Oslo, 4 September 1945

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

1. Attached are two copies of Diary Notes, pages 11 to 18 inclusive, covering the period August 6 through September 1, 1945.
August 6 - read through police reports of interrogations of witnesses. Interrogation meeting of August 6, 1946. Certain of these are pertinent our purpose and will be documented.

Prosecutor Conquests called me to his office at 8 p.m. Present, in addition to Conquests, were Pollokst, British, and Daniel, where he had talked with my people, also Rexh, (sizable's attorney). Prosecutors referred to copy of document obtained by Pollokst from our office in France and stated the main issue of prosecution for invasion survey. He stressed the importance of such evidence in forthcoming quizzing trial and urged me to obtain similar evidence. I assured him I would join him in this effort. Prosecutors confirmed this in letter, translation of which is attached. He stated Haags would also be asked to join party.

Conquests declared he would present facts of document to Quilling tomorrow morning at which time Bergh would also be present. Prosecutors invited me to attend session. I stated I would be an observer only.

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

Here consulted briefly with Commissioner Wellese - he has been a great help to me.

August 9 - called Prosecutors this morning to say I had some reservations about leaving my work at present stage, especially in view of the fact we had representatives on continent who could move with speed from Norwegian side. Conquests pressed the point and considered my presence important at this time. I decided to go with Haags and Pollokst. My decision is based on belief that acquisition of the vital evidence needed for Quizzing trial is of equal importance in main case since that evidence (such as should establish proof of premeditated intent to occupy and control survey - a factor which bears materially on the element of conspiracy by leading Germans to execute plans of aggression and domination.

Conferred with Haags who joined me in meeting Prosecutors at hearing with Quizzling. Document was shown accused. Prosecutors stated if he confirmed or denied facts stated in document. Quizzling replied saying certain things were true but denied its general truth. Prosecutors decided to have police question Scobee bring out each point and note comments from accused. Prosecutors, Haags, Bergh and I then left - Haags was to continue the examination of mentioned letter in the day.

Talked with Wellese - explained work to be done in my absence. He claimed is available to help if needed - Wellese will call on him if necessary.

Arrangements are being made by Prosecutors for Mrs. Byward to join me at trial, as secretary.
Oslo, August 8, 1945

Major Anne Brøgger,

Re: Criminal action against Major Quistang et al

As you know, attorneys Follæstad and C. Ph. Follæseth and H. Sivertsen have been in Germany, France and England in an endeavor to obtain from the appropriate British and American authorities documents and other information of interest in these cases. On his return the other day, attorney Follæstad 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 Quistang 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 communication of the 3rd inst., to Colonel Schjetli, Follæstad 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 approval 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 assure 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 Follæstad 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 you to request that you take up this work together with Follæstad and Sivertsen. This is with particular reference to information I received from Follæstad, that he and Sivertsen during a conference in Paris with Colonel Schjetli got the strong impression that American quarters preferred that the witness be seated 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 sitting, it appears to me to be the most natural and for all parties beneficial solution if you would assume this task.

Respectfully,

/s/ Janssen Schjetli
Dressen will arrange to obtain transcripts of proceedings earliest. Translations will be done by Sheppard & Co.

Will send all evidential documents to London at one time rather than piecemeal. Will procure 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. He leaves tomorrow, August 6, 11 a.m.

Send message to DRESDEN via London advising arrival Paris; also message to London requesting photograph promised. He went to Paris.

August 5 - Meeting in Sheppard's office at 11:30 a.m. Fasset, Bredger, Hauge, Folke and Dressen were present.

Examined the documents in the building case and decided which particular information we wanted to acquire in France and Germany. Fasset emphasized that it was particularly desirable to get information on Neumann. Schmidt. The latter, to our knowledge, is not yet arrested. Bredger declared that all means should be employed to locate Neumann. Fasset declared that naturally it would be desirable to get both Rosenau and Schmidt to Oslo as witnesses in the trial trial. Fasset thought this would involve difficulties according to his impression from his first visit to Berlin and Hungary.

