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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Chief, Eastern European Division
SUBJECT: General Karl Wolff

Attached is a letter from the former German General Karl Wolff which you forwarded recently to [redacted] for comment. Attached also is a translation.

I have delayed commenting on General Wolff's letter until we could complete traces on him and particularly on Eugen Dollmann with whom General Wolff states he collaborated in preparing an article to be published in the near future dealing with the 1945 surrender of the German Army in Italy.

Traces on General Wolff reveal very little current information; he has lived in relative retirement since the end of the war. However, there is considerable information on Dollmann who was barred from Germany at the end of the war and has lived since that time in Switzerland, Austria, Italy and most recently in Spain. He has been under frequent attack, particularly by communist groups, for alleged neo-Nazi activities and it was because of such an attack in 1952 which almost cost Dollmann his life that Italian authorities forced him to flee to Spain. Several months ago he attempted to re-enter Germany under an assumed name to attend a meeting but was apprehended on arrival and expelled. His present whereabouts is unknown but we do know he has recently been in touch with representatives of Life regarding an article on Hitler's secret papers.

If you are not already familiar with the attached report of Dollmann's interrogation in 1945, you may be interested in reading the part dealing with the surrender of the German Army in Italy since it may contain some impressions which will appear in the article he and General Wolff have prepared.

We will be very interested in receiving a copy of General Wolff's article. I would suggest a reply to him, thanking him for informing you of the article and expressing your interest in receiving a copy of it.

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