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No.	FROM	DATE	TO	SYNOPSIS
<b>SWNCC 262 Series - Plans for SS Europa.</b>				
1	SWNCC	8Feb46	SWNCC Dist	SWNCC 262/D. A Memo fr Navy Mbr. Sbce. to Tech.Info.Sec. Control is ref to SBce for Tech.Info.Sec.Control for report & Rec.in collob.w/SCE.
2	Chm. Sbce for TISC	14Feb46	SCE	(TISC-FEX). Conclusion of "262/D".
3 & 4	SWNCC	15Feb46	Navy Mbr SWNCC War " SWNCC	SWN-3878. App. Slips on the Conclusions by TISC, in No. 2, above.
5	Mr. Riddleberger	21Feb	Mr. Exton	Memo Rec. TISC reject req. of Blohm and Voss Co. for return of drawings on plans for seagoing ships.
6	Chm. Sbce TISC	18Apr46	SCE	(MIC-FEX) MIC (formerly, TISC), unable to take any other stand other than that in No.2, above.
7	" Sbce, MIC	18Apr46	SWNCC	Transmittal of No. 6, above, addressed to SCE.
8	SCE	19Apr46	State Mbr SCE Navy " SCE War " SCE	SCE-16. Above circulated for consideration by SCE, & stating if MIC stand is unacceptable by SCE that a minority report be submitted.
9	SCE	29Apr46	(dditto)	SCE-18. Superceeding SCE 16, above. And requesting that SCE report it's views to MIC, for a final report to SWNCC.
10	Mr. Riddleberger, Chm. SCE	30Apr46	Sbce for MIC	Report to MIC, Rec. rejection of request of Blohm & Voss Co.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR MILITARY INFORMATION  
CONTROL OF STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE.

Subject: Plans for SS Europa, SWNCC 262/D

Section 3b on economic principles of the Potsdam Agreement provides that the "production of arms, ammunition and implements of war, as well as all types of aircraft and seagoing ships shall be prohibited and prevented".

The European Subcommittee recognizes that the case of the plans for the SS Europa is a borderline case and that the return of these plans to Blohm and Voss may perhaps not be technically a violation of the Potsdam Agreement. However, the Subcommittee believes that if it were to become known that the United States Government had returned plans of a German seagoing ship to a German firm, such action might easily be misconstrued.

The European Subcommittee, therefore, recommends that, in keeping with the spirit of the Potsdam Agreement relating to the prohibition of the production of seagoing ships by Germany, the Subcommittee for Military Information Control reject the request of Blohm and Voss Company for copies of the plans of the SS Europa.

James W. Riddleberger,  
Chairman, European Subcommittee of  
State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee.

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April 30, 1946.

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THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



SCE-16  
29 April 1946

MEMORANDUM TO THE STATE MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE  
WAR MEMBER (CAD), EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE  
NAVY MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Subject: Plans for SS EUROPA (SWNCC 262/D)

This memorandum supersedes SCE-16 dated 19 April 1946. Attached to SCE-16 was a memorandum from the Chairman, Subcommittee for Military Information Control, on the subject of SWNCC 262/D, which was circulated for consideration by the Subcommittee.

It is requested that the European Subcommittee formally report its views to the Chairman of the MIC Subcommittee in order that he may coordinate all views for a final report to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee.

Florence Whiteside  
Ensign (W) USNR  
Secretary, European Subcommittee

cc: Mr. Riddleberger  
Colonel Cramer  
Lt. Comdr. Claxton

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THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



SCE-16  
19 April 1946

MEMORANDUM TO THE STATE MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE  
WAR MEMBER (CAD), EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE  
NAVY MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Subject: Plans for SS EUROPA (SWNCC 262/D).

Attached is a memorandum from the Chairman, Subcommittee for Military Information Control, on the subject of SWNCC 262/D, which is circulated for consideration by the Subcommittee.

If the position taken by the MIC Subcommittee is unacceptable to the European Subcommittee, it is requested that a minority report be submitted by the European Subcommittee for circulation to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee.

