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1. The above subject was possibly the foremost Nazi leader in operational psychological warfare against Russian troops and civilian population. He is best known as commander of the "Standarte Kurt Eggers" psychological warfare group.
2. In connection with this subject, there are attached:
 - a. A personality report on subject (TOP SECRET Personality Report, Sub-Region Warburg, CIC Region III, file: III-M-2085, dated 22 July 1948).
 - b. A questionnaire submitted through CIC to subject by us for the purpose of obtaining his views on certain points of operational interest.
 - c. Subject's reply to this questionnaire.
3. I am submitting the foregoing information to you because of the subject's prominent position in the field of positive operational psychological warfare against Russian targets and because of his present availability for work in our own field, either on an active basis or as a consultant specialist.
4. Subject is presently being "held" by CIC at a safe place. This protection is necessary because, as a prominent Nazi, he undoubtedly would be quickly picked up by the present German authorities and brought before a denazification court. If we desire the services of subject, CIC is willing to release him to us. Our liaison officer on this case has been []

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5. Any active use of subject by us would have to take into consideration the following fundamental factors:

a. The political implications of using a former powerful Nazi who is on the political black list of the present German authorities. Soviet interest in him is even greater.

b. Our own ability to assign to him an American case officer capable of controlling him and his operations.

c. Our own ability to implement, with personnel, equipment, etc., a plan of operation.

6. If the subject were employed on an active operational basis, American control over him would have to insure that his organization did not become a hatching ground for post-war German nationalism—or even a bridge for some under cover deal with the Soviets. A man of subject's intelligence, energy and ambition could conceivably push either way. As in all such cases—the Conrad D. Duntton case, for example—the operational use of former Nazis highly skilled and trained in their respective fields is very tempting but also very complicated.

7. Presently, we are merely exploring this possibility and this report is submitted as a matter of advance information. Some parts of the subject's report are the most practical description of psychological warfare methods which have come to my attention.

8. I am also submitting, in a later dispatch, a report on the actual field activities of the "Standards Kurt Eggert" group, with special emphasis on its relation to the "Vlassov" movement.

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Personality Report (2)
Questionnaire (2)
Reply to Questionnaire (2)

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