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**Memorandum of Radio Exchange between Kammler
and Kraft**

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Summary:

The radio exchange highlights events in Northern and Southern Europe.

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1. G.A.F. Command EAST PRUSSIA IA Flying, dated 30/4:-
Addressed Luftflotte REICH Ops. Staff, signed

Last P/R a/c 2 NAU. 4 u/s owing to enemy action. Request detaching of 2 serviceable (smudge) a/c (50, 30) to JUNKER TROYLHOF.

2. From G.A.F. Command NORTHEAST, issued 2130/24/4:-

Preliminary report of ops. of G.A.F. Command NORTHEAST, 24/4, BERLIN area. 218 fighters, 51 fighter-bombers, 8 (C%66) G/A a/c, 43 Recce. a/c. Victories: 35 shot down, 2 tanks, 4 armoured troop-carrying vehicles, (C%68) M/T, 18 horse-drawn vehicles destroyed. 51 M/T damaged, 8 A/Tk. guns direct hits, 1 petrol-train in flames, 1 ammo. vehicle exploded, 2 A.A. positions out of action.

Losses: 23 missing, 2 total loss.

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3. CX/MSS/ZTPG/368831

Marked from Admiral West Norwegian Coast to all in the area of Admiral West Norwegian Coast, time stamped 0100/5/5:-

Transfer of about 300 German a/c this morning from the REICH to airfields in NORWAY is to be expected. Last starting-time in the REICH intended about 0430.

4. CX/MSS/ZTPG/368847

Marked from Naval W/T Station STAVANGER, time stamped 1500/3/5:-

In the course of the day 1 Ju. 88 will fly from GERMANY to NORWAY. Destination unknown. Do not fire at a/c.

5. CX/MSS/ZTPG/368845

Marked from Admiral SKAGERRAK to all, time-stamped 0200/5/5:-

English airborne troops and transport aircraft will land on 5/5/45 in KASTRUP or (smudge). Un-hindered approach and landing are to be ensured. Any demand for surrender of arms is not to be met.

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6. file from Source has seen following document in a Naval Fleet Training Unit, time-stamped 1400/5/5:-

Ltn.-Cdr. (E) LEONHARDT reports:
At 1300/3/5 after 4 air attacks S.S. IRMTRAUD
CORDS sunk near KIEL ((B% Light)) vessel.
From part crew of LUETZOW the following rescued
by V 314 and handed over to S.O. Minelaying
Flotillas in SONDERBURG: 7 officers, 9
subordinate officers, 32 petty-officers, 112
ratings. Personnel casualties not known, as
rescue action was carried out by several units.

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7. office from Naval Chief Command SWINEMUENDE in BREITGRUND, to O.C. Supplies
BALTIC, time-stamped 1700/6/5:-

Wire whether small tanker up to 600 tons can
be placed at disposal of Admiral SKAGERRAK for
transfer of fuel from depot in DENMARK area.

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8. Source has seen following, time-stamped 1400/5/5,
from "Adm. Qu.":-

Subject: Destruction of merchant ships:
In principle merchant ships are not to be
scuttled or destroyed. An exception is made for
vessels which can no longer be towed away or
escape from harbours falling into the hands
of the Bolshevists.

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9. Document seen by Source in a Naval office,
from Sea Defence Commandant Danish Islands, to Island
Commandant's office BORNHOLM time-stamped 2300/6/5:-

Supplementary to order concerning control of
refugee, wounded and troop transports:
Troop transports are to proceed to NORWAY only
insofar as they can manage it from the viewpoint
of fuel and supplies. Ships which have not
adequate stocks of fuel or endurance for this
purpose, or whose seaworthiness does not permit
passage in the SKAGERRAK, are to proceed to
harbours in HOLSTEIN.

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Source has seen the following document from 10th Defence Division to Sea Transport Officer (C% in) M 443 time-stamped 1900/7/5:-

Leave ROEDBY forthwith for FLENSBURG.
Take up search between KIEL and ECKERNFOERDER BUCHT for dock which broke away with prisoners (C% onboard) and render assistance.

