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FROM : EXFOR TAC FROM FIELD MARSHAL MONTGOMERY
 TO : SHAEF MAIN PERSONAL FOR GENERAL EISENHOWER
 REF NO : M-396, 25 December 1944

Bradley

Enemy pressure continues heavy on west flank First Army. Moved 51st Division to LIEGE area today and am sending 83rd Division from AACHEN area over to VII Corps tomorrow. BRADLEY came to see me today. I gave him my full views on the situation and said that I could not at present pass over to offensive action. BRADLEY said he hoped to get to BASTOGNE but doubted his ability to get any further without more troops. I consider if we are to wrest possibly (?) the initiative from the Germans we shall need more troops and we can get these only by withdrawing from salients and holding shorter fronts. I suggest that this aspect of the problem might be examined on the Southern front.

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