

**September 1, 1946**  
**J. DeF Barker, Brigadier General, to the  
Commanding General, USAFE, 'Investigation of  
Underground Installations'**

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**Summary:**

The report details the expectations of an investigation into German underground structures.

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SUBJECT: Investigation of Underground Installations

TO: Commanding General, United States Forces European Theater,  
APO 757, U. S. Army

1. Reference made to Internal Routing Slip, Headquarters, United States Forces European Theater, dated 11 September 1946, file No. 350. 09 (GBI/IB/D&T).

2. A conference on this subject was held in Frankfurt on 6 September at which a representative of this Headquarters was present. The nature and extent of participation by this Headquarters agreed upon at that meeting was as follows:

a. A-2 USAFE would supply to the Chief Engineer, USEFT:-

- (1) A list of all unconfirmed underground factories in the U. S. Zone, Germany.
- (2) A list of all confirmed underground factories in the U. S. Zone, Germany on which essential targeting information is lacking.

3. In addition to above, this Headquarters would undertake to provide aerial photographs of terrain features and potential targets under current War Department directives covering the Intelligence Photographic Documentation Project.

4. The available facilities of this Headquarters will not permit the assumption of responsibilities as indicated in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of proposed directive referred to in paragraph 4 of referenced paper. Any assistance beyond that indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above will require an increase of personnel. No such increase was contemplated in the discussions in connection with this project at the conference held on 6 September.

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5. Should it be the desire of the Commanding General, United States Forces European Theater to charge this Headquarters with the responsibility for this project, it is believed desirable that the nature and extent of cooperation and assistance to be provided by agencies not under the control of this Headquarters be more specifically established than now indicated in paragraph 3 of the proposed directive.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Chief of Staff.

Inclosures:

I.R.S. USFET 350-09  
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