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#### PROJECT HELHEIM AND OPERATION THORN

Project Helheim is the current priority of the Ahnenerbe-SS. While the Ahnenerbe has thus far provided only minimal occult support to the main body of the German war machine, it is very likely that this apparent failure is only due to their efforts being focused almost entirely on Project Helheim. Exact details of the project remain unclear, but analysis of intercepted messages and intelligence from deep-cover agents suggests that the Germans have been successful in contacting beings from what we would refer to as the Nordic underworld, Hel. We believe that their eventual goal is to produce a battalion of soldiers possessed by denizens of Hel, not unlike the ancient Norse myth of the Berserker. However, Allied forces to date have not encountered any such soldiers, leading us to conclude that the Germans' efforts have not been successful to date.

Operation Thorn is a new initiative within the Ahnenerbe-SS. First mentioned in April of 1944, we believe it involves incorporating Allied prisoners of war into Project Helheim. While details are scarce, a worst-case scenario involves deliberately allowing Hel-possessed POWs to be retrieved by Allied forces, for use as Nazi sleeper agents should Germany lose the war.

It is the recommendation of this office that any UK soldiers retrieved from Nazi custody be given a thorough psychological evaluation to determine if possession has taken place. Unfortunately, the Americans and Soviets have been uncooperative in efforts to work against German occult warfare, hampered by a closed-minded unwillingness to accept the paranormal as part of reality. Any American or Soviet soldier who comes home from a Nazi prison camp is therefore to be treated with extreme caution.

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