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[Part I] To the Director.

1. RANDOLPH⁽¹⁾ talked with the editor of "NEWSWEEK" magazine, Ernest LINDLEY, who has close connections in the State Department and personally with HULL. LINDLEY stated:

- (a) The creation of a Committee of Free Germans in MOSCOW caused perplexity in the State Department. [5 groups unrecovered] to negotiations of the Allies with the King of ITALY and BADOGLIO without consulting the USSR. [He] considers also that the creation of a committee is proof that the USSR will make further unilateral decisions; this committee will be used for the formation in GERMANY of a government friendly to the USSR.
- (b) The State Department insists that ROOSEVELT demand an explanation from the USSR concerning the creation of this committee and a guarantee that a separate peace with GERMANY conforming to the declaration of the committee will not be concluded.
- (c) The creation of the committee greatly disturbed the Polish government, which approached the State Department with a proposal [1 group unrecovered] that the USA should not recognize this committee.

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- (d) The Red Army offensive has caused anxiety in the State Department; it is feared that the Red Army will penetrate into POLAND and even into GERMANY before the Allies are able to negotiate with the German opposition (to HITLER) groups concerning a new government and a negotiated peace. This [5 groups unrecovered] plans of the Allies that, while the Russian and German armies are waging war on a stabilized battle line, they will be able to negotiate with the groups named.
- (e) ROOSEVELT promised GIRAUD to arm 20 divisions on condition that the leadership of the armies will be concentrated personally in GIRAUD's hands.
- (f) The State Department does not wish to recognise officially the French committee in ALGIERS, fearing that its popularity in FRANCE will grow rapidly. L. says that he personally saw in the State Department a report [46 groups unrecoverable] military and with the USSR [1 group unrecovered] [R% ROOSEVELT][27 groups unrecovered][37 groups unrecoverable] RANDOLPH talked with [13 groups unrecovered][52 groups unrecoverable] [144 groups unrecovered] [6 groups unrecoverable] WASHINGTON CLARKE[KLARK][11] [24 groups unrecovered] promised HITLER [1 group unrecovered] negotiations with the Allies in order to [35 groups unrecoverable] BADOGLIO, since ITALY does not agree to this.
- (g) The Hungarian and Rumanian [R% White Guards] are carrying on negotiations with the Allies. They are all willing to make big concessions to the Americans and English if the Allies will protect them from the USSR.

[PART II]

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[11] Possibly the D. CLARKE, mentioned as a WASHINGTON Press correspondent in NEW YORK's External Serial No.1172 of 19th July 1943 (3/NEF/T670).

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