

35. Bossard to [] Chief, []
German Mission, 20 March 1947

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20 March 1947

TO : Mr. []
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[] Chief, []

FROM : Mr. Samuel Bossard, Headquarters, European Command.

1. As we agreed by telephone, I am attaching samples of the current RUSTY product for Heidelberg comment reevaluation. This is in accordance with instructions to me in [] [] and has the full approval of Colonel Schow. Colonel Schow is of the opinion, and I agree, that the Intelligence Branch is well equipped to express an objective opinion of the RUSTY contribution to their interests, since the Intelligence Branch has constant access not only to RUSTY, but to other sources of information on O.B. - some of which are of course not available to us. I have asked Colonel Schow therefore to give me an estimate of RUSTY's individual worth in the positive field as compared with all other sources available to the War Department. He has agreed to that proposal. Therefore unless you choose to do otherwise, I suggest you might safely neglect the study of reports 1001-1008 inclusive and 1010-A - 1001 inclusive. However, I would be most grateful for your opinions on the CI product.

2. In performing this service, I realize that you will be working under serious handicaps, and your staff will probably find it a great burden. I suggest, therefore, that in preparing your remarks that you limit yourself to those reports on which you can offer a ready and substantial opinion. The others will simply be passed on to Washington with no comment or that the report is too complex for speedy evaluation. Washington undoubtedly will be forced to work on this same principle, but I fully expect them to be in a position to comment in many instances where as a producing mission, it could not be expected of you. Under any circumstances the opinions of CIQ on the product of RUSTY will be only one important factor in formulating the final decisions.

3. After you have finished with the attached reports, please send them directly to [] [] with the covering letters. I will appreciate receiving a carbon copy of your comments for my own reference, since [] [] advises me strictly that they are to have a place in my final over-all report but are not meant as a basis for Washington judgment apart from that report.

4. I think you understand the difficulties involved in presenting to the Washington authorities a full and objective report on this operation, as well as the necessity of providing a report as quickly as possible on which decisive action can be taken. I want you to know too that I am personally very grateful for the assistance you have offered me.

Incls: (See attached Appendix)

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APPENDIX TO LETTER OF 20 MARCH 1947

1. Attached for your information and evaluation are the following reports:

- ✓ Intelligence Reports Nos. 1001-1008 incl., 1010-A-100 incl.
- ✓ Counterintelligence Reports Nos. 176-205 incl., 207, 208, 213, 216^{SS}, 220^A
- ✓ Evaluation Reports 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 57, 58
- ✓ Political Project No. 10
- ✓ General Projects Nos. 10, 12

2. It will be noted that certain omissions occur in the series. Such an omission indicates that a report of a previous date has been delayed in publication because a report of priority interest has been given precedence in publication.

3. It will also be noted that charts are referred to as "attached" in certain reports. These charts exist at this date only in original form but photographs of them are in the process of preparation.

4. Since all material referred to under paragraph 1 is composed of file copies, it is requested that the entire material be returned through appropriate channels to Lt. Colonel Deans.

* In accordance with instructions from Bossard this series of reports is being held in Heid. for evaluation. It will be sent in a later pouch.

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