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CX/MSS/ZTPG/368816

Source saw following report in a Naval office from R 303 time-stamped 2030/1/5:-

Two army reporters were fired on at about 2000 in FOERDE. Am landing an assault detachment there to investigate.

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SOUTH EUROPEAIR

1. From Luftflotte 6, Chief of Staff, dated 26/4:-
- 1) The following are to transfer to area LINZ on the DANUBE and will be subordinated in all respects to Luftflotte 4: P.A.D. Abt. (Mot.) 54, 52 and 55.
 - 2) Luftflotte 4 is to prepare to surrender to V Flakkorps M/T of these P.A.D. Abts. at all suitable for transport purposes. Intended disbanding and further employment of special M/T and of personnel to be effected on special order by Luftflotte 6.

MILITARY

2. Signed KRAFT, to SS. Obergruf. KAMMLER, and G.O.C. PRAGUE, on 8/5:-

Staff KAMMLER had not yet arrived by 0630/8/5.

3. Signed KRUEGER, SS. Ogruf, on 8/5:-

Your communication received. I have received today, via Army Group, communication with signature DOENITZ, concerning total capitulation of all Armed Forces to the Bolsheviks. (B% Enemy) (smudge) will take effect from 9/5. What sort of orders have you got and from whom (name)?

NOTE: Cf. MSS/T 543/1.

4. Signed KARRASCH to Sector BOHEMIA (539 Div.), dated 7/5:-

In sub-sector PRAGUE on railway PRAGUE -- BENESCHAU ((L95)) one detachment of Waffen SS. was said to have been disarmed yesterday by Partisans on railway station STRANSCHITZ ((L97)). The men have forced a way through with weapons to here. Fairly violent liberation operation is in progress in area STIRNSCHIN, STRANSCHITZ ((L97)), TSCHERTSCHAN, also in area SAZAU ((M16)). Result will be reported. Otherwise in sub-sector BENESCHAU in general quiet apart from fairly small incidents.

- NOTES: 1) SS. Brigf. KARRASCH G.O.C. Admin. Sub-Area BENESCHAU (e.g. MSS/T 545/5).
- 2) First evidence of any operational commitment of 539 (Grenzschutz) Div. traditionally garrisoning PRAGUE since 1939. Compare however 540 Grenzschutz Div., garrison of BRNO, designated as 540 Volks Gren. Div. under Army Group CENTRE on 28/4 (MSS/R 539 (C) 1).

All times given in this report are G.M.T.

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2. To Pz. Army 4 for Gau SAXONY from Army Gp. CENTRE IA, No. 7079, dated evening of 6/5:

Ref. our No. 2661 of 6/5.
The Army Gp. requests that the Liaison Officers of the Gauleiter (pl.) with General of Provost Tps. with Army Gp. CENTRE be sent to him (H. Q. 1 km. East of Bohemian SKALITZ ((G 83)), 10 km. N.E. of JERMER).

3. Signed KIRCHER, SS. Stubaf, to (smudge) SS. Ops. H. Q., on 7/5:

Please inform where Reich Main Security Office, Office VI F is, and how it can be reached. Report to Signals School of the Waffen SS., LEITMERITZ.

4. Extract from a report dated 26/4:

An enemy assault detachment was repulsed near FICHTELBERG DE 7a. Otherwise the day passed quietly in the areas of 6 and 72 Inf. Divs.

NOTE: 1) Seen in a file marked Lfl. 6 and Fliegerkorps VIII.
2) FICHTELBERG 20 km. EAST GOERLITZ.

5. Signed ISER, SS. Hptstuf. to G.O.C. Waffen SS. and (Roman) II SS. Pz. Corps, via Army Group SOUTH, on 7/5:

I am detained in PRAGUE on account of the risings. Return probably on 8/5.

6. To Signals School of the Waffen SS. LEITMERITZ, on 7/5:

Request report whether Broadcasting Station MELNIK is in German hands and whether personnel is ready and able to operate.

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7. Signed KAMMLER, SS. Ogruf, to Signals School LEITMERITZ, on 7/5:

Request immediate assurance from SS. Stubaf. KRAFT, SS. Ops. Stab, LEITMERITZ, (C% that) immediate report of arrival of (C% Stab) KAMMLER will be rendered.

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