

MEMORANDUM

The Legation of Switzerland in charge of German interests has received a cable from Berne giving an outline of the plan prepared by the German Government regarding the groups of German nationals to sail on the third trip of the S.S. Drottningholm.

It has been suggested that the following be included:

Primo: Germans listed for the second trip of the S.S. Drottningholm who were prevented from sailing.

Secundo: Fifty-seven German civilians from Colombia at present at White Sulphur Springs.

Tertio: 152 Germans from Guatemala and Costa Rica held at Stringtown, Oklahoma (108 men from Guatemala and 29 from Costa Rica have declared

- 2 -

in a letter of June 19 to the Legation that they are prepared to sail immediately without their families left behind in Central America.)

Quarto: Remaining members of the Etolin and Acadia groups. (After the departure of the S.S. Serpa Pinto 31 civilians and 117 seamen of the Etolin group will be left at Kenedy. At present there are still 9 persons ex Acadia I and 65 persons ex Acadia II at White Sulphur Springs, besides the group of 18 people who have arrived from Asheville. There also remain 6 persons at Seagoville ex Acadia I.)

Quinto: Germans from other countries of the Western Hemisphere, presently held in the United States awaiting their repatriation.

Sexto: German internees and their families residing in the United States.

The Legation would be obliged if the Department of State, when preparing the lists for the

DECLASSIFIED
Authority 108799NN

- 3 -

contemplated sailing of the exchange vessel, would take into consideration in so far as possible the proposals of the German Government as transmitted in the above-mentioned cable.

Washington, D. C.
June 29, 1942.

LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF
GERMAN INTERESTS

The Legation of Switzerland begs to acknowledge receipt of a memorandum of May 6 from the Department of State, transmitting letters from Mrs. Hildegard Guenther and Mrs. Emma Kaspar stating that they do not wish to accept the opportunity to be repatriated.

The Legation has also noted the communication made with regard to Mrs. Werner A. Graff, and submits in the enclosure a copy of the reply from the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital concerning Mrs. Graff's condition of health.

Washington, D. C.
May 19, 1942.