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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

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SUBJECT: Visit of General Gehlen

1. This memorandum is for your information.
2. General Gehlen arrives in Washington on 24 April for his first visit in about eighteen months. After a week of briefings here he will depart for SAC Headquarters on the 30th where he will be briefed on 1 May. A copy of the agenda for the visit is attached for your information.
3. We plan to concentrate in the talks we hold with him on two principal themes:
  - a. Soviet military and scientific and technological intelligence targets, emphasizing the utilization of the German civilian community (businessmen, scientists, etc.) as a means of collection against these Soviet targets;
  - b. Intelligence and political action objectives in Africa and the Near East, with emphasis upon direct cooperation in certain areas.
4. The principal officers with whom he will be in touch during his visit will be: from the DDP - [redacted], Mr. Helms, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Critchfield, [redacted], [redacted], Mr. Lucid, [redacted] and the undersigned; from the DDI - Mr. Amory and [redacted] and area specialists who will present substantive briefings on the Soviet Union, the Near East and Africa.

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5. General Gehlen will be welcomed by you on Monday, 24 April, at 1530 hours. On Thursday evening, 27 April, he will be your dinner guest at the Alibi Club, and then on Friday, 28 April, at 1500 hours, an hour has been set aside to enable you to have more substantive conversation with him. There follows a list of subjects that you may wish to touch on during your conversation with him:

a. The increased strength and stature of his organization:

The Federal Government has authorized General Gehlen to proceed with a five-year plan of expansion and development. Thus in 1965 when the plan is completed, the BND should be one of the strongest intelligence agencies in the Western world.

b. Continuing need for military intelligence from the Sino-Soviet Bloc:

We have been gratified to note that the Army in Germany has recently expressed its considerable satisfaction with the BND's military reporting. This remains one of the most useful and important tasks performed by the German service and should have our wholehearted support.

c. Our interest in African and Near Eastern operations of the BND:

The Federal Government has authorized the expenditure of 7,000,000 DM in support of pro-Western elements in the Congo. We feel that Germany as a power with no recent colonial connections can make a contribution in assisting and guiding underdeveloped countries.

d. Berlin:

We attach great importance to the effort that the Germans can make singly and in concert with the U.S. and our allies to contribute to a stable and normal life for the populace in Berlin. We will continue to require early warnings of a most accurate and specific nature concerning planned Soviet or East German moves against the population or communications of West Berlin.

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e. Cuba, Laos, South Vietnam, and the Congo:

General Gehlen will undoubtedly appreciate very much hearing from you any statement that you think appropriate concerning any or all of these trouble spots.

f. Eichmann trial:

Chancellor Adenauer has apparently given General Gehlen the task of following the Eichmann trial as closely as possible. He would probably be pleased to give you his evaluation of its probable course and effect, as well as an opinion as to whether anything particularly surprising is likely to emerge which might have an effect on the Western psychological position.

g. University of Human Rights:

It would be useful to hear from General Gehlen what progress has been made by the group with which he was associated in the organization of a University of Human Rights, about which he wrote you a letter early in the year.

h. IL-18 Crash:

The BND was extremely efficient in handling the recent IL-18 crash in Bavaria for the benefit of the intelligence community. Through the BND we received one of the motors for Air Force technical analysis. It would be appropriate to express appreciation to General Gehlen for this assistance to the U.S. intelligence community in Germany.

i. Counterintelligence:

One of the officers who will accompany Gehlen to Washington, [redacted], is spending the week with us in very detailed conversations concerning leads from the high-level Polish intelligence defector we are now debriefing with respect to possible hostile penetration of the BND. This is not a subject to be gone into with General Gehlen in depth; however, we have been pleased by his determined approach to this security threat. He appreciates our having provided the leads and supporting data to him.

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6. A copy of this memorandum less subparagraph 5 (i) has been forwarded to the DDI, C/NE, C/AF, C/SR, and C/FI/D.

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Attachment:  
Agenda for General Gehlen

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