Dressen, Fasset, 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.

Dressen received all necessary instructions and information regarding the work during Bredger's absence.

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

An appointment was made for 2:30 Thursday morning for Dressen to meet Prosecutor Gehldt, at which time Gehldt will authenticate two of the documents in the building case which are to be included in the certified translations.

August 6 - Left Oslo, Air Attaché's (Johnson's) plane 11 a.m. Wednesday, 1 August 1943. Arrived Dusseldorf at 2:30 a.m. Landing door released. - 150 spy planes available. Johnson and Olin, Service Officer, accompanied by our to Brussels. Lt. col. McCue, executive officer 408th Fighting Group, stationed Esk Holm, responsible for censorship our behalf. Arrived at Base Dusseldorf airport 9:00 p.m. Major Charles Brandt, commanding 1st. Michael Hess, IAT officer, Feather fuel. Only aircraft available U-65 assigned to WJW towards Littlejohn. He appeared flight this ship to Paris understanding plane would return next day. Faintly radio prevented scheduled 8 p.m. takeoff. Spent night at Dusseldorf - billets provided by WJW.
August 9 – Fog and overcast prevented planned flight R-28 in morning Thursday, 8 August, 1945. PM Officer called only to request special ship. I called Col. Amsen, notified him 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 departures. Plane on route London was diverted Paris our behalf; departure 3 p.m. Phoned Amsen on arrival – arranged meeting next morning Friday, the 10th.

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August 10 – Confirmed Col., Amsen, Storey and Commander Albright. Arranged for photographing of all pertinent documents then in Paris and not in our possession. Amsen would clear with Justice points (1) whether any member his staff might testify re source of documents; (Norwegians desired Albright and Maj. Heiden熟悉 with source of documents, copies of which may be used in possible trial, as witnesses, if possible); (2) whether we could take German prisoners back as Prosecutor’s witnesses in War Crimes trial.

Heads and I left with Amsen and staff for London 3 p.m. Friday – followed remains to obtain promised photograph and arrange for authentication. Arrived London 6 p.m. Confirmed with Col. Bremsaas – arranged meeting 9 a.m. Saturday; Jim Donovan and John Brooken were out of town. Joined Heads in visit with Norwegian ambassador Colleen late Friday evening.

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August 11 – Saturday 9 a.m. talked again with Bremsaas also Col. Strey; letter requested by Bremsaas to provide every assistance. Heads with Lt. Col. Navy liaison, received documents obtained from and through Party. Collected certain required items – same to be photostated, authenticated and ready for pickup by Heads who plans return trip to Norway via London. With Heads met Holm, Norwegian War Crimes representative; informed him my activity and explained present status situation via a visit documents.

Unable see Justice due his engagement conferences prior our departure 3 p.m. for airport. Bremsaas raised question re propriety effort in Hermes to obtain aircraft transport to Paris. With him fact such effort necessary – priority established because of nature of situation with time factor all important; my status as Justice’s representative in Norway now known to responsible authorities was necessary. Bremsaas 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., Amsen and informed him of situation.

Left London with Amsen 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 able as proposed, to use Albright or Baldwin in War Crimes case.
The diary notes of Major Bjørgen:

August 14 - Had meeting Tuesday morning with Col. Aam, Brandtse and Hinkle, Dr. Dodds and Court astronomer W/O Hurd. Planned procedure for interrogations - settled on certain questions to be asked witnesses as desired by Norwegians. Fixed 8 p.m. at Palais of Justice, Nurnberg, for beginning interrogations.

Rosenberg first witness. Interpreter used at all times. Six temporary questions from us passed by and through me to Aam on paper slips. Session ended at 6 p.m. Reporters 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 10:30. Had lunch - returned 8 p.m. Joll next witness. Questioned approximately two hours. Than Hillhart, for approximately one hour. Last witness going; questioned 9 hour.

