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FROM : Chief of Base, Bonn [17]

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SPECIFIC— CARPETMAKER

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1. Although we have not yet been able to get from CARPETMAKER an evaluation of his trip, we have heard the outline - a somewhat expanded version of reference. He was pleasantly surprised by the schedule arranged for him, and was especially impressed by having seen Ascham, Knight and the chief of ODENVY. In regard to this latter visit, he said that the day before his departure, he had received from the local ODENVY representative here a formal invitation to visit ODENVY, although he did not realize at the time that it would include a visit to the director. In general, he felt he was treated beyond the requirements of his rank. He had many words of praise for those he met, and especially for [ ] with whom he spent the most time. His only criticism of the trip was that if he had it to do again he would request some free time each day so he could make notes on his experience and distil what he had learned. (This may be a useful guide in handling other visitors.) He now faces the prospect of having to do this post facto, which will be considerably more difficult for him. We intend to keep in sufficiently close touch to be able to observe his reactions to the trip once he has crystallized them out of the mass of his experiences.

2. In providing the action packed schedule for him, Headquarters has certainly done a fine job of strengthening the framework for our liaison here and thanks are in order to all who participated in making his visit a successful one. His own thanks are conveyed in a series of letters which are forwarded under separate cover to the appropriate addresses. He wrote privately to [ ] whose address he had.

3. In a separate memo we are also sending the entire file on the [ ] file to COS for photographing. CARPETMAKER said he had a long talk with [ ] on this case but they were unable to reach agreement.

4. CARPETMAKER's position will make this trip of limited value to the German government as a whole. Although he can make recommendations to the Ministry, he is not in an exalted enough position to put much weight behind them. Bureaucracy being what it is, there will always be a number of higher officials who have not been to the U.S. and will never have an opportunity to go there, who will claim he has been dazzled by the chrome and black glass hucksterism and is not able to relate his experiences to the realities of Germany. As we have indicated in other correspondence, we feel that for the sake of the internal security picture here, there are some other key people on a slightly higher plane who should also be invited to the U.S. We will shortly come up with a suggested time table and short list of suitable people as well as proposals as to who should issue the invitations. Only with such a planned program, we believe, can a regard for sound policies be instilled in responsible officials.
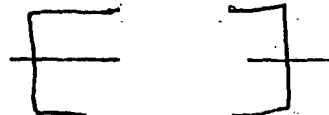
5. As has been indicated in a separate cable, CARPETMAKER did indeed show a lively interest in the defense against audio-surveillance, and appears to think that his organization should be entrusted with it in the Federal Republic, although he recognizes the obstacle posed by the fact that the BfV is in effect the National Security Organization. He apparently did not understand that he was formally to make a request for aid, nor was it clear through him, what form General Erskine's assistance is intended to take. We will probe further on this whole subject after talking to the ODACID Security chief here.

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