On or about 24 January 1945, fifteen American and British uniformed prisoners of war, members of the British/OSS Slovakia Mission were executed at the Mauthausen Concentration Camp, Mauthausen, Austria, on orders from KALTENBRUNNER, Head of the RSHA. Following is an extract from a statement by WERNER MULLER, Interpreter for the RSHA, who aided in the interrogation of this Mission and is at present in the custody of the Allies:

"I was left by myself in the office and joined Mr. ARNDT to ask him what it was all about. He took me into the other room, and going in there I saw the Kommandant and the three officers, together with Mrs. KOCKA (?) in her ordinary civilian clothes, passing through the hall leaving the building. Mr. ARNDT then told me that all of them would be executed right then. I didn't believe him and said "this can't be done", but he told me how it happened. When he had returned from lunch and was waiting for me, the Kommandant and the officers arrived. He brought with him a telegram which had just arrived ordering the immediate execution of the whole party. We were not even to continue to finish our interrogations. The telegram I saw actually lying on the table. It contained about eight or ten lines, but I didn't dare to look at it to see where it came from. Mr. ARNDT then went out of the room, and I saw through the open door the prisoners lined up one after the other just when they were moving to leave the building. I was so upset and went out to the side of the building where I had previously noticed a basement entrance. Left with Mr. ARNDT in that office, I asked him whether this was really true, since I didn't believe it. He answered "yes". I asked "how and when", and he answered "right now". I said, "but they didn't go out, they only went to the basement". He said "they will die an easier death than any one could wish for". I was terribly upset and couldn't believe this to be true. If anything happened in the basement, one didn't notice it on the ground floor. All was quiet. (This happened between 2:30 and 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, 24 January 1945, when the eleven members of the American Mission, the four British, as well as Mrs. KOCKA (?) must have been executed.

"The prisoners didn't see anybody else nor any authoritative personality during their imprisonment. They would have told me if anything had happened between our two visits. I saw them go off for the execution and I am only too sorry to say that there can't be any doubt that the execution took place, as can be seen by my account of the tragic events. There had not been any trial and they were probably executed following an order from higher quarters. The prisoners were not told about their fate. They have never been questioned except during the interrogations and never had any possibility to speak in their defense."
After about 20 minutes, the Kommandant and the three officers returned and the Kommandant asked one of the guards who probably belonged to the office to make the protocol, stating those present, whereby he mentioned those three officers. He laughed then in conversation saying, "I am glad to be rid of them. They were here too long. I need the cells and I need some of their things for my men, especially the shoes". He then remarked, laughing again, "but this fellow GREEN was suspecting something. Did'nt you notice how frightened he looked both ways over his shoulder when he was being examined by the doctor."

A witness, Adolph ZUPPER, former adjutant at Mauthausen, in custody of the Allies, will testify that he saw the telegram ordering the executions and that it came from the HSHA and was signed by KALTENBRUNNER.

Another witness, Lt. George SESSLER, in custody of CSIC, Italy, also confirms the execution of the 15 members of the British/OSS Slovakia Mission.