Oslo, 4 September 1945

To: James B. Donovan, Cdr. USNR
From: Arne W. Brogger, Major, AUS
Subject: Transmittal of Diary Notes

1. Attached are two copies of Diary Notes, pages 11 to 16 inclusive, covering the period August 6 through September 1, 1945.
August 6 - Read through police reports of interrogations of witnesses - soiling near morning of August 6, 1946. Certain of these are pertinent our purpose and will be documented.

Prosecutor Keifert called me to meeting his office at 8 p.m. Present, in addition to Keifert, were Folkestedt (I had just been from trip to continent and England where I had talked with my people; also Berg, Keifert's attorney. Prosecutor referred to copy of document obtained by Folkestedt from our office in Paris and stated it contained explanation by Rosenberg of preparation for invasion survey. He stressed the importance of such evidence in forthcoming quelling trial and urged need for original or properly certified copy. He suggested that the original or properly certified copy be used. Keifert declared he could present facts of case to Quelling tomorrow morning at which time Berg would also be present. Prosecutor invited me to attend session. I stated I would - as an observer only.

Upon return to Embassy I informed Ambassador of facts related above. Spent evening studying Norwegian translation of "Rosenberg" document and proofing completed typed script of quelling interrogation.

Here consulted freely with Commander Vetlesen - he has been a great help to me.

August 9 - Called Prosecutor this morning to say I had some reservations about losing my work at present stage, especially in view of the fact we had representations on continent who could cope with needed from Norwegian side. Keifert pressed the point he considered my presence important at this time. I decided to go with Keifert and Folkestedt. My decision is based on belief that acquisition of the vital evidence needed for quelling trial is of equal importance in main case since that evidence is such as should establish proof of premeditated intent to occupy and control Norway - a factor which bears materially on the element of conspiracy by leading Germany to execute plan of aggression and domination.

Conferring with Keifert who joined me in meeting Prosecutor at hearing with Quelling. Document was shown accused. Prosecutor asked if I confirmed or denied facts stated in document. Quelling replied saying certain things were true but denied its general truth. Prosecutor decided to have policeliaison agents bring out each point and note answers from accused. Prosecutor, Keifert, Berg and I then left - future was to continue the examination aforementioned later in the day.

Talked with Vetlesen - explained work to be done in my absence. Lt. Clark is available to help if needed - Vetlesen will call on him if necessary.

Arrangements are being made by Prosecutor for Mrs. Byward to join me at trial, as secretary.
Osel, August 8, 1943

Major Arne Brøgger,

Re: Criminal action against Major Jelling et al

As you know, attorney Follnestad and Capt. Philoi, Halde Sivertsen have been in Germany, France and England in an endeavor to obtain from the appropriate American and British authorities documents and other information of interest in these cases. On his return the other day, attorney Follnestad brought with him various documents, in part very important. We hope that we will receive additional documents of interest in the immediate future.

As known, the time is rapidly approaching when the case against Jelling will be held, and it is therefore of importance that the Norwegian authorities do everything necessary in order that the case may be presented to the court in the best possible shape. In a communication of the 3rd inst., to Colonel Aaas, Follnestad and Sivertsen have already requested that the documents which have been found may be submitted to a number of prominent designated German persons for verification of the legitimacy and contents of the documents. In addition thereto, it is of interest to ascertain whether certain of the designated persons should be summoned here as witnesses and in that case whether the removal of the appropriate British and American authorities may be obtained for such an arrangement. Furthermore, there may be a possibility of trying to discover entirely new documents and persons who may have something to tell.

It is regretted that little time is available for the important work which is now in its final phase. I consider it important to assume that everything which has to be arranged outside of Norway before the case comes up in court may be done in a sufficiently safe manner by correspondence. I have therefore requested Follnestad to return as soon as possible to Paris where Sivertsen is, in order that they may protect the interests in the case jointly in Great Britain and on the Continent. In view of the nature of the case, and in view of the common interest of the various Allied countries' authorities in obtaining the best possible clarification of the most important treason cases, and furthermore with reference to the good cooperation we thus far have enjoyed in these cases, I beg to request that you take up this work together with Follnestad and Sivertsen. This is with particular reference to information I received from Follnestad, that he and Sivertsen during a conference in Paris with Colonel Aaas got the strong impression that American quarters preferred that the witness be coaxed in the presence of, and preferably under the direction of, an American officer attached to the American authorities concerned. And since you represent the highest American chief, Supreme Court Justice Jackson, insofar as Norway is concerned and have had a chance yourself to examine Jelling, it appears to me to be the best natural and for all parties beneficial solution if you would assume this task.

