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Dear Fletcher

One page 11, of your JFK, which I've just begun, you say that "As World War II came to an ~~end~~ close, the long-range Cold War plan was already in existence... had to have originated from a center of power above the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin level..."

If you can find a copy of the biography of the chief of British intelligence, Menzies, titled "C," as all in that role were known, written by a former "Times" of London reporter whose name I have forgotten, you will see in it that as soon as France was invaded Churchill ordered him to refocus British intelligence, on the USSR. With the outcome of that invasion not yet clear or in any way certain.

Just before that you refer to the OSS getting some Nazis out of Roumania along with some of our POWs at the time of the Roumanian surrender to the Soviets. While I was never a spook in the OSS, I have a dim recollection of our stealing some 30 mailbags of Soviet records then, *from there.*

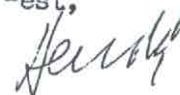
After all these years recollection is dim and perhaps undependable but as I recall after the Soviets occupied Austria we were caught in an invasion of some kind of intelligence nature, Army people in jeeps.

And I know very well that an OSS agent who was an AP reporter was caught by the Czechs. I've ~~forgot~~ forgotten his name. I spotted him because of a gross violation of tradecraft his instructors had not corrected when I was doing some research at one of our training camps near Quantico ^{He had} with rather distinctive eye glasses. That was not long after the invasion of France when I saw him there.

After the German surrender our army denied to State the existence of deposits of captured records it controlled that identified Nazis and those connected with Nazi policies. Because of my knowledge of those deposits I was asked to go see the then head of State intelligence, Sam Clouse, to tell him about them, the army having denied that they existed.

When the Italian partisans captured Mussolini they microfilmed a large collection of records he had with him. I was able to trace that microfilm to the Pentagon. All indications of its existence disappeared there.

Best,



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