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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
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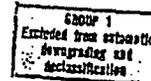
FROM: []

SUBJECT: BARBIE, Klaus (SD 14614)
aliases: BECKER, Klaus (Heinz)
BEHRENS
MERTENS, Heinz
SPIER, Klaus
HOLZER, Ernst
[SPEHR
KLEIN, Claude Oberst
BEHRENDIS
KREITZ
MAYER, Captain]

1. Reference is made to request dated 12 February 1965 concerning Subject. The files of this office contain the following information.

2. According to information from the files of a predecessor organization, Subject was a member of the German Security Service in Lyons, France, during World War II. He was described as being brutal and cruel and he reportedly shot his French agents when they were no longer useful. Following the war, he was a witness in several different trials involving war criminals. He was arrested by the American authorities and his war time activities were investigated. However, he was later

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released because the investigation was inconclusive. For a time after the war, he worked for the United States Army Counter Intelligence Corps.

3. After the war, Subject was accused by the Communist press of being a close colleague of Gestapo chief, Martin BORMANN, and being responsible for the deaths of 5000 partisans. The Communist press also charged that Subject owned a hotel in the American occupied zone of Germany which served as headquarters for a neo-Nazi agent network.

4. The [] contains no record of a current operational interest in Subject.

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