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SUBJECT: Trial by Military Commissions.

TO : Commanding Generals,
6th Army Group
12th Army Group
Section Commanders, Communications Zone

1. Paragraph 1, letter this headquarters, file AG 250.4/1 OPGA, subject "Authority to Appoint Military Commissions", dated 14 January 1945, copy inclosed authorized the Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, to appoint military commissions for the trial of spies and other persons accused of certain violations of the laws of war and to delegate such authority to his subordinate commanders exercising general courts-martial jurisdiction. Paragraph 1, referred to above, further provides that the exercise of such authority is not mandatory and that persons suspected of such offenses may, if convenient, be handed over for trial to field force commanders or commanders of Communications Zone sections having such jurisdiction.

2. Accordingly, upon appropriate request from the Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe or from his subordinate commanders, it is desired that you try (under authority contained in letter, this headquarters, file AG 334 OPGA, subject: "Authority to Appoint Military Commissions", dated 19 November 1944, as amended, in the case of Commanding Generals, 6th and 12th Army Groups; and under authority of letter, this headquarters, no file, subject: "Authority to Appoint Military Commissions", dated 24 December 1944, as amended, in the case of Communications Zone section commanders) persons subject to the jurisdiction of such commissions apprehended by forces under command of the Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL EISENHOWER;

R. B. LOVETT
Brigadier General, USA
Adjutant General

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