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SUBJECT : Outline Plans for Employment of SAS TroopsTOP SECRETBIGOT

TO : G-3 Division, SHAEP

Hq AirTps/TS/2000/40/G(Liaison)

The following summarises the present and projected employment of SAS Troops.

1. Operations 'SAMWEST' and 'DINGSON'

Plan - To reinforce bases with the remainder of 4 FRENCH Parachute Battalion.

- Object - a. To form secure bases.
- b. To carry out specific tasks as directed.
- c. To liaise with and organise Resistance so as to cause a general uprising in BRITTANY at as early a date as possible.

<u>Method</u>	<u>'SAMWEST'</u>	<u>'DINGSON'</u>	<u>'COONEY'</u>
5/6 June	18	17	-
6/7 June	-	-	-
7/8 June	-	-	58
8/9 June	-	-	-
9/10 June	47 + 3 Jed	47 + 3 Jed	-
10/11 June	50	16	-
12/13 June	41	85	-
13 onwards	Remainder of Bn	-	-

Note: It is for consideration whether, if favourable reports are received, part of 2 SAS Regt with Jeep detachments should be sent in as additional reinforcements.

2. Operation 'BULLBASKET'

Plan - To reinforce base up to a strength of 40 - 50 all ranks 1 SAS.

- Object - a. To form a small SAS base with i/T communication, which will be separate from MAJUIS base.

SEEN BY		b.	Parties will operate outwards from this base to carry out specific tasks as issued by SHAEP and 21st Army Group.		
Comd.		c.	Parties such as LOT 2 and 4 will withdraw to this base.		
B.M.	<u>Method</u>		<u>'BULLBASKET'</u>	<u>LOT 2</u>	<u>LOT 4</u>
G.S.O.3			5/6 June	2 + 3 Jed	-
G.S.O.3 (I)			7/8 June	9	-
D.A.Q.M.G.			9/11 June	-	8
Staff Capt.			1/12 June	24	-
			2/13 June	-	8

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3. Operation 'HOUNDSWORTH'

Plan - To reinforce base up to a strength of 100 all ranks 1 SAS Regt.

Object - a. To form a small SAS base with W/T communication which will be separate from MAQUIS base.

b. Parties will operate outwards from this base to attack targets as specified by 21st Army Group or SHAEF.

(1) Railways ORLEANS - PARIS Codeword for area GAIN.

(2) Railways LYONS - DIJON - PARIS Codeword for TOBY 1
Railways CREUSOT - NEVERS specific railways TOBY 2 etc

(3) Aircraft on airfields and Luftwaffe repair lorries.

(4) I of C generally.

c. Parties such as those dropped in GAIN area will withdraw to this base.

Method

	'HOUNDSWORTH'	GAIN
6/7 June	2 + 3 Jed	-
10/11 June	14 + 2 Jed	-
13/14 June	75 (doubtful)	30
15/16 June	-	20/30

4. Operation 'LOYTON' area VOSGES

Operation 'ABEL' area JURA

Operation 'NOAH' area FRENCH ARDENNES

Operation 'JOCKWORTH' area CIERMONT FERRAND

Operation 'MOSES' area CORREZE

Operation 'BERGBANG' area BELGIAN ARDENNES

Plan - To send a small advance recce detachment either direct to selected areas or where these are out of range, to nearest base for onward transmission by road.

Object - To contact Resistance, recce and report on possible SAS tasks in area so that as soon as the area is within range for reinforcements and supply dropping SAS parties could be despatched immediately either to base area to operate outwards or to target area and withdraw to MAQUIS base.

Note: The information gained by these advance recce detachments should considerably increase the chances of success of later SAS parties and enable them to operate immediately they land. Useful intelligence could be sent back on W/T sets, giving movements of enemy troops and also reporting on possibilities of resistance with reference to definite targets.

Method - To land detachments of 2 officers or, if possible, 2 officers with W/T set and operators (3 - 5) in area or as near to area as is within present range of aircraft and party to get to and under their own auspices.

Note: a. It is understood that for political reasons it is not possible to land uniformed troops in BELGIUM at present.

b. SHAEF are requested to issue directive as to priority of above-mentioned areas.

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5. Reserves

1 SAS Regt - less two squadrons.	approx 170
2 SAS Regt.	approx 400
3 FRENCH Para Bn.	approx 400
BEIGIAN Para Coy.	approx 150

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