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Dear Bill:

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I have held up answering your letter of 1 September which was delivered to me by [redacted] until I could have a talk with [redacted]. He came in last Thursday and discussed the whole problem—what he expects to do, etc., etc. After his exposition, I regret that we shall be unable to turn over [redacted] and [redacted] to your new outfit. [redacted] wants these three people on his staff, and, supported as he is by HICOG and the Department of State, the only thing we can do is to agree. Consequently, we have arranged for [redacted] to remain with [redacted] for a tentative period to get his organization running. As regards [redacted] he, too, will be assigned to [redacted] outfit provided he still desires to remain in Germany. In view of [redacted] personal predicament, he may wish to come home, and in that case we couldn't possibly stand in his way. Otherwise, the three will remain with [redacted] certainly for the time being.

I am sorry that a more favorable answer can't be given to your letter, but I shall look forward very much to seeing you when you return, and perhaps we can arrange something then.

With very best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 9/19 thru ER
R. H. Hillenkoetter (sealed)
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

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