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Dear General Gehlen:

I should like to express my personal appreciation for the fine efforts of your ELINT staff in the conduct of the schnellboat operation off the Baltic Coast. Although the third generation of the Soviet surface-to-air missile system (SA-3) has been in existence for some time, extensive ELINT collection programs had been unsuccessful in intercepting this signal. As a result of BND and U. S. analysis of the unidentified signals collected by the schnellboat, we have, at least for the moment, established the best candidate for the SA-3 associated fire control system; at a minimum, it is a new and unusual signal of major interest.

This is another splendid example of the benefits to be derived from our continued liaison with respect to ELINT matters.

Very truly yours,

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