

Description: Eisenhower is giving a directive of information that is to be "leaked" to continue the deception regarding Patton and FUSAG

Title: Memorandum to Chief of Staff, SHAEF

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This is a letter to the Chief of Staff, SHAEF (Smith) from Eisenhower.

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I have just received a telegram to the effect that General McNair is soon to be here. You will note from the telegram that General Marshall intends to say in Washington that McNair has left to take an important command in the field. Please send a short wire to General Marshall saying that I fully concur with his idea in making such an announcement.

Through a "leak", I think we should let out something about as follows:

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