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Brigadier General E. C. Betts  
Office of the Theater Judge Advocate  
Headquarters, USFET

My dear General Betts:

As in the case of Guido Zimmer about whom I have written you this date, I am attaching to this letter a memo from Mr. Gaevernitz who worked with the Chief of OSS in Switzerland, concerning Baron von Haniel, son of the former German Ambassador to Washington. As you will see from this memo, Baron von Haniel joined the SS in 1935 but left it in 1941.

You will see from this statement the services rendered by von Haniel to the Allied cause. In view of this, it would be only fair to take this into consideration in the event that proceedings should be instituted against him.

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Major General, U.S.A.

Attachment