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March 30, 1942.

**FILED****SECRET**MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral T. S. Wilkinson,  
Director of Naval Intelligence.Subject: German Saboteurs in North  
and Central America.

1. The attached paper, J.C.S. 26, entitled "German Saboteurs in North and Central America," was presented for the consideration of the Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff by direction of the President. It consists of a telegram to the Secretary of State from the American Chargé d'Affaires in Berne, Switzerland, and is self-explanatory.

2. In their meeting held on March 30th at 2:00 P.M., the Joint Chiefs of Staff directed that this matter be referred to G-2 of the War Department General Staff and to the Office of Naval Intelligence for appropriate action in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. A communication identical with this one is being sent to Brig. General R. E. Lee.



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W. B. SMITH,  
Secretary.

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GERMAN SABOTEURS IN NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Note by the Secretaries

By direction of the President the enclosure is presented  
for consideration by the Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff.

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L. R. McDOWELL,

Joint Secretariat.

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This telegram must be closely paraphrased before being communicated to anyone. (SC)

Dated March 15, 1942

Rec'd 3:16 P.M.

SECRETARY OF STATE,

Washington.

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1055, March 15, 2 p.m.

1. Source Legation's telegram 763, February 26 just returned from similar trip during which contact reestablished with Kiel reports:

(A) Submarine commanders have told closest relatives that submarines began early January taking 2 or 3 agents at time (whether on every outgoing "cruiser" submarine not yet known) to North and Central American coasts. Agents carry communications and very valuable explosives and allied materials since they are couriers and promoters of sabotage. They are very familiar with area where they will work and very amply supplied with dollar bills obtained in Sweden and Switzerland. During darkness submarines proceed very near inshore (some commanders related having seen glare New York skyline) whence member submarine crew takes them ashore in hard rubber boats with outboard motors.

Well developed plan prescribes that at moment ordered agents and accomplices in America will commence simultaneously everywhere on continent a wave of sabotage and terror chief purpose of which is to cause United States military authorities to keep greatest possible number of troops on home front reducing thereby to minimum number sent abroad. Because German High Command reputedly believes United States not yet ready to com-

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mence noteworthy transports abroad Kiel contacts doubt organized terror and sabotage wave will break out immediately but warn that it must be expected when substantial troop movements abroad begin.

(B) When Kiel contacts expressed skepticism about what could be accomplished in so vast an area by so few agents landed from submarines they were told "in United States (just as formerly in Austria, Sudotenland and 'German' Poland), there is a widespread German SA and SS standarten organization recruited by no means exclusively from German citizens there but also from close blood comrades".

Legation note: Although very difficult today to distinguish between tales spread intentionally among German populace to bolster morale and reports of genuine actions and plans it would seem advisable since source of foregoing rules out most categorically the chance of its being a "plant", that it be treated by our authorities with due seriousness. Activity of the kind forecast is to be looked for. In this connection attention invited to related reports from entirely different source as given in Legation's telegram 495, February 10.

(END OF MESSAGE).

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Baltimore Sun  
4-10-42

### ***Warns Of Axis Attempt To Land On U. S. Coast***

**First Corps Area Commander Advises New Englanders To Be On The Lookout**

Boston, April 9 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles said tonight an attempt might be made to land enemy agents from Axis submarines "operating off our shores" as he issued "an alert" to New Englanders.

The First Army Corps Area commander asked that New Englanders living near the seaboard be on the watch for any such attempt.

"If you see a strange face in an unlikely spot and have sound reason to believe the person is acting suspiciously," the alert stated, "notify your local police at once."

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