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Security Information

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Chief, Foreign Division M

Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

Camise 2401Married
Second time
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1. Under separate cover, you will receive a report on subject's recent marriage.

2. Before discussing future operational plans involving subject, I would like to answer briefly some of the questions raised in your memorandum dated 5 November 1951:

a. The Camise operation was never justified on basis of current production. While we undoubtedly could have increased her political reporting, had there been a qualified case officer available to give the operation the time needed, we have felt that Camise had certain long-range assets which would pay off at a time when the U. S. High Commission was no longer able to obtain almost all information on demand.

b. Camise has no current contact with ZACACTUS personnel. The two officers who knew her well, [] and [] have left Germany. The Telegraf operation, in which Camise used to be a key figure, is now handled directly by ZACACTUS, Berlin.

c. I do not feel that a suspension of the Camise project has any security implications. Camise and I remain on very friendly terms, she understands that the nature of my work has changed and I am sure she will cooperate with us in the future as she has in the past, provided we can put a qualified man to handle the case. In short, certain security risks are inherent in any project which has had such a succession of case officers; suspension of the case does not increase the security risks.

d. Since I am fully occupied with SRFG, I regret I cannot undertake to prepare a list of Camise's contacts and an evaluation of their intelligence potential, as requested in your paragraph 2. As previously stated, the case must remain suspended.

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e. To answer your paragraph h. I think Camise's present husband, as of 1 December 1951, is her fifth "grande amour". Considering her age, occupation, professional background, and other factors against the background of the last decade in Europe I would say that her personal life was rather normal considering the circumstances. I think "frequent emotional involvement" conveys the idea that she is emotionally unstable. I don't think so, but that is a matter of opinion.

f. Camise reverted to her true maiden and first marriage name. The latter is cancelled by her second marriage. Being a writer she will continue to use her recent alias, an arrangement which was cleared with her boss, Camlet. The change of name was accomplished through Dr. Stein-Vollpracht, former Vice-President of the Berlin Police, who has since died as a result of a cancer operation.

3. Personally, I never considered that our knowledge of Camise's false identity represented a substantial practical control factor. That, too, is a matter of opinion and I respect the views of others who maintain that compromising information, generally speaking, helps our control over an agent. Ideologically, Camise remains firmly on our side.

4. During my last meeting with Camise, on 8 December, she stated that she would like to continue our relationship. I explained to her that my current duties preclude coming to Bonn more than once every six weeks or so, but that I will look her up whenever I am there. From an operational point of view, Camise's marriage increases her reporting capabilities. Through her husband she has ready access to the higher levels of the DGB, her husband, too, is a capable reporter picking up information on his own, and marriage gives her additional prestige and respectability. A girl reporter is still not quite accepted in conservative Bonn. A husband-wife team much more so.

5. I plan to see Camise again sometime in January and I will keep you posted on developments.

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