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75. Chief, FBM to COS, Karlsruhe, "Operation Rusty," 24 December 1948

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TO: Chief of Station, Karlsruhe  
FROM: General, Foreign Division  
SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operation Rusty  
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Attached hereto is a copy of the memorandum which we prepared for [ ] in preparation for the discussion with General Hall which took place on 22 December 1948. [ ] presented orally the provisions outlined, and General Hall expressed himself as willing to go along with all of them. He noted, however, that it would be necessary for him to clear the action recommended in 3 (A) with both General Clay and General Irwin. When this has been done, steps will be taken to present the matter to the NSG.

The conversation with General Hall went off in a most amicable atmosphere. He stated that he was extremely interested in the future of Rusty and that he would personally see to it that sufficient logistical support were forthcoming to support it if and when we take it over.

Please file the attachment to this memorandum most securely inasmuch as it contains references to this organization and comments which we would not want to be seen by individuals other than yourself. We are forwarding the memorandum, because we felt it would be useful for you to see the basic philosophy which [ ] presented to General Hall on this matter. This is not a completely official paper inasmuch as General Hall did not read it. It does, however, express our views.

Incidentally, General Hall was most complimentary about you and your colleagues in Berlin with whom he deals. He strikes us as a man who is going to emphasize teamwork without attempting to run your show. In fact, he made the specific comment that he had "no illusions about the command channel" as far as your relationship with Washington Headquarters is concerned. In other words, he knows you will work on the team but he is not going to attempt to direct your efforts.

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