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Major General Jos W. Kelly, USAF  
Director, Legislative Liaison  
Department of the Air Force  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Kelly:

Reference is made to your letter dated 12 April 1955, which transmitted to my office the request of Herr Böhm, the chairman of a German air force veterans' organization, that the United States government sponsor an orientation trip to the United States for members of his organization. It was suggested in your letter that the Central Intelligence Agency and the office of the German Defense Commissioner would be the appropriate offices to take final action.

I am forwarding the correspondence pertaining to this matter to my representative in Germany with the suggestion that Herr Böhm be advised that the Blank Office is the agency of the German government through which requests of this type should be brought to the attention of the United States government.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Allen W. Dallas

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Director

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A review of the information available to us on Herr Röm's organization, Der Luftaffening e. V., indicates that it is one of the less significant German veterans' organizations. There seems to be no basis on which an orientation trip for its members at the expense of the United States government could be justified.

With your concurrence, I will forward the correspondence pertaining to this matter to my representative in Germany with the suggestion that Herr Röm should be advised that his request was considered by the appropriate authorities in Washington, that it was turned down because budgetary limitations preclude orientation trips for private individuals, and that the Blank Office is the agency of the German government through which requests of this type should be brought to the attention of the United States government.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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cc: [Redacted] (26 April 1955)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of the Air Staff  
Headquarters, USAF

ATTENTION : Colonel Loesch

SUBJECT : Letter of Appreciation

1. As Chairman of the Watch Committee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, I wish to express to you and your staff the appreciation of the committee members for the prompt and efficient manner in which the area now designated as Room BC 956 was rehabilitated and equipped to accommodate our working staff, the National Indications Center. During the period October 1954 through February 1955 certain members of your office were instrumental in providing us a working area in the Pentagon much sooner than could normally be expected if the project had been handled in a routine fashion. Your people -- those who were involved either directly or indirectly -- have been efficient, accommodating, and prompt in meeting requirements and deadlines. Without the continuous surveillance of your staff officers and the willingness displayed by their subordinates I am positive that the National Indications Center would not have been in full operation as soon as it was.

2. I wish especially to commend the work of the following personnel of your organization who, by their effective efforts and cooperation, contributed significantly to the successful completion of the project:

Lt. Col. R. Brannan  
D. W. Worley, Jr.  
M. J. Erlendson  
G. T. Miles  
Wendel Allen  
R. A. Wright

T/Sgt. James Lewis  
Arthur Rizzo  
Robert E. Lee  
C. E. Wilcomb  
John Puglisi

3. May I ask you to extend our thanks to your people for this well-done job.

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SIGNED

C. P. CABELL  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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