Respectfully,

/s/ Johannes Schjødt
Dresem will arrange to obtain transcripts of proceedings earliest. Translations will be done by Sheppard A.

Will send all evidential documents to London at once other than placemen. Will ensure accompanying statement of relation between these documents and point up items of primary importance.

Arranged with Ambassador's help for aircraft. Major Johnson, Air attaché, will pilot party. Leave tomorrow, August 5, 11 a.m.

Sent message to MCCARTHY via London advising arrival Paris; also message to London requesting photostate promised follow. Be sent to Paris.

August 5 - Meeting in Falcon's office at 9:30 a.m. Falcon, Dreger, Hauge, Folkestad and Dresem were present.

Examined the documents in the building case and decided which particular information we wanted to acquire in France and Germany. Falcon emphasized that it was particularly important to see Schmidt. The latter, to our knowledge, is not yet arrested. Dreger declared that all means should be employed to locate Schmidt.

Falcon declared that naturally it would be desirable to get both Rosenburg and Schmidt to Oslo as witnesses in the trial which followed thought this would involve difficulties according to his impression from his first visit to France and Germany.

Dreger, Folkestad and Hauge started by plane from Paris at 11 a.m. Major Johnson, the American air attaché, was piloting the party. They expect to return in one week.

Dresem received all necessary instructions and information regarding the work during Dreger's absence.

Falcon kept his appointment with Sheppard at one o'clock and received the certified translations of the selected documents from the conclusion of printed material in the building case.

An appointment was made for 2:30 Thursday morning for Dresem to meet Procureur General, at which time General will authorize two of the documents in the building case which are to be included in the certified translations.

August 5 - Left Oslo, Air attaché's (Johnson's) plane 11 a.m. Wednesday, 8 August, 1943. Arrived Bremen at 1:15 p.m. Loading over elapsed - two fighter planes available. Johnson and Sheppard to proceed by car to Bremen. Lt. Col. McNamara, executive officer 42nd Fighting Group, stationed Breda Nordhoff, responsible for assistance on behalf. Arrived at Bremen airport 9:15 p.m. Major Charles Beatty, commanding Lt. McNamara's IAT officer, weather foul. Only aircraft available 9-28 assigned to N.J.W. toward Littlejohn. He suggested flight this ship to Paris understanding plane would return next day. Heavy radio prevented scheduled 8 p.m. takeoff. Spent night at Bremen - billets provided by J.W.
August 9 - Fog and overcast prevented planned flight H-28 in morning Thursday, 9 August, 1945. PMA Officer called only escort to request special ship. I called Col. Allen, narrated our situation, learned he and Col. Storey were leaving for London 3 p.m. Following day, informed him we were waiting for transport and if available would see him prior departure. Plane en route London was diverted Paris our behalf; departure 5 p.m. Phoned Allen on arrival - arranged meeting next morning Friday, the 10th.

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August 10 - Confirmed Col. Allen, Storey and Commander Albright. Arranged for photosets of all pertinent documents then in Paris and not in our possession. Allen would clear with Justice police (1) whether any member his staff might testify re source of documents; (Norwegians desired Albright and Maj. Halberg familiar with source of documents, copies of which may be used in trial, as witnesses, if possible); (2) whether we could take German prisoners back as Prosecutor's witnesses in trial.

Heads and I left with Allen and staff for London 3 p.m. Friday. Picked up remnant to obtain promised photosets and arrange for authentications. Reached London 6 p.m. Conferred with Col. Hernays - arranged meeting 9 a.m. Saturday: Jim Donovan and John Brooken were out of town. Joined Hoge in visit with Norwegian ambassador Colman late Friday evening.

