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Dear Dr. Nordstrom:

My apologies for not answering your letter regarding Dr. Helmut Ruska before this but I have been investigating the matter and gathering additional factual data that I am sure you will be pleased to have available.

Lt. Colonel Gerald W. Crabbe, my deputy, is hand carrying this letter to you for the information it contains as well as to pay my compliments to you and explain some of the implications attending the operations which we are conducting. He is in a position to brief you orally on any phase of the operation on this end and show you a compilation of our policies, procedures, and programs which may clarify any specialized situation. Should Colonel Crabbe not be in possession of any facts that you desire, I have instructed him to communicate with me by TXR and I will clearly inform you.

[] of the CIA is in receipt of a letter dated 1 February 1952 from Karl H. Weber, their representative in Europe. It treats with cases similar to that mentioned in your letter. Although there are smatterings of truth in the allegations, for the most part they are unfounded and in several instances where specialists have written back to Europe in the same vein and have been questioned about their letters, they admitted that they had been either misquoted or their letters had been mistranslated for in no instance have we had a direct complaint from a specialist here in the United States.

I would like to outline in general the procedure followed by the specialist upon his arrival and certain requirements which may occasionally give rise to criticism by the individual; nevertheless, we must abide by the rules and regulations of the Department of State, Immigration and Naturalization, as well as U.S. security laws.

Upon arrival, the specialists are given very fine accommodations at

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the Hotel Alsace, at 71st St. and Broadway, New York City. This hotel was selected purposely since it is in the heart of the Yorkville Community of New York City, which, as you undoubtedly know, is the center of the German speaking area of Manhattan. Restaurants, churches, rathskellers, hofhaus and other entertainment of a German nature that may appeal to them are close by.

Heretofore, the scientist arriving in New York was under military custody since he entered the country without an immigration visa and custody was required by the Immigration Service. It should be pointed out, however, that this military custody was more of a form than anything else since the man was not under constant surveillance by an agent of the government. It was merely a means of assuring the specialist's well being as well as complying with the Immigration authorities' request. The new procedure recently adopted to obtain an immigration visa prior to his entry will eliminate the objections the scientist may have to military custody. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have special authority in the Code of Federal Regulations (Title 22) to request priority treatment for immigration of these specialists.

Initially there was a delay in the employment of those individuals whose work would involve the use of classified material or information and a security clearance was necessary. This delay should be reduced by a recent directive from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Since government funds are used to bring these people to the United States, one of the requirements is that each of the three military departments be given a chance to interview and determine whether a vacancy exists in their technical services to exploit the talents of the specialist. There has been and will continue to be some delay on this phase since the matter of processing government contracts, funding, personnel ceilings imposed by Congress and other factors are time consuming. Although the three military departments are given priority on the specialist, interviews are permitted and encouraged with civilian industry and in most cases, the specialist selects a private firm for employment. Once the specialist has made a decision, every effort is made to assist him in locating an assignment befitting his talents.

The attached list shows the specialists we have brought in under "Project 63", the work they are doing, or for what they are being interviewed, as well as the salary received. It should be noted that in the case of Erwin Mueller, he was offered a contract by the Army Signal Corps at \$7800 per annum immediately upon his arrival. Also, the Office of Naval Research offered him \$8000 per annum. He accepted neither of these contracts and made an attempt to get a better contract with civil industry and in which we have assisted him in all manner possible. This is only natural that an individual should attempt to obtain and accept the best possible offer he can, but it is in way of an explanation of why Mueller has been at loose ends with himself. In short, he has played both ends against the middle. However,

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we anticipate and consider these cases, and you will also see from the attached list that Dr. Mueller is scheduled to go to the University of California in a job such to his liking just as soon as the Air Force obtains the necessary authority to sub-allot their funds to pay his salary at that institution.

In the case of Dr. Schlichting, it is surprising to hear that he had any complaint, for upon his departure he said he thought "Project 63" was a splendid idea and would encourage his colleagues to accept the contracts if offered to them. Dr. Schlichting was deluged by requests for his services, not only by the technical services of the three military departments but air industry, educational institutions, and other research and development institutes throughout the United States. His reputation preceded him to the United States and all those who interviewed him were impressed by his knowledge. Unfortunately, Mrs. Schlichting was unable to adjust herself to the environs in New York and it is problematical that she would be able to adjust herself at any point in the United States. Dr. Schlichting stated that he had to accede to her desires, and furthermore, had heard that there was a possibility of reviving aeronautical research in Germany and he wanted to play a part in this field.

