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Lt. General Lucius Clay
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My dear General stop having worked for one month on Liberty Magazine story and several newspaper articles concerning masterfile of all Nazi partymembers anywhere on earth may I take the liberty of suggesting that you would find a personal inspection of this the greatest prize in documentary history worth your while stop thus far no one above Brigadier General Muller has seen these records and only personal examination will reveal magnitude of their ~~value~~ international political significance and the enormity of the task of putting them into usable order stop our failure to announce swift progress of work has already caused Germans to question validity of our find stop also common talk around Bavaria that we reluctant to expose our own Nazi citizens stop Lt. Col. Hensel C.O. of detachment who discovered master file fully cognizant of importance of these documents anxious to see them put to best possible use but up ^{to} ~~him~~ now received little or no co-operation stop for example having greatest difficulty in retaining five soldiers to guard records which millions of Nazi party members would like to destroy stop believe that after seeing these 24,000,000 cards and many thousands of related documents you would agree that these records should not be moved before duly ^{CATALOGUED} ~~catalogued~~ and that

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all available help should be speedily afforded men who found
them and who in almost 3 ^{MONTHS} ~~years~~ of work acquired much specialized
knowledge of both their purport and their complex character
stop-may I say that Col. Hensel a highly ~~conscientious~~ conscientious
officer whose interest in this matter ~~is~~ wholly impersonal in
no way responsible for this message stop I am sending it remindful of your
kind permission to contact you whenever issue at stake seemed
to warrant such step yours very sincerely Erika Mann

