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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General S. J. Chamberlin  
Director of Intelligence  
General Staff, U. S. Army

This memorandum is written in the belief that the information  
herewith set forth may be of use and interest to you.

We are in receipt of the following statement from a reliable in-  
dividual residing in this country:

"... a certain operation, the details of which are  
not known, formerly developed out of Oberursel by  
Twelfth Army Group is now in danger of disintegrating  
completely and its valuable resources lost unless an  
effort is made to pull it together."

Since this Agency has no operation which would fit this descrip-  
tion, we assumed that it might refer to the project in Germany known as  
"Rusty". This belief tends to be substantiated by the following letter  
which was recently received by Mr. Samuel Bossard, one of our repre-  
sentatives [ ] and the gentleman who at one time studied the  
"Rusty" operation at General Vandenberg's behest:

"Dear Mr. Bossard: We are often speaking about you  
and the time you were with us. The reasons were frequent  
unnecessary business complications caused by a very  
dilatant management. In spite of that our firm develops  
very well, and our big boss told me just some days ago  
that our firm became a very important factor of the whole  
concern. But there are some dangerous points which have  
to be handled in the right way to prevent increasing dis-  
appointment and perhaps a strike of our employees. Anyway  
I need your personal advice as a friend concerning certain  
business questions if possible soon. Therefore I take the  
opportunity to invite you and to ask you to come to us to  
E. For some days as soon as you can. Please give notice  
to Eric when you will come. Hoping to see you soon.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ E. Gummer"

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The foregoing letter was dated 29 July 1948 in Bern, Switzerland, and was undoubtedly written by General von Gehlen, who is the senior German officer in the "Rusty" operation. Obviously, Mr. Boardman has taken no action in response to the invitation contained in the letter.

*Signed*  
R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
REAR ADMIRAL, USN  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

*Att: Hand-carried by DCI*

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