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To: Secretariat (C)

SUBJECT: Fraternalisation with Germans

Ref. HQ/1519(Sec) dated 13 Nov 44.

1. I am in agreement with Annexure I and have no comment thereon.
2. Annexure II requires to be considerably toned down. The policy of segregation envisaged therein will have the affect of making us the prisoners and the Germans the free people and will in my opinion lower and NOT increase our prestige. The general policy should be that Allied personnel will go where they like in Germany and make the fullest possible use of all amenities. They should be seen at all the best hotels, restaurants, theatres, opera and other places of recreation and amusement where the best seats should be specially reserved for them.

I agree that there should be no social intercourse with Germans but this is easily avoided by the reservation of seats etc. I do not consider that talking to waiters, hall porters, hotel managers or other servants for the purpose of obtaining proper service can be regarded in any way as social intercourse or is open to any objection.

3. Some of the amendments to Annexure II which will be required to implement the policy suggested in para 2 above are set out at Annexure 'A' to this letter.

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