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From: U.S. Naval Attache and Naval Attache for Air, Bonn, Germany  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (Attn: Director of Naval Intelligence)

Subj: Coordination with U.S. Naval Attache in Germany by other U.S. Naval activities

Ref: (a) COMNAVGER IR No. 27F56  
(b) NCL(DNI) 1-56, page E-3, Missions & Tasks

Encl: (1) U.S. Mission to NATO & European Regional Organizations (USRO) ltr ser N-00146 of 13 Feb 1956

1. The enclosed letter from the Navy Member, Mutual Weapons Development Team is a second letter from this activity, the first being reference (a). These letters seem to be an attempt by General LARKIN and Admiral KELLEY to divorce the Naval Attache from any knowledge of MWDB matters and to interfere with the established relations with ONR (now working smoothly including S&T).

2. The Ambassador has taken the position that all R&D matters in Germany will be coordinated with the Attaches so that (1) there will be no research gaps or duplication of efforts between services, and, (2) proper relations with the German Government will be maintained through the Ambassadors Office. It would appear that data in paragraph 1. of enclosure (1) is at variance with the original stand of the Ambassador if data in paragraph 1. is fully correct.

3. Germany is at this time a special situation. While the Naval Attache's primary mission is intelligence, the ten year "holiday" in research by Germany requires special handling. This special handling can be best done through personnel attached to the Attache, coordinating all the various "Teams", "Committees", "Branches", "Forces", etc. The German Navy has turned to the Naval Attache for advice on R&D matters and the German Navy has been very free with information of their plans for the future. They regard the Naval Attache as the direct representative of ONO on all matters (see reference (b)). Only lack of personnel in the Attache's office has hampered further

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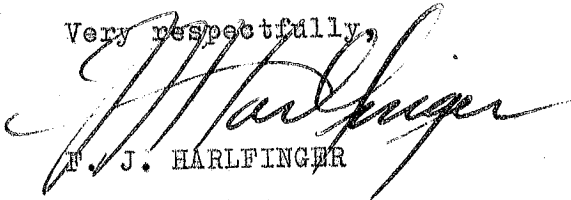
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development of this promising field. It is through this field that the Attache's value for their primary mission will be enhanced in future years, i.e. through the greater contact coverage offered by German R&D. German R&D is and will be for years conducted through civilian contracts let by Section Eleven of the Defense Department, located in Koblenz. These contracts will be located geographically in all parts of Germany. From just the Navy point of view, neither the MWDP, the MAAG, the S&T Team nor the Attaches could possibly separately properly cover all the potential R&D interest in Germany. A joint effort with free exchange of information coordinated by the Naval Attache in conjunction with the Air and Army Attache is the only feasible solution.

4. Admiral M. R. KELLEY, USN (Ret) has stated that he has written many letters of the type referred to above to important people in Defense, Navy and other Departments.

5. Your views would be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

  
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UNITED STATES MISSION  
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NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION  
AND EUROPEAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
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From: Navy Member, Mutual Weapons Development Team  
To: Commanding Officer, Office of Naval Research Branch, London  
Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy Scientific and Technical Unit,  
Frankfurt

Subj: ONR Contracts or other U.S. Navy R&D contracts in West Germany;  
request for information on

1. In a conference on 10 February at Bonn between the Ambassador and the Director of the Mutual Weapons Development Program, it was agreed by the Ambassador that MWDP business in West Germany would be handled outside the sphere of activities of the respective U. S. military attaches. The question of ONR London's activities in the monitoring of Navy MWDP projects, however, seemed to present an inconsistency because the Ambassador stated that he had required ONR London to go through the U. S. Naval Attache in the conduct of its business in West Germany. It is believed that the reasons for this requirement are based upon the position set out by the Director of the Mutual Weapons Development Program in a memorandum dated 11 February quoted below:

"In my meeting with Ambassador Conant 10 February he stated that although the R&D contracts in Germany dealt with basic research, such was not true of ONR which had no such projects but had contracts primarily for material and items. He said the same was true of the Navy set up in Frankfurt which he referred to as STW (?).

"Is Dr. Conant correct or incorrect in his views regarding Navy research activities in Germany?"

2. It is requested that information be supplied the undersigned on which to base a reply to General Larkin's question above.

M. R. KELLEY

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