

group opposed to the Nazi régime, and desirous of bringing about its downfall. They enquired whether if this could be accomplished, H.M. Government would be "prepared to negotiate". The official in question naturally passed this communication to H.M. Government who, feeling that there might ^{well} ~~still~~ be doubt as to the genuineness of the communication, instructed the official to make further enquiries to test the bona fides of those ^{through} to whom the communication had been made. It was the more necessary to do this in as much as, if the communication was genuine, it confirmed - what was already well known to H.M. Government - the existence of wide-spread discontent in military and police circles. It was for the purpose of delivering such a message that the official was proceeding to the Dutch frontier when he and his companion were assaulted and kidnapped by

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