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TO: Capt E. O'Neal, SSU/USFET
FROM: Mr. Henry D. Hecksher, SSU/AMZON
SUBJECT: Project "Sitting Duck"

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1) Request that the project outlined below, which initiated by the Berlin Field Station of the Security Control Branch of SSU, be submitted to the Chief, CIB, G-2, USFET, for grant of clearance.

2) PROJECT

As an aid to current and to prospective double agent operations, it is proposed to place Frau BEETZ in OMGUS as a secretary.

3) BACKGROUND OF PROJECT

As is now well known, one of the principal targets of the Soviet Intelligence System is the penetration of the American offices at OMGUS. In the process of doubling back Soviet agents dispatched on such a mission, it almost inevitably becomes necessary to use as a cut-out someone actually employed inside the Soviet target-office, in order to give the Soviet controlling officer the illusion that their agent has in fact contacted well-placed sources of information. In the past, secure American officers have sometimes cooperated with us as "sitting ducks", but the Soviets do not, for understandable reasons, appear to trust such a contact of their agent as much as a well-placed German secretary.

4) PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT

Frau BEETZ possesses the essential qualifications for the above role. First, her capacity to take shorthand in English and German, plus her earlier office experience, will enable her in her own right to procure a secretarial position in a policy-making OMGUS office. Second, her extensive experience as an intelligence operative with Amt VI, RSHA, should enable her to handle the intricate

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relationship involved in top level double agent operations. Third, our control over her is complete. She entertains strong anti-Nazi convictions developed prior to and during the war. Her husband is a former German General Staff officer now in U.S. custody.

5) PERSONAL DATA

Born, 16 September 1919, at OBERNISSA vic WEIMAR. Attended high school in LEIPZIG. Assigned in 1939 by Arbeitsamt to SD - Abschnitt / Weimar. Reassigned to Amt VI in BERLIN and eventually to Italy, where she served as an interpreter, translator, and eventually agent case-officer. Her contact with Amt VI ended in WEIMAR in January 1945. Interrogated by OSS/SCI upon capture in WEIMAR in June 1945 and later proposed for double agent project in the American Zone which was approved by CIB/USFET.

6) CLEARANCE OF PROJECT WITH OMGUS

The responsible security officials of OMGUS have been approached concerning their attitude toward the project and the candidate. Impressed by the increasingly numerous attempts of the Soviets at penetrating OMGUS, they concurred that the project was desirable and asked us to expedite the matter.

7) CI INFORMATION YIELD OF PROJECT

Any leads to security suspects inside OMGUS which may develop incidental to this operation will be referred to BERLIN/CIC for such action as they deem advisable.

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