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*R. Fine 15/4/44*

SUBJECT: Assassination  
Priorities for OVERLORD

15th April, 1944.

TO: Mr. Loxley.

The Chief of Staff has asked me to look into this, and to advise him about suitable candidates to whom attention might be paid, prior to, on and after 'D' day. On the German side, Stulpnagel, Runstedt, and Rommel look likely, but there may be some Vichy collaborators whose removal from the scene would assist.

No doubt M.I. would have a view about Germans, but it occurs to me that 'C' would be much the best informed party on the general question and I should be most grateful if you would consult him informally if you think well, and for any assistance you could give me.

Unfortunately compiling a list is one thing, and getting results quite another, but I suppose we must do our best.

*Paul Drake*

Political Officer BRITISH.

*In my letter to my friends.*

*French Gpt. } for my No.  
Central " }  
Sir W. Tolkien }  
JNL*

*In regard to Mr. Loxley's second 16/4.*

*possibility, it might be of advantage if  
Jarwood, Henriot, Lavel, Toriot and  
perhaps*

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

perhaps a few others were bumped off at the right moment - particularly Barnard and Laval. But I feel that the removals should be a French matter and that Frenchmen should decide and not any British or American authority. Could not this question be discussed with Gen. Koenig when STAFF is allowed to talk business with him?

Mr. Lasky's first possibility raises the question of what is to be done with Frenchmen who may be captured or who may put themselves under the protection of the S. A. C. In both cases I should be inclined to hand them over to the French provisional authorities (Committee or Govt.), securing perhaps an undertaking from the latter that they will be decently treated if held in custody, and that if any of them are to be tried the trials should not take place until a French Court is properly constituted after free elections.

I agree with the ' caveat' to B. H. H. at X. If W. L. Lasky wants chapter & verse, W. D. Allen could supply it. X+  
I agree. W. L. Lasky 17/4

The intention, so far as I know, is that inquiries shall be handed over to their own Govt. for trial. This would presumably apply to the French subject to Mr. Lasky's point.

W. L.

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