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Germany

MC'CLOY'S VISIT

1. At present Eisenhower is boss of the whole Western Front. The troops under him are occupying more than half of Germany. Soon after V-E day he loses this command and becomes (a) one of four members of the Control Council; (b) the military governor of only the portion occupied by American troops which is much less than the area now occupied by his command.

2. The situation in Germany today is simply chaotic. On this McCloy will report directly.

One of the chief elements of disorder is the immense number of previously enslaved people who will be running around loose as well as the Germans who have been made homeless by the devastation of victory.

At present we are capturing accumulated stores from Germany. These will not last more than 30 to 60 days. We will then confront a situation of actual starvation probably.

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3. McCloy's errand was (a) to convey to General Eisenhower President Roosevelt's last thoughts on the administration of Germany, particularly as represented by his March 23rd directive; (b) to introduce Clay to Eisenhower and to see that the minds of the American authorities on both sides of the Atlantic met on this subject; (c) to gather first hand some estimate of the actual conditions in Germany.

In general his mission was to promote the following organization:

(a) Clay was to be Eisenhower's deputy as military governor over the American portion of Germany.

(b) Clay was to be Eisenhower's representative on the Control Council when Eisenhower did not sit.

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