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SUBJECT: GAMBIT PROJECT.

1. Reference: BSC/Ops/016 of 17 January 1947.
2. On Thursday, 16 January 1947, at 1000 hours, a German policeman in uniform appeared at subject's house, flashing a credential so swiftly no one could read it. He declared he was looking for a "Frau or Fraulein BLUM". As a matter of fact, he explained, a twenty-year old girl with that name had been picked up in a razzia the previous night; she had stated she was a Volksdeutsche from the Sudetenland or Silesia; she had in her possession a quantity of black-market supplies in the form of candles; if someone here knew her and could vouch for her, of course the girl would be released. The people in the house declared that there was a Frau BLUM living in the house, but that she was at work at OMGUS and he should telephone her there, whereupon the policeman declared, "Oh no, one cannot telephone an American installation".
3. Later the policeman explained he was from the "Alex" (the Alexanderplatz police headquarters) and that he had not known the address of the BLUM he was looking for. Since he was checking all BLUMS, he had gotten this particular address from the local police revier, and the house matched the vague description given by the girl in the razzia.
4. Still later, the policeman wanted to talk with someone in the house who knew BLUM, and talked with an unemployed actress, the janitor and the gardener, but learned nothing new. However, he did wander up and downstairs in the house and around the garden.
5. At 1400 hours, after this vague and disturbing visit, he left.

COMMENT:

As naive as this Russian-inspired visit of the policeman (?) is, it served to alert source to the Russian curiosity in her person and to make her cautious. For us, it confirms the definite Russian interest in the case.

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