75. Chief, FBM to COS, Karlsruhe, “Operation Rusty,” 24 December 1948

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chief of station, Karlsruhe
DATE: 24 December 1948

FROM: Chief, foreign division

SUBJECT: GENERAL OPERATION RUSTY

Attached hereto is a copy of the memoranda which we prepared for in preparation for the discussion with General Hall which took place on 22 December 1948. Presented orally the provision outlined, and General Hall expressed himself as willing to go along with all of them. He noted, however, that it would be necessary for him to place the action recommended in 3 (a) with both General Clay and General Jodl. When this has been done, steps will be taken to present the matter to the HSL.

The conversation with General Hall went off in a most amicable atmosphere. He stated that he was extremely interested in the future of Rusty and that he would personally see to it that sufficient logistical support were forthcoming to support it if and when we take it over.

Please file the attachment to this memorandum in such a manner as to contain references to this organization and comments which we would not want to be seen by individuals other than yourself. We are forwarding the memoranda, because we felt it would be useful for you to see the basic philosophy which is presented to General Hall on this matter. This is not a completely official paper; it is almost as General Hall did not read it. It does, however, express our views.

Incidentally, General Hall was most complimentary about you and your colleagues. He asked when he would see you. He strikes us as a man who is going to emphasize teamwork without attempting to run your show. In fact, he said the specific comment that he had no illusions about the command channel, as far as your relationship with Washington Headquarters is concerned. In other words, he knows you will work on the team, but he is not going to attempt to direct your efforts.

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