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DCI to Maj. Gen. William E. Hall, USAF, "Operation Rusty," 22 December 1948

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TO : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe DATE: 28 December 1948

FROM :  Chief of Foreign Branch W

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operation Rusty  
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REFERENCE:

As a follow-up to reference memorandum, we are forwarding  
herewith, for your personal information only, a copy of a memo-  
randum which the Director wrote to General Hall. This will bring  
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22 December 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General William E. Hall, USAF

SUBJECT: Operation RUSTY

1. As a result of the discussions we had this afternoon, I am putting in writing the points agreed upon, in principle, between us concerning Operation RUSTY:

a. That the National Security Council be informed concerning Operation RUSTY.

b. That the National Security Council direct that the Central Intelligence Agency "take over" Operation RUSTY as to financial support, operational and administrative direction, etc., but that simultaneously the National Security Council further direct that the Central Intelligence Agency be given the same logistical support in Germany which the Army, the Air Force and other American agencies have been according the Operation to date.

c. That the Central Intelligence Agency finance Operation RUSTY on an annual budget not to exceed  in principle.

d. That it is understood by all interested agencies that, although the Central Intelligence Agency will run Operation RUSTY for the benefit of all U. S. occupation forces, it will have complete authority and control to handle the Operation.

e. That the Central Intelligence Agency be given a minimum period during which the current managements would continue on duty, but under control of Central Intelligence Agency representatives assigned to the project.

2. I am forwarding a copy of this memorandum to Major General S. LeRoy Irwin.

*Signed*

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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