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The following are replies to some of the questions in the cables, dated February 23, 24 and 25, relating to Austrian matters:

The Messerschmitt Works at Regensburg have been largely destroyed (previously reported).

The assembly plant of the Wiener-Neustadt Flugzeugwerke is intact. The other parts of the works have been destroyed (previously reported).

The hospitals in Vienna, caring for German casualties, have a capacity to accomodate between 30-50,000 men. The great majority of the hospitals have recently been evacuated and are now kept in readiness to accomodate airraid casualties in case of an air attack on Vienna.

There is little cantine and communal feeding in Austria so far. In Germany communal feeding is taking place on a large scale to feed the bombed-out population.

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Not much food is hoarded on farms in Austria. Recently, government food piles have been set up in the countryside in Austria, using old barns, old mills and similar old buildings. These food piles represent supplies which had been evacuated from Austrian towns in order to protect them against air raids. Parts represent food which had been shipped to Austria from

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occupied Russia.

The production of the Zistersdorfer oil field is estimated at 100,000 tons monthly (previously reported). This figure represents the output of the entire Zistersdorfer district and includes any oil that might be produced near Hauskirchen. Hauskirchen is important as a center for the production of natural gas and a pipe line is under construction from Hauskirchen to Vienna in order to bring natural gas to Vienna for industrial purposes as well as for household consumption.

The Ostmärkische Motor Works at Wiener-Neudorf are in production, producing 150 Daimler-Benz airplane engines per month. The plant's capacity is considerably higher (previously reported).

In the Zipfer Brauerei (brewery) in Zipf, Upper Austria, some secret and important war production is taking place. This production, which might be in connection with the secret weapon, is taking place in the underground parts of the brewery.

The news on Austrian prisoners of war, which is being given over the British and American radio, is meeting with great success in Austria, and is inducing many Austrians to listen to foreign broadcasts, who otherwise would not do so. In this connection, it is strongly recommended that news broadcasted referring to Austrian prisoners of war be intensified and that personal messages from prisoners of war to their families be

be broadcasted regularly and a few minutes of the news broadcasted should be set aside for this purpose.

Nostrano will check further with regard to the transfer of the experimental station for aeronautics from Peenemuende to some other places. He was not certain whether the place to which the station had been transferred was Tarnemuende (which does not exist on any of our maps) or Warnemuende or Elbing.