

Description: This document includes details regarding the continuation of the FUSAG ruse among the real Army Groups under Patton and Bradley's commands. Notice the date is a month after the Overlord invasion has already occurred.

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Subject: "Request for Services, General McNair in Support, Revised Cover and Deception Plan"

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4. That the Chief of Staff approve the draft cable at TAB 'A'.

E.O. TO GEN. MARSHALL

III. CONCURRENCES

The proposed plan including the proposal for seeking General McNair's services has been discussed with the Chief of Staff, 21 Army Group and General Bradley and has their concurrence.

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Support Revised Cover and Deception Plan

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TO : Chief of Staff

I. DISCUSSION

1. Intelligence indicates cover plan 'FORTITUDE' has been very effective and that the enemy is preparing for a major Allied effort against the Pas de Calais area by the First (US) Army Group under command of General Patton.

2. If present plans are executed, the enemy will probably soon learn that the First (US) Army Group under General Bradley's command and General Patton commanding the Third Army are engaged in the campaign in NORMANDY. Consequently the present Cover and Deception Plan is being revised. The revised plan requires that a notional First (US) Army Group continue to threaten the Pas de Calais area; that the Army Group to operate under General Bradley's command in NORMANDY be redesignated as an Army Group other than the First Army Group; that General Patton be down-graded; and that a suitable well-known commander of high repute be named to command the notional First Army Group in the United Kingdom.

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