Clay

OUTGOING MESSAGE (By Special Means)

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TO: JCS

EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN LEMNITZER FROM GEN NORSTAD.

This is "Communique No. 2" on the Battle of Berlin.

Following msg has just been received from Clay:
"FROM CLAY FOR NORSTAD ONLY.

"I am not interested in cable polemics and will not send any further EYES ONLY. I deemed it essential for you to know my views which are definite and firm and I assure you not polemics. I am prepared to defend them anywhere at any time as I do not propose to sit quietly in Berlin and let any of the few remaining rights we have disappear because of inaction and delay. I cannot accept any restrictions on expressing my views to any Headquarters which concerns itself with my recommendations. Since you now know my views, I see no useful purpose in our meeting at Heidelberg at this time. I have hoped you would visit Berlin soon."

I propose to take the following action:

a. Thru CINCUSAREUR insure that use of military personnel



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and equipment in Berlin continue under military control according to established policy; that is, I will continue to exercise normal command thru established channels.

- b. Continue to meet fully the letter and the spirit of the directive to Clay as given in Department of State msg 1509 sent Berlin 328, 14 Sept, to the extent that it applies to the relationship with military authorities.
- c. Since a personal meeting now appears out of the question, for the time being, reply by letter to both of Clay's messages. The record must be set straight and a personal letter is the quietest and now the most effective way in which this can be accomplished.

In order to keep you and Secretary McNamara informed, I will provide you a copy of my letter when it is written. In the meantime, I suggest no action in Washington unless subject is raised on someone else's initiative.

There are more important battles to worry about.

