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Dear Frank:

I am glad to learn that your efforts to bring Gustav Hilger to this country for work with CIA have been successful. I knew him in Moscow during the time that he was Economic Counselor of the German Embassy. I regard him as one of the few outstanding experts on Soviet economy and Soviet politics. He had not only a scholarly background on Soviet subjects but has had long practical experience in analyzing and estimating Soviet operations on a day-to-day basis.

I hope the Department of State may be provided with copies of any studies which Mr. Hilger produces under your direction.

Because the humane and decent thing is sometimes overlooked in the operations of governmental bureaucracy, it may not be out of place for me to observe that I think you have done the right thing in arranging for Mr. Hilger's family to accompany him to the United States.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Kennan

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