*Superseded by  
SCE-18 - which see*

FLORENCE WHITESIDE,  
Ensign (W) USNR,  
Secretary, European Subcommittee

cc: Mr. Middleberger  
Colonel Cruser  
Lt. Comdr. Claxton

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON



In reply refer to  
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April 18, 1946.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, STATE-WAR-NAVY  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

Subject: S.S. Europa.

There is enclosed a memorandum addressed to the Subcommittee for Europe relating to a request of Blohm and Voss, Hamburg, Germany, for copies of the plans of the S.S. Europa for transmission to the Subcommittee.

Frederick Exton  
Chairman, Subcommittee for  
Military Information Control  
of State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee

Enclosure:

1. Memorandum dated April 18, 1946,
2. SWNCC 262/D (copy no. 74),
3. Copy of memorandum from Mr. Riddleberger dated February 21, 1946.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON



In reply refer to  
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April 18, 1946.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING  
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR EUROPE:

Subject: S.S. Europa.

Reference is made to SWNCC 262/D relating to a request for copies of the plans of the S.S. Europa made by a representative of the Blohm and Voss Company, Hamburg, Germany. Reference is also made to this Subcommittee's memorandum of February 14, 1946 to the Subcommittee for Europe, and to a memorandum from Mr. Riddleberger dated February 21, 1946, which appears to be a statement by the State Department's member of the Subcommittee for Europe as to the stand which should be adopted by the Department.

The Subcommittee on Military Information Control (formerly TISC) is unable to take any position other than that stated in its memorandum of February 14, 1946. Since the material in question is not classified and there is no security question involved, the Subcommittee has no authority either to approve or disapprove the request in question. A statement by the Subcommittee that "it has no objection from the standpoint of military security" might be construed as approval of the release of these plans, and this matter is, therefore, referred back to the Subcommittee for Europe for determination.

Frederick Exton  
Chairman, Subcommittee for  
Military Information Control  
of State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee

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ENCLOSURE "B"

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February 21, 1946

GA:

IR/M - Mr. Exton:

Section 3b on economic principles of the Potsdam Agreement provides that the "production of arms, ammunition and implements of war, as well as all types of aircraft and seagoing ships shall be prohibited and prevented".

I recognize that the attached report is a borderline case and perhaps the return of these plans is not technically a violation of the Potsdam Agreement. However, it seems to me that should it become known that the United States had returned plans of German seagoing ships to a German firm that such action would easily be misconstrued.

CE therefore recommends that, in keeping with the spirit of the Potsdam Agreement relating to the prohibition of the production of seagoing ships by Germany, the Sub-Committee for Technical Information Security Control reject the request of Blohm and Voss Company for the return of these drawings.

CE: JWRiddleberger: AMR

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THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



SWN-3878  
15 February 1946

MEMORANDUM TO THE STATE MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE  
WAR MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE  
NAVY MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Subject: Plans for SS EUROPA (SWNCC 262/D)

1. Enclosed is a report by the State-War-Navy Coordinating Subcommittee for Technical Information Security Control on SWNCC 262/D, copy of which was previously furnished you.

2. The European Subcommittee was directed to collaborate with this Subcommittee in the preparation of a report and recommendation. It is requested that you indicate hereon your comment or concurrence on the attached report and return to the Secretariat, SWNCC.

For the Secretary, State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

VIRGIL F. FIELD,  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

APPROVED: C. J. Barnett, Brig Gen USA

DATE: 18 February 1946

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THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



**SWN-3878**  
**15 February 1946**

MEMORANDUM TO THE STATE MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE  
WAR MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE  
NAVY MEMBER, EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Subject: Plans for SS EUROPA (SWNCC 262/D)

1. Enclosed is a report by the State-War-Navy Coordinating Subcommittee for Technical Information Security Control on SWNCC 262/D, copy of which was previously furnished you.

2. The European Subcommittee was directed to collaborate with this Subcommittee in the preparation of a report and recommendation. It is requested that you indicate hereon your comment or concurrence on the attached report and return to the Secretariat, SWNCC.

