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SHAEF INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: SHAEF MAIN G-5 SIGNED SCAEF

TO FOR ACTION: 12 ARMY GROUP REAR

REF NO. : S-58944 1 September 1944 CITE: SHGE

Read cable from Com Zone, August 30, Number E 45664, relating establishment of military commissions, particularly paragraph 7. You should insure that if any such military commissions are established by 12 Army Group, or if any authority to establish such commissions is delegated to lower formations, the jurisdiction of such commissions does not include, without further order of the Supreme Commander, the following classes:

A. In BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and the NETHERLANDS, any persons other than those subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of US Service Courts as provided in Paragraph 8 of the various civil affairs agreements with those countries, and

B. In FRANCE, any civilians other than those subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of US Service Courts provided in Paragraph 9 of Memorandum No 1, and

C. Members of the armed forces of any such countries serving in units of such countries in their respective territories. Care must be taken in insuring that the limitations of the jurisdiction of such commissions are more clearly spelled out than Paragraph 7 of the reference cable, or otherwise there is danger of confusion and that such commissions will exercise jurisdiction contrary to the agreements, or the directives of the Supreme Commander based thereon. Please keep us advised of the action taken by 12 Army Group pursuant to reference cable.

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