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To: Major Roller

The attached are being forwarded to you per our telephone conversation of this afternoon.

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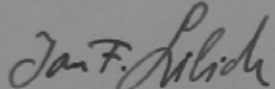
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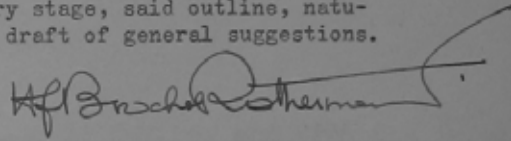
September 10, 1944

SUBJECT : Outline of possibilities of MO activities in the post-war era
TO : Colonel Kenneth D. Mann, Chief, MO Branch

1) Following your suggestions, advanced on the occasion of your recent visit to Rome, the undersigned, Jan F. Libich and H. F. Broch de Rothermann, take the liberty to submit to you herewith a brief outline of post-war possibilities for MO activities, with special emphasis on those possibilities arising in Germany and Central Europe.

2) Because of its briefness, and because the proposed subject is still in a purely preparatory stage, said outline, naturally, can only be regarded as a first draft of general suggestions.


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MO Branch - Rome


H. F. Broch de Rothermann
MO Branch - Rome

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"Noch nie ward Deutschland
überwunden, wenn es einig war."
("Never has Germany been sub-
dued, as long as she was
united.")

Bismarck

The basis of MO activities in GERMANY
in the POST-WAR ERA

From the course the war is taking in Europe, and from the information received from all available intelligence sources, the fact clearly emerges that the down-fall of Hitler and of the national-socialist system will not be due to an ideological conversion of the German people, but solely to the military defeats suffered by the German armies in the field. As the military power of the German people to resist weakens and ultimately collapses, either military or political groups may be assumed to come forth in the near future, which will consider themselves sufficiently acceptable, politically speaking, to sue for armistice terms with Allied representatives. These groups will probably attempt to legitimize themselves in the eyes of the Allies by some coup d'état directed against the national-socialist regime: in case the task of suing for an armistice is entrusted to a general in the field, he may be expected to withdraw his armies in his sector of the front so as to open ^{for} the Allies the road to Berlin; or, in case the peace bids are to be proffered by a

military or political group at the German home front, another attempt may be made to eliminate Hitler and his entourage through violence, similar to the attempt made by some generals on July 20, which miscarried. Both maneuvers may well coincide, since the overthrow of the present regime in Germany will undoubtedly result in the immediate collapse and the withdrawal or rout of the armies in the field.

Although the emerging German peace group will thus have clearly broken away from National-Socialism, at least apparently, it should be remembered that the integration of the whole German nation within the national-socialist framework is of such a close-knit texture that these groups too, will mainly be motivated in their actions by nationalistic convictions and totalitarian conceptions far removed from the political concepts and goals of the Allies.

Therefore, the basis of all future MO planning should be founded in the recognition of the fact that the downfall of Hitler and his regime will not be the expression of the will of the German people, or a majority thereof, but solely the result of the force of the Allied arms.

The postwar political situation in Germany.
Dangers to Allied policies.

The political perils for the post-war era emanating from this fact are obvious:

It may be presumed that Hitler himself will not survive Germany's defeat, and rather than see himself dragged down from the god-like position to which he has elevated himself, he will prefer a "romantic" end -- either self inflicted or, possibly, found in some hand-to-hand clash with his opponents. The martyr legend, which would undoubtedly grow out of such a death, would automatically lead, for at least a large group of the German people, to hero worshipping centered around Hitler's personality, which would permeate his personal prestige and