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Marriage of Hildegard Blum and Karl Heinz Porwin

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Re: MGFA-5910

1. We are happy to report that on 1 December, Hildegard Blum married Karl Heinz Porwin, Editor in Chief of the official German Trade Union Federation publication Welt der Arbeit (Labor World). The new couple will reside in Bonn, Reutersiedlung.

2. Herr Porwin is a rather well-known figure in German labor circles. A pre-Hitler Social Democrat, he was drafted into the German Army and sent to France, where he promptly deserted and joined the Maquis. In 1944, following the liberation of Southern France by the U. S. 7th Army, Porwin worked for the Army's Special Service Division, organizing traveling shows, along USO lines. After the war he worked on various British Zone newspapers and since 1947 he has been with the DGB.

3. I met Herr Porwin and he makes a fine impression. He is intelligent, quick-witted, a good conversationalist and an accomplished musician. Emotionally he is very pro-American, although both he and his wife feel strongly that the American way of life is not suitable for export. In internal German politics, Herr Porwin belongs to the socialist wing of the Social Democratic Party; this does not prevent him from wholeheartedly enjoying a champagne breakfast (which was at his expense).

4. The operational implications of the above will be discussed in a separate memorandum.

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