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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 18 July 1945, these Agents interviewed Lt. Ira E. Vance, Jr. and took depositions from him regarding the following matters:

Improper Transportation of American Prisoners of War from Paris, France to Weimar, Germany, from August August 15, 1944 to August 20, 1944.

Failure to Provide Prisoners of War with Proper Food and Quarters at Camp Buchenwald, Germany, from August 20, 1944 to October 19, 1944.

Exposure of Prisoners of War to the Danger of Gunfire and Bombing at Camp Buchenwald, Germany, from August 20, 1944 to October 19, 1944.

Cruelty to American Military Personnel at Camp Buchenwald, Germany, from August 20, 1944 to October 19, 1944.

Failure to Provide Prisoners of War with Proper Medical Care, Food, and Quarters at Stalag XIII-D, Nurnberg-Ingwasser, Germany, from about 1 February 1945 to 15 March 1945.

Failure to Provide Prisoners of War with Proper Food and Quarters at Stalag VII-A, Moosburg, Germany, from about April 1, 1945 to April 29, 1945.

Lt. Vance stated that while at Camp Buchenwald he was quartered with approximately 162 American, British and Canadian airmen. To his knowledge, none of these were executed. About 150 of them, roughly speaking, were transported to Stalag Luft III, except two who had died. The deaths of these two men are described in the deposition relating to "Failure to Provide Prisoners of War with Proper Food and Quarters at Camp Buchenwald".

~~While he was at Camp Buchenwald, 33 Military Intelligence personnel were executed. Eleven of these men were British, six Canadian, and the rest French. These men were all quartered in the Upper Camp and Lt. Vance met most of them. He recalls only two of them by name. These two were brothers whose surname was Norman. The given name of one was Henry. Henry Norman told Lt. Vance that he was a Major in the British Army who had given up a desk job in order to undertake an assignment having to do with organizing resistance, espionage and sabotage behind the German lines in France. Henry Norman also told Lt. Vance that he did not have the status of a Prisoner of War, but was being treated as a spy.~~

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