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Personal letter found on Major Martin when his body was washed ashore in April 1943.

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Source a

Office
Wed 22nd day 2/4

The Bloodhound has left his round
for half an hour so here I am
scribbling nonsense to you again.
Your letter came this morning
just as I was dressing out - really
lets as usual! you do write such
beautiful ones. But what are these
corridors dark hints you're throwing
out about being sent off somewhere
of course I won't say a word to
anyone - I won't do when you tell
me things, but it's not chanced
is it? Because I won't have it
I won't tell them so from me.
Darling, why did we go & meet in
the middle of a war, such a silly

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Source b

Thing for anybody to do - if it
 wasn't for the war we might have
 been nearly married by now, going
 round together choosing curtains etc.
 and I wouldn't be sitting in a damn
 government office typing idiotic
 minutes all day long - I know the
 fute's sort of work I do doesn't keep
 the war one minute shorter -
 Dearest Bill, I'm so thrilled
 with my ring - scandalously
 extravagant - you know how I
 adore diamonds - I simply can't
 stop looking at it.
 I'm going to be rather dreary
 dance to night with Jack & Hazel,
 I think they've got some other men
 coming. You know what their

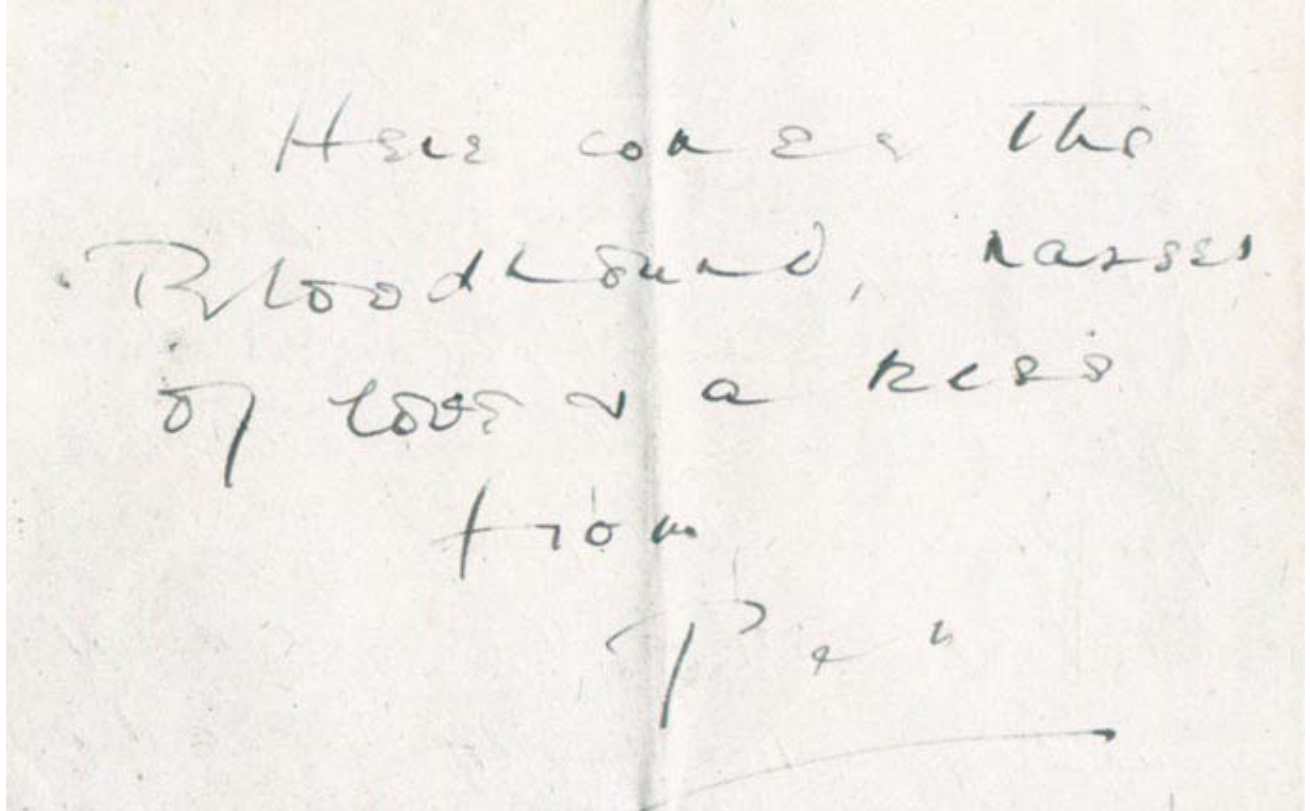
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Source c

Friends always turn out to be like,
 we'll have the sweetest little
 Adam's apple & the shiniest bald
 head! How beautifully & ungrateful
 of me, but it isn't really that -
 you know - don't you?

 Look darling, I've got next
 Sunday & Monday off for Easter.
 I shall go home for it of course,
do come too if you possibly can,
 or even if you can't get away from
 London I'll dash up & we'll
 have an evening of spitzly - (By
 the way Aunt Maria said to
 bring you to dinner next time
 I was up, but I think that
 night was...?)

Source d



What would German intelligence have known at the time?

1. They would not have known who the woman was, but they probably would have guessed.
2. They would have been able to understand the letter. The Bloodhound mentioned in the woman's letter is her boss.
3. They would have been shown copies of the post mortem on Major Martin that showed that he drowned (see opening of task).

Use the table to record your conclusions.