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Dutch civilian national apprehended by First US Army in Germany, alleged to have committed acts of espionage in Germany.

Doubt exists whether agreement with Netherlands gives jurisdiction to Netherlands Courts in such cases.

With progress into Germany, anticipate increase of cases of this category; therefore, request authority to try by military commission civilian nationals of liberated countries charged with spying or similar offenses, when offense against American forces is committed in Germany and offender apprehended beyond boundaries of country of nationality.

In instant case, trial would take place in Belgium or Germany..

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