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Professor Sherman Kont Yale University New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Professor Kent:

I am desirous of setting up a program whereby I can, from time to time, call upon experienced people in the field of intelligence to consult with me regarding certain problems connected with this Agency.

In view of all the experience you have had in the field of intelligence research, I am wondering if it would be possible for you to come to Washington at our expense, in the near future and at your convenience, to talk with me. I would also very much like to have you make a survey of our research and estimates work, with a view to making suggestions which might be helpful in its improvement.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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YALE UNIVERSITY Department of History New Haven, Conn.

16 Jan 1948

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

If convenient with you, I will check in at CIA at the opening of business Monday 26 January. I can put in all of Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, if you think if necessary. I must be back here for an engagement on Thursday, but should you want me to come down again I will have free time again in the next week.

Would you let me know your wishes and indicate whom you would like me to see - on checking in. I will need some pretty explicit briefing on your requirements.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Sherman Kent

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21 January 1948

Dr. Sherman Kent Yale University Department of History New Haven, Conn.

Dear Dr. Kent:

Thank you very much for your letter of 16 January which arrived only this morning. I think it would be more convenient if you come to my office at 18th & F Street, 7th floor, on Monday, 26 January, and start off from here. I think you can finish your work completely by Wednesday or perhaps even before.

I am looking forward to seeing you next Monday morning around nine and until then beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

R. H. Hillenkoetter Rear Admiral, USN Director of Central Intelligence

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