

**April 21, 1945**

**Memorandum from the Fuhrer's Plenipotentiary to  
SS. Obergruppenfuchrer, Gen Der Waffen, SS. Dr.  
Kammler: Strahl-Fighter Organization Problems with  
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**Summary:**

German command details a lack of Strahl-Fighter fuel supply and technical assistance in Germany and Czechoslovakia.

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ON 21/4, FROM FUEHRER'S PLENIPOTENTIARY FOR STRAHL - A/C, SS  
OBERGRUPPENFUEHRER AND GEN DER WAFFEN S.S. DR. ING. KAMMLER,  
TO THE REICHSMARSCHALL :

REF. EBHYL (( CHIEF OF STAFF)) FEBEZ ((OKL)) OPS STAFF NO.  
20635 OF TEGOD ((C% 19/4))

SUBJECT : ORGANISATION OF STRAHL (+)- FIGHTERS.

1. IN REPLY TO ABOVE, PARA 2), OUR ATTITUDE IS AS FOLLOWS :

A) IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR STRAHL-UNITS TO REMAIN IN THE PRAGUE  
AREA FOR REASONS OF FUEL SUPPLY. ACCORDING TO REPORT RECEIVED FROM  
MESIK (( FLIEGERKORPS IX)) ((J)) FUEL FOR ABOUT ONE OP. IS NOW  
AVAILABLE. ACCORDING TO REPORT OF OKL AIR STAFF 4 CHIEF QM  
ABT, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF QUARANTEERING TIMELY SUPPLY IN  
LY TRANSPORT. PROVISIONING WITH TANK LORRY COLIMNS CAN NO  
LONGER BE CARRIED OUT. SMALL STOCKS NOW AVAILABLE MUST THEREFORE  
BE EMPLOYED FOR TRANSFER.

B) TRANSFER TO NORTH GERMANY IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE ON GROUNDS  
OF SERVICING AND SUPPLY. ACCORDING TO REPORT OF AIR STAFF 4 ABT,  
FUEL DUMP HITZACKER WAS EVACUATED OWING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE GROUND SITUATION. SPARE PART DUMPS, REPAIR WORKSHOPS AND  
INDUSTRY HAVE ALREADY BEEN ((C% VERY LARGELY)) TRANSFERRED TO SOUTH  
GERMANY. ACCORDING TO THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION EXPRESSED IN  
REPORTS FROM ALL COMMANDERS OF STRAHLER-UNITS, OPERATIONAL  
READINESS, CONSIDERING THE NUMEROUS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE  
ME 262, DEPENDS DECISIVELY UPON THE EXCELLENCE AND THE WORKING  
EXPERIENCE OF THE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. THE LATTER IS NO LONGER  
AVAILABLE IN NORTH GERMANY.

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2. I REQUEST THAT A DECISION OF THE FUEHRER BE OBTAINED, SO AS TO AVOID LETTING THE STRAHLER UNITS, WHICH ARE AT PRESENT STRONGLY CONCENTRATED IN THE PRAGUE AREA, BE SMASHED UP BEFORE THEY CAN BE PUT INTO ACTION. GROUND ORGANISATION IN SOUTH GERMANY, INCLUDING SUPPLY AND SERVICING IS READY TO TAKE OVER THE TASK.

3. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM IRFON (( LFL. 6)), FLAK PROTECTION FOR PRAGUE - ( SMUDGE ) IS INADEQUATE. OWING TO FUEL SITUATION THE BRINGING UP OF NEW FLAK FORCES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

NOTES : 1) (+) STRAHL USED TO DENOTE BOTH JET AND ROCKET AIRCRAFT.  
2) COMPARE T532/75 AND 76 AND T532/41 FOR LATER CORRESPONDENCE  
ON THIS SUBJECT .