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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit of German Chief of ZIPPER  
to United States

1. When it was decided some moths ago that selected ZIPPER staff members have the opportunity of visiting the United States, our senior representative with ZIPPER, James Critchfield, offered Reinhard Gehlen the first opportunity to accept such an invitation. Gehlen declined the offer and stated he would be happy to make the trip as soon as the ZIPPER-West German Government problem appeared to be under control. At the same time he urged that planning proceed for visits to the United States by his subordinates.

2. Gehlen has now suggested that he visit the United States in September. Since his trip can obviously produce a variety of political embarrassments, I recommend that you discuss the advisability of it with General Truscott and Gordon Stewart during your forthcoming trip to Germany.

3. Attached hereto is a summary of James Critchfield's views on the proposed visit of Gehlen to this country.

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