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August 11 - Saturday 9 a.m. talked again with Hernays also Col. Street; letter requested by Hernays to provide every assistance. Spoke with Lt. Col. Navy liaison, received documents obtained from and through Party. Selected certain required items - some to be photoset, authenticated and ready for pickup by Hoge who plans return trip to Norway via London. With Hoge met Holt, Norwegian war crimes representative; informed him of activity and explained present status situation v/c v's documents.

Unable see Justice due his engagement conferences prior our departure 5 p.m. for airport. Hernays raised question re propriety effort in Hermes to obtain aircraft transport to Paris. Exclaimed fact much effort necessary - priority established because of nature of mission with time factor all important; my status as Justice's representative in Norway made known to responsible authorities most necessary. Hernays felt requirement should have been cleared with Col. Gill Paris. Stated I did not know Col. Gill or his responsibilities but that I did phone Col. Allen and informed him of situation.

Left London with Allen and staff; arrived Paris 5 p.m. Saturday.

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August 12 - Spent Sunday afternoon, the 12th, at Headquarters going through interrogation documents.

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August 13 - Meeting Monday a.m. with Col. Storey. He informed us Justice's decision as matter of policy that no member his staff would be permitted to testify in national trials; therefore will not be able as proposed, to use Albright or Baldwin in quaking case.
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Left Monday afternoon with Aneu and Staff for Munich; arrived early evening; checked in at Grand Hotel.

August 14 - Had meeting Tuesday morning with Col. Amer, Brundage and Ninkle, Mr. Dodds and Court stenographer 9/6 Bond. Planned procedure for interrogations - settled on certain questions to be asked witnesses as desired by Norwegians.

Fixed 8 p.m. at Palace of Justice, Munich, for beginning interrogations.

Rosenberg first witness. Interpreter used at all times.

Six temporary questions from us passed by and through me to Aneu on paper slips. Session ended at 6 p.m. Reporter would have portion of this testimony transcribed by morning.

August 15 - Wednesday morning 9:30 again at Court House. Keitel first witness. Interrogation lasted till 8:30. Had lunch - returned 8 p.m. Jodl next witness. Questioned approximately 2 hours. Then Ribbentrop for approximately one hour. Last witness Goering; questioned 3 hours.

Bond would continue work on transcribing notes. Agreed we would not wait for Rosenberg testimony which followed that pertaining to identification of documents. Col. Ninkle would prepare recap of all documents introduced during interrogations, also would prepare certifications.

Haagen and Divertes left for Paris during the Jodl interrogation. Haagen would proceed London, and Divertes Norway.

August 16 - Thursday Foll suggested and I checked with Ninkle re certification re form required by Norwegians, etc. Arrangements under way to obtain transport to Paris - same established for 6:15 p.m. takeoff time.

Obtained biographical sketch Aneu - cleared with him name would be used if desired by newsmen. Foll suggested write letter of appreciation to Jodl from Norwegians for services rendered by Aneu and Staff.

Arrived Paris by special plane 11 p.m. Met Divertes at Elysee Park Hotel. Haagen had left for London that afternoon - Divertes due leave for Norway 8 next morning.

August 17 - Friday 6 a.m. at JFK airport, endeavored obtain place for trip to Norway. This could not be arranged prior to plane's departure at 9 a.m. Spoke with Maj. Hilles who finally succeeded obtain aircraft leaving Saturday 7 a.m. Talked briefly with Col. Stoney - showed him documents and transcript of testimony. Cleared with General Diory re notification of flight to US Mission Norway. Asked Hilles for photos of Justice, Aneu and Hilles and O.K. for me if desired by Norwegian press. He will cable Dean, London, for this.
August 19 - Spent Sunday in office with Follestad and secretaries; worked on translation of Nuremberg testimony. Had dinner with Range and family Sunday night. Visited Ambassador at 6:30 p.m. informed him outcome of mission.

