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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
 MOROCCAN TRAVEL CONTROL DETACHMENT
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17 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

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RE: Capture of Parachutists in Algeria

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French authorities in this region have taken the necessary precautions to counter-act any parachute landings. Frontier guards have been reinforced, roads have been blockaded, and numerous listening posts have been established. Capitaine BOUSQUAT expects more specific information from the German agents apprehended in Algeria so that security measures can be improved.

AGENT'S NOTES:

Capitaine BOUSQUAT has asked this Agent to withhold this information from American authorities at Port Lyautey and Casablanca on the grounds that the Germans apprehended are being used to encourage and hasten the arrival of the expected teams, and that if this information is revealed to improper authorities, its revelation might defeat the plan put into operation by the French.

This Agent suggests that this information be passed to the proper authorities at both bases with the request that discretion be used if any precautions are to be taken.

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