

with anybody else. The Passport Control Officer then delivered the message referred to in (2) above. A long and inconclusive discussion followed.

5. The sense of this discussion was conveyed to His Majesty's Government who authorised the despatch of a further message on October 25th. The text of this is given at Flag A.
6. On October 27th we learnt that General Wiedersheim was finally coming over on October 28th with "concrete proposals" and proposed to stay in The Hague for 24 hours. Again he did not do so; but on October 30th we heard that the German "delegation" had made a declaration and promised "details of their Party in the near future". This declaration was much more definite than the previous feelers. It is given at Flag B
7. In commenting on this declaration the Passport Control Officer said that "German delegates" consisted of a Colonel from the General Staff (presumably Teichmann), "an official from Permanent Secretariat German Foreign Office" and "Officer who visited us before". They would not disclose identity of leader of their movement but admitted that Wiedersheim and Rundstedt were members and added "and many more like them". Further the impressions of the Passport Control Officer were that the Germans "appeared to realise that the game was lost" and were trying "to start peace negotiations with minimum loss of prestige". If the Allies granted an armistice in these circumstances the Wehrmacht would not be able to begin hostilities again and the Allies could then dictate terms. It was at this meeting that the Passport Control Officer, with the approval of his Chief, handed to the Germans a wireless set and a cypher.