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AMERICAN INTERESTS GERMANY POWS

Swiss note 13th states following:

Inspector Swiss Legation Berlin January 23

visited Oflag XIII B at Hammelburg. American strength
543 officers (including 9 chaplains and 10 sanitary
officers) 12 noncoms and 18 privates. All arrived
Hammelburg January 10 and lodged in premises formerly
occupied by Serb POWS. Various changes necessary.
Furnishings primitive. Bathing and washing facilities
inadequate. General impression unsatisfactory. Im-
provements promised. Lack food parcels reported Inter-
cross. This visit unscheduled but inspector well
received by camp authorities.

James Amcross Geneva and SHAEF informed.

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| From the Special War Problems Division |
| DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO: |
| <i>Nav. Col. Bruce</i> |
| Date: MAR 1 1945 |