

33. Samuel Bossard to [Galloway], 17 March. 1947

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Mr. [ ]  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. [ ]

My first inspection of the establishment at Oberursel and preliminary discussions with Lt. Colonel Deane and the German chiefs of his organization have convinced me that we should in no way neglect the potentialities of this operation. It has also become evident that I must concentrate my attention on the operation as it now exists, and its possible use to CIC in the future.

I am in no position of course without the benefit of elaborate records from other sources to evaluate the current product as I feel it should be evaluated before any decision is made on recommendations which I will submit later. In every way therefore it seemed advisable to Lt. Colonel Deane and myself that the current product should be separately evaluated by CIC experts at various Washington desks in order that the value which they set on the product be weighed against the risks which CIC will have to face if it is to exploit sections or the whole of the operation in the future.

I should like to point out that in interviews with all the top level officers of Intelligence Branch, G-2, USFET, who are acquainted with the operation, I have been assured that the positive product is not only satisfactory but essential to their needs, and they would consider the loss of this source a matter of serious concern. I have also had the benefit of the derogatory criticisms of CIC and CIB, G-2, USFET, regarding the security of the operation, but I have learned at the same time that CIB considers the CI product reliable and valuable.

Lt. Colonel Deane and I have consequently arranged with the approval of G-2, USFET, to have the attached reports sent to you for your action according to the instructions in WASH 390. It was also agreed that after this date CIC would receive through the same channels a distribution of the material as it is now being received by IB and CIB, G-2, USFET. The letter to [ ] will make clear any actions with Heidelberg in the matter.

I can assure you that my final appraisal of RUSTY will rest

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on first hand experience and all information and opinion I  
am able to collect from the various authorities concerned.

Sincerely yours,

[ ]

SAMUEL BOSSARD

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