August 20 - Present with Mrs. Oppen at Court opening Monday. August. Prosecutor's early reference to documents and testimony brought from Nuremberg raised inquiry from newsman for facts. Confirmed with Ambassador. He approved prepared statement, suggested I call press conference. Did so requesting British, American, and Norwegian representatives. Conference held at 6 p.m. Only American and Norwegian representatives present - unable locate British. Released prepared statement attached - stressed feature of inter-allied cooperation. Reading papers local press carried story as gained from Prosecutor's disclosures in Court. Joined Range and Range 9 p.m. - was present during interrogation of Admiral Kranks - have nothing special to report on this. Kranks did not contribute anything in addition to that which is already known and documented.

Lt. Clean now full time with us.

August 21 - Present at Court. Arranged for receipt of transcript of proceedings. Provided Lt. Clean with full authority to secure stenographic and translator help. Cleared with Ambassador. Lt. Clean. Obtained extra office space at Embassy. Will receive transcript end of each day's proceedings - will first be closely typed in Norwegian, translated, and finally typed in English. Original Norwegian text will later be certified as official transcript. Proceedings run at 180 to 150 typewritten pages per day.

August 22, 23, 24, and 25 - Present at Court. Lt. Clean's enterprise moved well. Fifteen stenos and translators engaged - will be paid by and through Task Force A. Have submitted Wielan's last ship to Mephered, authorized translator. Hope for some on or about September 5. Remand of Kranks testimony received - bound and sealed complete document, delivered same to Prosecutor for transmission to Presiding Judge. Trial proceedings adjourned to August 28.
Prosecutor today referred to the facts that documents seized by Allies from German archives on the continent which were brought to him late last week establish the relationship which existed between Quisling and German authorities prior to invasion April 9, 1940. In addition he referred to interrogations of Hoehn, Goring, Keitel, Doll and von Ribbentrop. In connection with these documents the facts are these:

A selected Norwegian committee of three members, together with Major Anno Drøgger, Justice Jackson's representative in Norway, procured the documents referred to from the office of the U. S. Chief of Counsel, both on the continent and in England, and participated in the interrogation of the witnesses. Justice Jackson who is U. S. Chief of Counsel for the prosecution of leading Axis war criminals, in cooperation with British authorities, made available to the travelling committee photostatic copies of the documents referred to and others which may prove equally pertinent as the trial progresses. Colonel Storey is in charge of documents for the Justice on the continent of Europe. The interrogations referred to were led by John Herlin Aasen, the Justice's Chief of Interrogations on the continent. The results achieved represented a demonstration of international cooperation in the effort to procure and present evidence which would enable the disclosure of the factual story to the end that justice may be done fairly and quickly. The documents and the persons interrogated were seized by Allied armies in the course of their advance into Germany. Facts in the Quisling case have been augmented by prompt and effective Allied cooperation. Conversely, evidence available in Norway which may contribute to a more comprehensive presentation of the facts relating to the activities of the leading Axis war criminals is being provided by the...
Government. In short, unity of purpose which was present during the prosecution of the war is likewise being expressed in the effort to fulfill a successful prosecution against the criminal elements responsible for the war.
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August 29 and 30 - Monday and Tuesday at office. Received cable informing availability document from Himler's files. Confirmed with Ambassador and Prosecution - replied, requesting document sent as soon.

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August 30 - Brief session at Court. Continuance of trial postponed until Friday the 31st. Medical findings Quisling's examination made known. Confirmed with the Ambassador - explained Judge Holm's personal opinion as to reasons for postponement. Ambassador suggested to Ted Olsen of ODI that American press tie in closely with Norwegian press so as to accurately report the basis adopted by Norwegian authorities for the postponement and handling of case.

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August 30 - Began cataloging translated Quisling documents and evaluation of same.

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August 31 - Court resumed. Schjødt delivered his summation. Will have some translated and dispatched in advance of trial proceedings. Was present at dinner given by Gen. Hunsbeer for Major Generalubble at ODI.

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September 1 - Prepared letters for five Norwegian Resistance members travelling to United States. Had same endorsed by Col. Hayes, Military Attaché. Continued general work at office - finished three sets of transcript of proceedings and returned same. Will attend dinner tonight given by British authorities for General Dulles.

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