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Title and/or general nature: Photos at of [*sic*] carbon copy of top secret telegram order on destruction of certain military and other structures in the territory of Petsamo, from 20th Mountain Army Corps to the XIXth Mountain Army Corps signed by Generaloberst Rendulic.

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PERSONS, FIRMS OR ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED:

General Rendulic

General der Gebirgstruppen Ferdinand Jodl, as Commander of the XIXth Mountain Corps

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SUMMARY (Indicate page nos.):

The report orders in the territory of Petsamo to destroy all military installations, industrial installations and structures like bridges, etc. It states expressly, "This territory has to be scorched." Preparations in that respect are ordered. Also storing of explosives and ordering of military organizations to do it. The order further orders refined mining of the territory. It also orders to prepare like measures in Norwegian territory. It is stated that in that territory similar destructions will be ordered.

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To

Corps Hqs.,XIXth (mtn.) Corps

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In the given case, all the Military Installations, industrial installations, architectural structures, etc. in the former Finnish Petsamo territory are to be destroyed. This area is to be devastated. Preparations for this are to be made through reconnaissance, preparation of explosives (therewith making use of bombs, etc.) and organization of corresponding demolition and blockade forces.

Cunning mining (blocking the march) render difficult and delay enemy movements considerably.

The same measures are to be reconnoitered and planned for the Norwegian territory. There too the carrying out of destructions as in the Finnish Petsamo territory is to be reckoned with.

20 (Mountain) Army

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