Professor Buska's statements regarding reimbursements for traveling expenses and travel are entirely incorrect, since there are ample funds available to JIOA over and above the salary paid to these specialists on their contracts which take care of their travel expenses and lodging when they are sent on interviews. His statements that the military does not see the idea of specialists looking around privately is also contrary to the facts as the records (see attached) will show that the majority of arrivals are employed by private industry. The closing sentence of Professor Buska's letter, "We are getting along very nicely ourselves but that is something that cannot be assumed by everybody," is, in my opinion, proof positive that his letter is more of a gossip nature than a statement of facts.

For your personal information, I have had all of our lists reviewed by the technical services of the three military departments and each list has been reduced by approximately one third. I hope to reduce the lists still further after receipt of the recommendations of the members of the joint team which Col. Grabbe presently has in Europe.

During the past six months I have had discussions with various members of the Department of State and CIA on the ramifications of "Project 63." The CIA, based on []'s recent reference letter, states that the Project could conceivably impair their sources of intelligence should key scientists be withdrawn. This, in my opinion, is a debatable issue and a balance must be obtained on whether the technical intelligence gained through the scientist in Germany or the proper exploitation of his talents in the United States should take precedence.

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Incidentally, I have requested and been promised a copy of your dispatch to the State Department concerning our activities with the federal republic.

I agree with you wholeheartedly that anything that would jeopardize our relations with the German scientists would not be in consonance with the wishes of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and I stand ready to correct any deficiency. Please be assured that you have my earnest cooperation, for I am sure I can rely upon yours.

Most sincerely yours,

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B. W. HECKEMEYER
Colonel, Armor
Director

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS - - - - "PROJECT 63" SPECIALISTS

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- Aust. **BRUEDA, Bothe**
Negotiating with GIBA Co., Summit, New Jersey. Fields of drugs, pharmaceuticals, anti-biotics, hormones, etc. *Ned Y 7/2*
Salary - To be determined.
- Aust. **DUSSIK, Karl**
Negotiating with Boston State Hospital, Boston, Mass. (Mental Institution)
Salary - To be determined.
NOTE: Now on duty with this hospital which is deeply interested in subject's abilities.
- Aust. **GANTSCHNIGG, Gottfried**
Employed at Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore, Md. (Aircraft Industry)
Salary \$505. per mo.
- Aust. **GREIL, Karl**
Employed at Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore, Md. " "
Salary \$505. per mo.
- Aust. **GUERTH, Frits**
Employed at Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, Calif.
Salary \$23.08 per day.
- Ger. **GUNDLACH, Franz**
Employed at Wright Air Development Center, Wright-Patterson AF Base
Salary \$450. per mo.
- Ger. **HARRIES, Wolfgang**
Negotiating with Bell Aircraft Industries; (also commitment from Distillation Products, Rochester, New York)
Salary \$7500. per annum (approx)
NOTE: Position assured at either company.
- Ger. **HELMHOLD, Heinrich**
Employed at University of Wichita, Kansas (Navy contract)
Salary \$8,000. per annum.
- Aust. **HINTEREGGER, Hans**
Employed at Cambridge AF Research Center, Cambridge, Mass.
Salary \$600. per mo. (approx)
- Ger. **MUELLER, Erwin**
Negotiating with University of California (Berkeley) (Aircraft). Very good offer in which he is interested.
Salary - To be determined.
NOTE: Air Force now requesting sub-allotment of funds for the university for this contract.
- Ger. **RUSKA, Helmut**
Negotiating contract with N.Y. State Public Health Service
Salary \$6,000. per annum (approx)
NOTE: Civil Defense program-directors of State Health Services are anxious to obtain personnel with this type of experience.

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- Ger. TUEBBECKE, Julian
Contract awaiting approval by Under Secretary of Army for
Ordnance employment.
Salary \$7200. (approx)
- Aust. UNDESSER, Karl
Employed at Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore, Md. (Aircraft Industry)
Salary \$550. per mo. (approx)
- Aust. WENDEL, Ernst
Has offer from Chicago Land/Air as Asst. to Director (Technical Advisor)
Salary \$7200. per annum

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