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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

Attention:

Chief, Foreign Division M

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Personal Letter for Dr. Schneider

Attached are two envelopes containing identical copies of a personal letter from Mr. Critchfield to Dr. Schneider. Items of operational interest (paragraphs 3 and 4) contained have been extracted and appear in the report on Richter's visit to the USA now ready for forwarding to you. It is requested that the sealed envelope be delivered to Dr. Schneider and that the second copy be filed with other correspondence with Dr. Schneider in my care.

J. Critchfield

Attachments: 2

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Washington, D. C.
30 October 1951

Dear Doctor Schneider,

Since your departure a fortnight ago, I have been in Washington concentrating on the problems that require action here before I return to Europe. Foremost of these problems are, of course, the involvements related to the contractual agreement negotiations and the rather pressing attendant financial matters. I am reasonably optimistic that a solution to our immediate financial problems can be reached in the near future.

I have been following the discussions between the Bonn government and the Western Allies with much interest. I fear that there are still many unresolved differences and misunderstandings involved in the discussions related to the contractual agreement; a recent personal letter from Mr. Pleasants did not reflect a particularly optimistic outlook. I am increasingly anxious to be back to make any contribution possible to minimize these differences and misunderstandings. However, it does not appear that I will be sailing until sometime in December.

It appears that the matter which brought Roger to the United States has again been dropped into my hands. It appears that the General whom you met on 8 October learned of the matter and discussed it with the General with whom you had the talk on the 25th of September. They agreed that my organization would assume responsibility for representing the United States Government interest in continuing the negotiation with the Athenium Institute represented by Mr. Roger. This arrangement, it was felt, would not basically modify the nature of the negotiating privately and independently initiated by Mr. Roger; but would offer the most expeditious and secure means of coordinating these negotiations, with our and your more specific interests.

Would you kindly convey this information to Mr. Roger. The plans for the travel of two technicians to Germany has not been altered by this arrangement; however, I have been informed that the trip will be delayed until late November or early December due to other pressing commitments.

The trip through the United States with you and Heins was for me a pleasant and significant experience which, I feel, further strengthened the bond of personal friendship and professional understanding that has characterized our association during the past three years.

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I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to my return to Germany. Please give the gentlemen of your staff my warmest regards and assure them that their contributions to assist Mr. Gengelmen's efforts to keep us fully advised of existing problems, both professional and personal, have been most helpful. I look forward to seeing all of you sometime before Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Critchfield

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