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Dear Mr. Helms,

I wish to thank you very much for your kind letter of September 1st. I appreciate very much your friendly remarks about our service. But in response I should stress that we all are extremely happy about the choice your President made in appointing you head of the CIA.

I thank you for your kind invitation, and I am looking forward to see you in November, if nothing happens which may make it necessary for me to stay here. As you know the situation from the German domestic policy point of view is at present a bit labile. Eventual changes within the German Government would keep me here for a while as I explained more detailedly to Mr. Cline. After all, I hope I will be able to make the trip in November, and I may suggest an approximate date during the middle of October.

All good wishes for success in your heavy task and many regards to all our friends in your organization.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

*R. Gehlen*