For the Secretary, State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

*Virgil F. Field*  
VIRGIL F. FIELD,  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

APPROVED: J. L. McCrean

DATE: 18 FEB 1946

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 205



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
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February 14, 1946.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING  
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR EUROPE:

Subject: Plans for SS EUROPA - Request for Copies  
by Blohm and Voss Representatives.

In compliance with SWNCC 262/D, dated February 8,  
1946, the Technical Information Security Control Subcom-  
mittee has considered the above subject and has reached  
the following conclusions:

- (a) The material in question is not classified.
- (b) There is no security question involved.
- (c) The Subcommittee therefore is not in a  
position to interpose any objection, from the  
standpoint of military security, to the release  
of the copies of plans of the SS EUROPA to the  
German firm of Blohm and Voss.

Frederick Exton  
Chairman, Subcommittee for Technical  
Information Security Control  
of State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee

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STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

DIRECTIVE

PLANS FOR SS EUROPA

Note by the Secretaries

1. The enclosure, a memorandum by the Navy Member of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Subcommittee for Technical Information Security Control, is referred to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Subcommittee for Technical Information Security Control for report and recommendation.

2. The State-War-Navy Coordinating Subcommittee for Europe will collaborate with the above Subcommittee in the preparation of the report and recommendation.

ALEXANDER D. REID

B. L. AUSTIN

RAYMOND E. COX

Secretariat

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E N C L O S U R E

29 January 1946

Memorandum by the Navy Member,  
State-War-Navy Coordinating Subcommittee for  
Technical Information Security Control

Subject: Plans for SS EUROPA - Request for copies by Blohm and Voss Representatives.

Enclosure: (A) Copy Blohm and Voss Co., Hamburg, Germany ltr to SUPSHIPS, New York, N.Y., dtd 3 Nov. 1945. (Appendix "B")  
(B) Copy BuShips ltr AP177(100) to CNO, dtd 7 Jan. 1946 (Appendix "A")

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded for the consideration of the Committee.
2. It is to be noted that the information is not classified but that the request is made by an enemy alien. The recommendations of the Committee as to the position to be taken on such a request is desired.
3. The Navy Department has no objection to the release of subject plans to the Blohm and Voss Company.

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APPENDIX "A"

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
Bureau of Ships  
Washington 25, D. C.

7 January 1945

To: The Chief of Naval Operations (Op-23).  
Subject: Blohm and Voss Representative's Request for Copies  
of Plans of the S. S. EUROPA.

1. Dr. Wilhelm Suchting, one of the senior technical administrative officers of the Blohm and Voss Company of Hamburg, builders of the S. S. EUROPA, came to this country with the ship and was most helpful in assisting the design agent in connection with the outfitting of the EUROPA for service as a troop transport and the return of troops from Europe.

2. Prior to his departure from this country, Dr. Suchting made the request covered by the enclosure, that a set of all drawings of the EUROPA of which tracings were turned over to the United States be furnished to his company.

3. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding at New York reports that the representatives of Blohm and Voss were at all times most cooperative and helpful in connection with the alterations and refitting of the EUROPA, and recommends that the request for the plans be granted if this is practicable.

4. In view of the fact that the request raises a question of policy in dealing with German shipbuilding, instructions are requested.

E. L. Cochrane  
Chief of Bureau

Encl. (HW) - Copy of  
Dr. Wilhelm Suchting ltr  
of 3 Nov. 1945 to SupShip NY (Appendix "B")

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APPENDIX "B"

Bayonne, N.J.  
November 3, 1945

Blohm and Voss, Hamburg

To: Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN, New York

Subj: Copies of the originals of S. S. EUROPA.

In the last days of August 1945 Capt. Ingram USN asked in Hamburg for some originals of the S. S. EUROPA to send them to New York. Later on he asked for all plans.

Blohm and Voss had no time to make prints from the last ones. For to have a complete set of all drawings of the Europa we would obliged if a set of prints could be made for Blohm and Voss.

Even if there is not the possibility to build a ship like the Europa in the near future, so it would a help for Blohm and Voss to have the copies for to know what is really done in the construction of the ship.

Blohm and Voss

Dr. Wilhelm Suchting