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TO BE FILED UNDER THESE REFERENCE HEADINGS:

NOKW - General

NOKW - Slave Labor

SUMMARY (Indicate pages nos.):

Teletype message to subordinate units ordering barriers to be placed in the path of the enemy and ordering slave labor.

P.3.6.) - - "The entire population of Norway, which is of military age, is as far as troop movements permit, to be taken along and to be given to the Reichskommissar of Norway for labor service. Finnish hostages are to be taken along, as the situation requires."

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To

- 1.) 20 th Mountain Army
- 2.) Wehrmacht Commander Norway
- 3.)OKM / 1st Operation Staff (Koralle)
- 4.) Naval Operations Staff Admiral Qu VI (Bismark)
- 5.) OKL / Luftwaffe Operations Staff (Robinson)
- 6.) OKL / Gen. Q,u 4 Branch (Robinson)
- 7.) Chief Wehrmacht Transportation Office (Excerpts)

~~8.) Chief Wehrmacht Signal Communications~~

9.) Home Staff Skandinavia

10.) Reich Fuehrer SS / SS - Central Office

11.) Chief of Army Armament and of the Replacement Army.

12.) For Information Naval Command Norway

~~13.) For information: Army General Staff Army Coast Artillery (excerpts)~~

14.) For information: Reich Commissar for Sea Traffic Attn. Gauleiter Kauffmann.

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6.) Evacuation and Destruction:

All installations which might be of use to the enemy are to be destroyed thoroughly particularly roads and railroad lines, port installations, air ports and other installations of the Luftwaffe, Industrial Plants, Wehrmacht billets and camps. All snow barriers on the through roads are to be burned in time!

Rations and other Wehrmacht supplies are to be destroyed unless they can be transported.

The entire population of Norway capable of bearing arms is to be taken along as far as marches permit and to be turned over to the Reich Commissar Norway for compulsory labor employment.

Finnish Hostages are to be taken along as the situation requires.

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signed.

By order

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