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No.	TO	FROM	DATE	SUBJECT: Me-262's. Enter File Classification AG:
1.	A C of S, A-3.	A C of S, Col. Sheldon	11 Jun 45	<p>1. Attached is report by Colonel Watson covering ferrying of ten Me-262's from Lechfeld to Melun.</p> <p>2. This subject was brought to the attention of the Chief of Staff this morning, and it is planned that a review by General Spaatz and other high ranking officers will take place the early part of next week at Melun.</p> <p>3. I am putting a suspense of Monday morning, 18 June 45, on this project for further coordination with the Chief of Staff.</p>
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<p>1 Incl: Memo, 11 Jun 45, re Me-262's.</p>				

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UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
Office of Asst. Chief of Staff A-2
Operations Section, Exploitation Division

AF Station 379
11 June, 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Sheldon.

1. For your information the project of ferrying 10 ME-262's from Lechfeld, Germany to A-55 (Melun, France) has been completed. These airplanes are being serviced and maintained at A-55 and will be flown to A-23, Cherbourg for preparation for overseas shipment prior to loading on Navy flat-top.

2. This project consisted of the following steps:

- a. Assembling the 10 ME-262's by former Messerschmitt German employees.
- b. Training 10 airplane crew-chiefs on airplane and jet engine maintenance.
- c. Determining maintenance history of the ME-262 airplane and engine and securing 5, 2½-ton truck loads of spare parts, maintenance tools, and special purpose maintenance equipment. These 5 truckloads of equipment will arrive at A-55 today, Monday, 11 June.
- d. Training 6 American pilots in ^{the} operation and performance of the jet airplane as well as giving each pilot a flight test in a two-seater ME-262 trainer.
- e. Establishing refueling points and emergency landing fields along the route from Lechfeld to A-55.
- f. Person flying the first ME-262 from Lechfeld along the proposed route to Melun to definitely establish the feasibility of project and to secure range ~~data~~ and performance data on the airplane to enable training of American pilots.

3. The ferrying project started at 0925, Sunday, 10 June, and was completed at 1915 without any major incident. Minor maintenance problems occurred which served to raise the experience level for continued flight and performance testing of these airplanes.

4. At A-55, Melun, there is presently located the following:

- a. Six trained pilots and three additional pilots are undergoing training.
- b. Ten trained American crew-chiefs who are capable of performing first and second echelon maintenance on these airplanes and in a few days of additional training will be capable of supervising third and fourth echelon maintenance.
- c. Five 2½-ton truck-loads of spare parts, maintenance tools, special purpose maintenance equipment including 1 spare Jumo 006 engine.

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d. 2 of Messerschmitt's best test pilots.
e. 1 Jumo OO4 engine specialist.
f. 1 Messerschmitt technical supervisor.
g. 1 ME-262 Messerschmitt technical inspector.
h. 9 Messerschmitt aircraft mechanics who are assisting American crew-chiefs in performing maintenance.

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5. It is strongly recommended that the ME-262 airplanes along with the 10 trained crew-chiefs and pilots be shipped and transferred to Wright Field or other research centers in the United States as a unit in order to accomplish performance and flight testing and comparative analysis with ~~foreign~~ American equipment. From the experience gained while carrying out this project by the undersigned, it is believed that research centers in the Zone of Interior would profit considerably should this project be carried through as outlined above.

HW
HAROLD E. WATSON,
Colonel, Air Corps.

at least one each of

- 1 Two-seater Trainer
- 1 50 mm. cannon installed
- 1 Photo reconnaissance
- 1 Fighter
- 1 Dive Bomber
- 1 Rocket installed

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