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


August 16 - Thursday Pooled same and I advised with Hinkle re certifications re form required by Norwegians, etc. Arrangements under way to obtain transport to Paris - same established for 8:15 p.m. takeoff time.

Obtained biographical sketch Aam - cleared with him name would be used if desired by navysmen. Poolled write letter of appreciation to Justice from Norwegians for services rendered by Aam and staff.

Arrived Paris by special plane 11 p.m. Met Sivertsen at Ellysee Park Hotel. Hauge had left for London that afternoon - Sivertsen due leave for Norway & 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 6:30. Spoke with Maj. Hillers who finally succeeded obtain aircraft leaving Saturday 7 a.m.

Talked briefly with Col. Stroey - showed him documents and transcript of testimony. Cleared with General D'ary re notification of flight to US Mission Norway. Asked Hillers for photos of Justice, Aam and Stroey and O.K. for me if desired by Norwegian press. He will cable Dean, London, for this.
August 18 - Reported Villa Goulay, airport 6:45 a.m.; took off
plane 7:15 en route to Norway. Will confer with Prosecutor and
Ambassador immediately upon arrival.

Resided Fornes, Oslo, at 9:30 p.m. Telephone to Ambassador - not
immediately available. Left word with Major I was going to
Prosecutor. May Schjødt at home with Pollestad at 8 p.m.

August 19 - Spent Sunday in office with Pollestad and secretaries;
worked on translation of Nuremberg testimony. Had dinner with
Rameau and family Sunday night. Visited Ambassador at 8:30 p.m.

August 20 - Present with Mrs. Oppen at Court opening Monday,
20 August. Prosecutor's early reference to documents and
testimony brought to Nuremberg raised inquiry from Americans for
facts. Confirmed with Ambassador. He approved prepared state-
ment, suggested I call press conferences. Did so requesting
British, American and Norwegian representatives. Conference
held at 8 p.m. Only American and Norwegian representatives
present - unable locate British. Released prepared statement
attached - stressed feature of inter-allied cooperation - reading
gives local press carried story as gained from Prosecutor's
disclosures in Court. Joined Rameau and Rameau 9 p.m. - was
present during interrogation of Admiral Kranke - have nothing
special to report on this. Kranke 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. Clean has extra office space at
Ambassador. Will receive transcript end of each day's proceedings
- more will first be closely typed in Norwegian, translated, and
finally typewritten in English. Original Norwegian text will later
be certified as official transcript. Proceedings run at 100
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 War Forces. Have submitted Quiel-
ling's last opus to Scheher, authorized translator. Hope for
same on or about September 1. Remainder of Norwegian testimony
received - bound and sealed complete document, delivered some
to Prosecutor for transmittal to Presiding Judge. Trial
proceedings adjourned to August 22.
Prosecutor today referred to the fact 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 Huebner, Goring, Keitel, Jodl and von Ribbentrop. In connection with these documents the facts are these:

A selected Norwegian committee of three members, together with Major Anne Brogger, 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 Storvay is in charge of documents for the Justice on the continent of Europe. The interrogations referred to were led by John Herland 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 forces in the course of their advance into Germany. Facts in theQuisling 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 27 and 28 - Monday and Tuesday at office. Received cable informing availability document from Himler's files. Confiered with Ambassador and Prosecutor - replied, requesting document sent soonest.

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August 29 - Brief session at Court. Continuance of trial postponed until Friday the 31st. Medical findings Quinging's examination made known. Confiered with the Ambassador - explained Judge Hellen's personal comment to me of reasons for postponement. Ambassador suggested to Ted Olsen of U.S. 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 Quinging documents and evaluation of same.

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August 31 - Court resumed. Schijfet delivered his summation. Will have some translated and despatched in advance of trial proceedings. Was present at dinner given by Gen. Hunsheen for Major-General Galbraith of U.S.

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September 1 - Prepared letters for five Norwegian Resistance members travelling to United States. Had same endorsed by Col. Boyne, 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 Galbraith.