

18. Lewis to Chief, Foreign Branch M (FBM), "Operation KEYSTONE," 9 September 1946, enclosing Lewis to Brigadier General Sibert, G-2, 6 September 1946

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To : Chief, Foreign Branch M
Strategic Services Unit, WD
Washington 25, D. C.

Intelligence Germany
X Keystone
X Fremde Heer Ost
X S/o Sibert.

1. Attached is a copy of our letter to General Sibert, subject of our paragraph 2 Cable. []

2. As General Sibert desires to discuss this with you and others in Washington, we are taking no further action until instructions arrive.

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CROSBY LEWIS
Chief of Mission

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*Shown to Gen
Sibert by Mr.
Lewis to Dept.*

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TO : Brigadier General Sibert, ONLY
A. C. of S., G-2 Division
USFET, APO 757

1. SSU, WD, Mission to Germany, is prepared to take over complete responsibility for the direction of the operation in which personnel of the FREMDE HEERE OST now held at the MIS Interrogation Center at Oberursel are involved subject to the following conditions:

a. That the three officers referred to as "handlers" by you and also Lieut. Colonel John Dean, who, it is understood, has been Operations Officer for you, be made available for use in the operation at least in the initial stages. They should be placed on orders attaching them to this Mission for a period of 90 days.

b. That the Commanding Officer, MIS Center, Oberursel, be notified of SSU responsibility for the non-American personnel involved (subject to the standing orders and procedures of the Center) and that he be requested to provide all normal facilities for interrogation.

c. That any other officers at USFET who have knowledge of this operation on the General Staff or Special Staff Section level or above likewise be informed that SSU is taking over the operation.

d. That all documents available at Oberursel and in the Office of the A. C. of S., G-2, USFET, concerning any member of this group, all reports that emanated from previous operations using this group, and all operational correspondence originated by your office or by your designated officers in charge of the operation be turned over to the Chief of Mission, SSU, WD, Mission to Germany, for study. Such of these documents as should be returned to G-2 or Oberursel can be returned after reproduction at Headquarters, SSU.

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General Sibert

6 September 1946

2. If these conditions are fulfilled, SSU will:
- a. Place the operation under direct control of the Chief, Intelligence Branch, SSU, WD, Mission to Germany, (Lieut. Colonel Gordon Stewart) and appoint Dr. Dana Durand or an equally qualified person as Operations Officer.
 - b. Recruit other personnel as the operation develops.
 - c. Study all available documents and supervise detailed CE interrogation of all individuals concerned now at Oberursel in order to establish accurately the background in intelligence work of these individuals, to obtain a complete picture of war-time operations of FREMDE HEERE OST, including names and personal data of the members of their agent nets for preliminary security vetting.
 - d. On the basis of a comprehensive analysis resulting from the above investigations, recommendations will be made to the Director, SSU, WD, Washington, as to the type and scope of operation that can be mounted and controlled using these individuals.

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GROSBY LEWIS
Chief of Mission

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