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NOW AVAILABLE FOR PRIORITY SHIPMENT TO ZONE OF INTERIOR ARE FIVE ZERO FLYABLE AIRCRAFT-CMA JET CMA ROCKET CMA AND OTHER TYPES TOGETHER WITH ESSENTIAL SPARE PARTS SUCH AS REPLACEMENT JET ENGINES REQUIRED AS CATEGORY ONE SPECIMENS FOR RESEARCH DESIGN DEVELOPMENT OF MOST RECENT EXPERIMENTAL ENEMY EQUIPMENT PD SUCH EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO INSURE THE TECHNICAL SUPERIORITY OF OUR OWN EQUIPMENT PD FOR ~~ARNOLD~~ SIGNED CANNON PD INFORMATION TO ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF ~~MATERIEL AND SUPPLY PD~~ POOLING RESOURCES OF CAPTURED PRIORITY ENEMY MATERIEL WITH UNITED STATES NAVAL TECHNICAL MISSION IN EUROPE MESSAGE OBOE PETER ONE SIX PETER TAKE ELEVEN JUNE CMA DISPATCHED TO CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS INDICATING DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY OF FLYABLE AIRCRAFT IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER NORMAL SHIPMENT WOULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND LOSS OF COMPONENTS THUS MAKING IT ADVISABLE IF NOT MANDATORY THAT AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON ELEVEN JULY FOR APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN DAYS FOR SHIPMENT OF ABOVE PRIORITY RESEARCH GERMAN AIRCRAFT PD REQUEST COORDINATION WITH NAVAL CHIEF OF OPERATIONS TO INSURE AVAILABILITY OF CARRIER

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# CARRIER SHEET

HQ US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

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No.	TO	FROM	DATE	SUBJECT:
				Airfield A-23 (Cherbourg). Enter File Classification AG:
1.	A-2	A-2	23 June 45	<p>1. Airfield A-23 is currently being used by Exploitation Division, A-2 Section, this Headquarters, in connection with a project for shipment to Wright Field of approximately fifty flyable German aircraft. Due to the technical value of these aircraft, most of them experimental models and all of the most current German types and designs, it has been decided to deck load them aboard ship from A-23 in order that they may reach the United States with the least possible delay and in the best possible condition. It is essential that Airfield A-23 be retained under U. S. control until these aircraft have been shipped from that point.</p> <p>2. Since it is understood that ATC contemplates withdrawal from A-23 and that control of this airfield may be returned to the French on 1 July 1945, request that necessary action be taken by your section to insure:</p> <p>a. Complete access to this airfield during the period it remains under ATC control.</p> <p>b. That this airfield is not released and returned to the French until such time as work in connection with the above mentioned project is completed at A-23.</p> <p>c. That arrangements for full and complete use and, if necessary, control of this airfield in event it is evacuated by ATC, be completed for this Headquarters.</p> <p>3. It is currently planned that shipment of these aircraft will have been effected from Airfield A-23 by 15 July 1945 at which time its use will no longer be required in connection with this project.</p> <p><i>A. H. Detweiler, Lt. Col. A.C.</i> for GEORGE C. McDONALD Brigadier General, U.S.A. Asst. Chief of Staff A-2</p> <p>RECEIVED</p>

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NO.	TO	FROM	DATE	
2.	A-2	A-3	26 June 1945	<p>1. Recommend no action be taken on request in preceding item for following reasons:</p> <p><u>a.</u> Field will be required for only approximately three weeks more.</p> <p><u>b.</u> Judging by past experience, any proposal to ATC as is suggested will probably result in an attempt by them to turn over operation of field to someone else. This action would necessitate the furnishing of operating personnel. If your section can furnish personnel to operate this airfield, it can be assigned to you upon relinquishment by ATC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>for</i> <i>HA Valk</i> ALFRED R. MAXWELL, Brig. General, USA, Asst C/S, A-3.</p>
3.	A-3	A-2	28 June 45	<p>1. Concur in your recommendation of the preceding item with the understanding, following conversation of today, that this section is to be advised in advance of any contemplated release of this airfield by ATC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>for</i> <i>A. W. Detweiler</i> GEORGE C. McDONALD Brigadier General, USA Asst. Chief of Staff, A-2.</p>
4.	A-2 thru: A-4 (Engineers)	A-3	30 June 1945	<p>Your Section will be advised of any contemplated release of A-23 by Air Transport Command.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>for</i> <i>HA Valk</i> ALFRED R. MAXWELL, Brig. General, USA, Asst C/S, A-3.</p>
5.	A-2	Engineer ATSCE	1/7/45 2703	<p>Noted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>for</i> FRANK W. RAY Lt. Colonel, C. E. Engineer, Ext. Adm. 2039</p>