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GESTAPO H.Q., VICTORIA TERRASSE, OSLO.

1. I attach an appreciation, together with Appendices on the above as an important precision bombing target. Representations have been made by MILORG asking that the Gestapo H.Q. should be attacked in order to destroy both important Gestapo Officers and records. The Norwegian High Command approve the target, and have asked me to endeavour to have the operation laid on as a matter of extreme urgency. During the last few weeks there has been a great increase in Gestapo activity throughout South NORWAY and Gestapo Units have been strongly reinforced.
2. The buildings adjacent to the target are in German occupation, and I am assured both by Mr. Ole Lange, Chief of Staff of MILORG, and Fenrik Erling Fjeld, Head of the OSLO Detachment of N.I.C.(I), that very few Norwegians are in the neighbourhood. About 10 Norwegian prisoners are usually held in the basement of VICTORIA TERRASSE undergoing interrogation and torture. All Norwegian Authorities, including our own men, are agreed that this should not be regarded as detrimental, but the contrary, since those few who have managed to escape affirm that these prisoners would welcome the attack. The Schools to the West of Victoria Terrasse shown in Appendix 'D' will not be occupied by Norwegians. It is believed that they have been taken over by the Germans, and in any case all OSLO Schools have been closed down for lack of fuel for the next six weeks.
3. Recent information has been obtained, although as yet unconfirmed, that it is proposed to move the Gestapo H.Q. from Victoria Terrasse, partly in view of the bombing of the AARHUS H.Q. This is an additional reason to treat the target as of urgent priority.
4. It will be remembered that Victoria Terrasse was attacked on the 25th September, 1942, when Mosquito aircraft were used for the first time for this particular purpose.