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A. EGBA 65370, 1 October 1960

For your information

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B. EGPA 31965, 28 September 1960

1. As a result of a lack of agreement between FOB and BOB neretional letters should be transmitted to BOB, went to Berlin TDY on 8 November to discuss the problem thoroughly with BOB representatives. FOB had researched the matter of pouching versus mailing by APO, but knowing nothing about the reception and distribution procedures in each case at the Berlin end, we decided that a personal discussion could best resolve the matter.

- 2. It has been agreed that henceforth FOB will transmit operational letters via APO using the address provided in Reference A. FOB will also use an appropriate return address to assure fixt letters which may be missent will be returned to our hands.
- 3. At the same time that a letter is mailed, FOB will send BOB a Transmittal Manifest advising when the letter was received by the accommodation address, from which agent it was received, when it was received at FOB, and when it was mailed at the APO. The transmittal manifest will enable both FOB and BOB to keep appropriate records of operational mail received and transmitted, and will also enable BOB to ascertain whether any letters have not been received.
- 4. Contrary to information previously received, there is no APO air service between Frankfurt and Berlin, and all APO mail originating in Frankfurt goes to Berlin by rail. We have confirmed, however, that all mail addressed to Berlin which is in the hands of the Prankfurt APO by 1600 will go to Berlin that same evening on the duty train. Furthermore, there is APO mail pickup on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, so that letters which are received by FOB on Friday evening or Saturday can be expected to be in the hands of BOB on the following Monday morning.
- 5. FOB will put the above system into effect immediately. We believe that this system will prove satisfactory to all concerned in that it will assure rapid transmittal of operational letters to Berlin and allow for essential record keeping with a minimum of paper work.

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