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Mr. Dulles:

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 Mr. Richard Sallet of Germany called to say he has a letter of introduction to you from Mr. Philip Marshall Brown of South Carolina. Mr. Sallet will be in Washington for a few days and would like to see you.

I called the Division re info on Mr. Sallet, and they said they have quite a file on him; at one time one of our people was in touch with him but for a variety of reasons they decided not to pursue the matter. He is a rather controversial figure, and there is a great deal in his background which indicates a dubious character.

Mr. Sallet has a lot of American friends and went to college in America. He spent some time in Washington before the war with the German diplomatic installation here.

Mr. Sallet was a member of the Nazi party, and was considered more or less a Nazi although he took great pains to deny this. After the war he tried to resume his American friendships and contacts.

The American Embassy in Germany does not take a very high view of this man and did not give him letters of introduction to people here. An official of the German Embassy called on the Department earlier this summer and said he wanted to make it clear that Mr. Sallet was not connected with the Embassy here. It is understood that Mr. Sallet did see Congressman Reece (Tennessee), and Senator Mundt on one of his visits to the States.

Mr. Sallet's present position is more or less that of a lobbyist for an interest group in Germany. It is possibly in this connection that he wishes to see you. Do you wish to see him? (Dupont 7-7320).

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*Above info from [redacted] of EE.  
 DCI did not see Mr. Sallet.*

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