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TO : DCI

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FROM : C/EE

SUBJECT: Vice Chancellor and Minister of Economics, Ludwig ERHARD

1. CIA has had no official or unofficial relationship with him.
2. His file indicates that he speaks English. This is confirmed by a senior EE Division officer who has heard him converse in English.
3. Although Gehlen has admired Erhard's economic policies, there has never been a close relationship of any kind. I have never heard of an instance in which Erhard either opposed or supported Gehlen. In fact, Erhard has never been associated with intelligence activities in Germany.

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