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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Mr. Berthold Beitz, His Wish to See the DCI,
Ref PARI 4762 (IN 10187) 21 January 1959

1. This is for the information only of the DCI.
2. Mr. Berthold Beitz is presently General Manager of the Krupp Industries and reportedly holds power of attorney from the principal owner, Mr. Alfried Krupp, for use in all matters concerning the Krupp enterprises. A brief biographic sketch is attached. Mr. Beitz speaks fair English.
3. To the best of our knowledge, the DCI has never met Mr. Beitz, nor has the Agency ever had any operational contact with him. [] met Mr. Beitz at the home of U. S. Minister Tascas in Bonn in June 1958, just after Mr. Beitz had returned from a trip to Poland and the USSR. At that time Mr. Beitz expressed the views that Western trade with Poland should be pushed and that Bonn should establish diplomatic relations with Poland.
4. The specific reasons why Mr. Beitz wishes to see the DCI are not known; we are seeking any information on this score available to the German Station. Speculative possibilities include the following subjects:
 - a. General Gehlen on his last U. S. trip mentioned that his office had contacted Mr. Beitz concerning the technical problems involved in West German manufacture of the spare parts for Soviet military equipment in the hands of the Egyptians; objective: to reduce Soviet leverage on the Egyptians.

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b. The person who told the (see Ref) that Mr. Beitz wished to see the DCI was Stavros NIARCHOS, multi-millionaire brother-in-law of CHASSIS. NIARCHOS is interested in a steel mill project involving U. S. participation; the Krupp firm may also have some interest in the mill. The U. S. Department of State and DDP/EE/Greece are familiar with the matter. We understand from Mr. Chief/Greece, that a memorandum on this steel mill matter was sent to the DCI about two months ago.

c. The Krupp Industries, under the initiative of Mr. Beitz, have advanced the concept of an international private capital "Point IV" program.

c. "Decartelization" problems of Krupp.

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Chief
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1 Attachment:
Biographic Sketch

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BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH
of
Mr. Berthold Beitz

- Born: 26 September 1913, Zamlin, Pomerania, the son of a bank clerk.
- 1938: Clerk, Shell Oil Co., Hamburg, Germany
- 1939: Director of a small oil firm (name unknown)
- 1940: Appointed manager of Shell Oil fields at Boryslaw, Poland
- 1944: Inducted into German army (highest rank - Sergeant)
- 1946: Appointed (by British Occupation Authorities) as Deputy Chairman, Insurance Control Board for British Zone (of Germany)
- 1949: General Manager of Iduna Germania AG, a life insurance company of Hamburg
- 1953: Became general representative of Krupp Industries
- 1954: Became a plenipotentiary for Krupp
- 1955: Became senior plenipotentiary and General Manager for Krupp

Mr. Beitz, one of the most phenomenal of the "phenomenal young men" of post-war West Germany, has made frequent post-war business trips to the U. S. He went to Poland in March 1958 and the USSR in May 1958. He reportedly received a particularly cordial reception in Poland due to his humanitarian treatment of Poles during the war. He is married and has two daughters. He is reportedly a member of the Free Democratic Party.

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