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Up to the present time our missions in Central Europe have been devoting a major part of their operational energy to the procurement of testical intelligence for the benefit of USFET, USFA, OMIUS and POLAD. The nature of the information which is currently being received is indicated in the attached memorandum of targets from Mr. Helms. Also attached is a letter from General Clay describing in detailed terms the type of information with which he would like to be supplied on a confirming basis. which he would like to be supplied on a continuing basis.

In view of the mission of the Office of Special Operations "the conduct " " of all organized Federal espionage and counter-espionage outside the United States and its possessions for the collection of foreign intelligence information required for the national security, it appears intelligence information required for the national security, it appears highly desirable to reorient our field operations toward a long-range strategic objective rather than toward the short-range tactical type of intelligence procurement. In order to regroup and realign our field operators and operations toward the proper objective, it will be necessary to reduce our local commitments to General Clay as well as other local customers. Specifically this will involve an elimination of, or at best a reduction in, concentration upon those subjects in Mr. Helms! list which are checked. The major elimination involves cessation of collection of OB material which requires a widely distributed operational effort and commitment of personnel not germane to our primary mission.

It is fully realized that we cannot entirely eliminate operations on those targets which are of importance to General Clay if he feels that information on them can be obtained in no other way. It appears essential, therefore, that you discuss this matter with General Clay with a view, (a) explaining to him our long-range mission, and (b) to securing his reaction to the elimination of tactical intelligence operations now employing the major energies of our field units.

General Clay's personal familiarity with our work is probably largely limited to the operations of the Berlin Unit. With this in mind, it may seem desirable to go into considerable detail concerning the extent of our operations and our general commitment to supply the intelligence need of major customers in Washington as opposed to the limited commitment to field representations of those major customers.

You may also believe it desirable to introduce personally to General Clay the representative of the German Mission.
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cicularly appropriate since a new chief of mission is being appointed in the person of Mr. Gordon Stewart. Mr. Stewart has been in Germany over an extended period and is completely familiar with both the potentialities and actualities of our operations in the area concerned.

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