials in a trash can on the bridge. This material contained maps and other suspicious data and he immediately referred it to a representative of the Coast Guard. It was forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, for examination and consists of two notebooks, some maps, drawings, and a package of notes about two inches thick which were fastened together with rubber bands. Robert J. Heligh has been interviewed and does not appear to have any subversive background.

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2. The material was examined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and it noted that one of the maps is a regular Pure Oil Company automobile road map of the United States. The map has various dates listed thereon which are opposite various coastal locations, both on the East and West Coasts, it being indicated that landings would be attempted at said locations as follows:

July 31, 1942	Miami, Florida
August 1, 1942	Cape Lookout or Cape Hatteras, North Carolina
August 5, 1942	Between Charleston and Georgetown, South Carolina
August 8, 1942	Between Jacksonville, Florida and Savannah, Georgia
August 9, 1942	Between Daytona Beach and West Palm Beach, Florida

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August 11, 1942	Brownsville, Texas
August 15 and 29, 1942	Ensenada, Mexico
August 18, 1942	Between Santa Maria and Los Angeles, California
August 18, 1942	West of the entrance to the Santa Barbara Channel
August 19 and 28, 1942	Morro Bay, California
August 22, 1942	About 125 miles north of San Francisco, California
August 23, 1942	South of Crescent City, California
August 25, 1942	Marsh Field, Oregon
August 26, 1942	Tillamook, Oregon

3. A large looseleaf spiral notebook, which was part of the material, contains various handwritten notes and includes the names of the eight German saboteurs who were recently apprehended after their landing in this country from German submarines during the month of June. There is one notation which indicates that one saboteur escaped the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is indicated that the author of this note is giving aid to the saboteur who was not apprehended. There was one letter in the material unsigned, which is addressed to "Dear Otto" and is dated June 23, 1942. This letter refers to the capture of the eight saboteurs and mentions that "Kuppe, Schmidt, and Barth have been delayed. They will arrive July 23, if those fools do not give it away." The letter is ended with the initials "S.H." and the words "Heil Hitler".

4. There is a notation in the smaller notebook to the effect that there are going to be about fifteen saboteurs landed on the coast of Florida and they would have to be on the lookout for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There are also contained in this notebook several small drawings of airplanes which set out the wing dimensions and some other details which do not appear to be significant. There are several pages of sketches of both English and American airplanes.

5. Several of the maps contain information indicating weather conditions in the United States. Information is also noted concerning the corn belt area in the United States and references to the different manufacturing centers. Some sections of the maps are shaded and appear to have been neatly prepared.

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6. On July 31, 1942, the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised the Office of Naval Intelligence that it had received on that date a letter which had been postmarked Toledo, Ohio, July 25, 1942, which letter contained approximately the same information as above set forth. The Bureau further advised that an analysis disclosed that the material so found by the bridge tender and the letter received from Toledo are in the same handwriting. An opinion was expressed that the writing may be that of a Weeman.

7. A serious doubt arises as to the genuineness of the information attempted to be conveyed and in view of the fact that the identity of the writer is not known, no evaluation can be made. This is sent for your information.

J. H. Waller
J. H. Waller,
by direction.

CC: Department of State

Dictated August 1, 1942
Dictated by Major Cincotta
Typed by R. Elalock

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