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BRITISH PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICE

Room 3801, 630 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Letter No. 141

BY SAFE HAND

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Dear Maude,

We have been informed from a most secret source that a mission consisting of Turkish Naval and Air Force officers left Turkey for the U.S.A. via the Persian Gulf on 16.7.41. It is known that at least two of them have been recruited by the German service as agents to report on the state of American aircraft production, the expansion of the building programme, deliveries to the U.K. and Middle East, and important new inventions, including D. F'ing apparatus, and also to provide a comprehensive list of American firms with precise statements of their actual production.

The identity of the officers in question is at present unknown and it appears that they will not transmit their information direct to the German service. They will, it seems, include information of the kind which the Germans want in their official reports to the Turkish General Staff and the Germans hope to make arrangements to have access to those reports in Ankara.

Will you pass the above to the Mission and arrange for the U.S. service authorities to be informed, pointing out the necessity of handling this with the utmost caution in view of the secrecy of the source?

Yours ever,

(Sgnd.) C.H. Ellis

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