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1. QUOTED BELOW IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER WHICH WAS SUMMARIZED, IN REFERENCE -

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DEAR DOCTOR BEISNER,

I LEARNED WITH VERY GREAT SORROW OF THE ACCIDENT WHICH BEFELL YOU AND WROTE IMMEDIATELY TO MADAME BEISNER ASKING HER TO LET ME HEAR FROM YOU. I HAVE BEEN VERY SURPRISED NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED ANY REPLY TO THE THREE LETTERS WHICH I SENT YOU. DR. CHEIK EL ARD WHO HAS RETURNED TO DAMAS AND HAS RESUMED HIS WORK IN HIS OFFICE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO GAVE ME NEWS REGARDING YOUR HEALTH STATUS WHICH I VALUE.

I HAVE LEARNED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FALSELY INFORMED THAT THE GERMAN JOURNALIST SCHAEFFER HAD INFORMED ME OF THE DANGER WHICH WAS FACING YOU AND THAT I HAD ABSTAINED TO KEEP YOU ADVISED IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE TRUTH IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT. WHEN SCHAEFFER ARRIVED IN DAMAS IN THE SUMMER OF 1959 I MADE HIS ACQUAINTANCE THROUGH ROSELLO AND IMMEDIATELY MISTRUSTED HIM. TWO WEEKS LATER I LEFT DAMAS TO VISIT MY SON IN GERMANY. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS TRIP I COMPLETED THE INQUIRY WHICH I HAD OPENED AGAINST HIM AND ACQUIRED ALL THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT. FIRST OF ALL, SCHAEFFER HAS NO CONTACT WITH MR. VON HENTIG, BUT WORKED FOR THE RUSSIANS AND AT PRESENT FOR AN ISRAELI AGENT AND AT THE SAME TIME FOR A FRENCH AGENT. HIS WIFE IS A MEMBER OF THE SECRET GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY. HAVING ACQUIRED THIS INFORMATION, I WROTE ROSELLO TO BREAK HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHAEFFER AND THIS HE DID. - SCHAEFFER, NO LONGER IN CONTACT WITH ROSELLO, FOUND A NEW VICTIM IN A CERTAIN HERR SPAETH THROUGH WHOM

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HE OBTAINED AND FINISHED HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE GERMAN POLITICAL REFUGEES IN OUR COUNTRY AND OF THE TRAFFIC AND THE SALE OF ARMS TO THE ALGERIAN REVOLUTIONARIES. THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SPAETH HE ESTABLISHED A RELATIONSHIP WITH DR. FATAH EL IMAM FROM WHOM HE OBTAINED IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE SALE OF ARMS TO THE ALGERIANS. SCHAEFFER TOOK PHOTOS OF THESE DOCUMENTS. ALL THE INFORMATION AND PHOTOS WHICH SCHAEFFER PUBLISHED IN THE GERMAN PRESS, HE OBTAINED FROM SPAETH AND IMAM. UNFORTUNATELY FISCHER WAS CONSTANTLY IN TOUCH WITH SPAETH TO WHOM HE REVEALED MANY SECRETS WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT SPAETH SOLD HIS INFORMATION TO SCHAEFFER.

TODAY I MUST TELL YOU THAT SCHAEFFER'S THREAT THAT HE WOULD BLOW YOU TO PIECES, CAME TO MY ATTENTION ONLY AFTER THE ASSAULT AGAINST YOU. FISCHER REPORTED TO ME TO HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE GERMAN JOURNALIST GERMANI TO SAY THAT SCHAEFFER HAD TOLD HIM /GERMANI/ THAT "BEISNER WILL SOON BE BLOWN TO PIECES". I IMMEDIATELY CALLED HERR GERMANI TO ME AND LET HIM SIGN A STATEMENT CERTIFYING THE TRUTH REGARDING SCHAEFFER AND ADDED THIS STATEMENT TO SCHAEFFER'S DOSSIER IN OUR MINISTRY AS MATERIAL PROOF OF SCHAEFFER'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE ASSAULT AGAINST A FRIEND SO DEAR AS YOU. IF HERR FISCHER HAD INFORMED ME OF THIS CONVERSATION BEFORE THE ASSAULT, I WOULD HAVE TAKEN OTHER MEASURES AGAINST SCHAEFFER. ON THE OTHER HAND I MUST REVEAL A SECRET - I MADE TWO ATTEMPTS TO KIDNAP SCHAEFFER FROM BEIRUT AND TO BRING HIM TO TRIAL IN DAMAS. THE FIRST TIME IN MAY 1960 AND THE SECOND IN DECEMBER 1960 AFTER MY RETURN FROM GERMANY. UNFORTUNATELY I WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF THE TREACHERY OF A GERMAN WOMAN IN BEIRUT WITH WHOM THIS COUP WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE CARRIED OUT.

RIGHT NOW WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN OUR POWER TO ARREST THIS CRIMINAL IN ORDER TO MAKE HIM PAY FOR HIS CRIMES AGAINST THE VITAL INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY AND AGAINST THE FRIENDS OF OUR COUNTRY SUCH AS YOU. ONE DAY HE WILL FALL INTO THE TRAP. IN THIS CONNECTION I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THE GERMAN JOURNALIST GERMANI HAS VISITED ISRAEL. HE IS A FRIEND OF FISCHER WHO HOPES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM GERMANI. ACTUALLY FISCHER WORKS FOR OUR ABWEHR /AS USED IN THE LETTER/ TO CONTROL THE GERMANS AND FOREIGNERS.

I AM STILL IN THE SAME JOB, ONLY MY OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE OFFICER OF THE 'L'ETAT CIVIL' BECAUSE THE DOCTOR HAS FORBIDDEN ME TO CLIMB THE STAIRS OF THE SERAIL. -THIS MOVE HAS BEEN INTERPRETED AS A JOB CHANGE. THE TRUTH IS THAT I STILL HAVE THE SAME JOB AS TWO YEARS AGO. I HAD ASKED FOR A TRANSFER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT THE REQUEST OF OUR AMBASSADOR AT BONN, BUT OUR MINISTER SARRAG DID NOT AGREE AND PREFERRED TO KEEP ME WITH HIM.

I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE SOME NEWS FROM YOU AND I REQUEST TO PRESENT MY RESPECTS TO MADAME BEISNER AND TO BELIEVE THE EXPRESSION OF MY SINCERE FRIENDSHIP.

2. THE LETTER IS UNSIGNED AND THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS NO RETURN ADDRESS SHOWS THAT IT WAS MAILED IN BEIRUT ON 10 MAY 1961.

3. THE ABOVE LETTER THROWS CONSIDERABLE LIGHT ON SOME OF THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM G. FISCHER WHICH WE PROVIDED IN PREVIOUS DISPATCHES. IT ALSO CORROBORATES EGMA-54517.

4. ANOTHER LETTER FROM KAETHE FELLNER, VILLA TADROS IBRAHIM, MEHALLA AL KOBRA, EGYPT, INDICATES THAT THE BEISNERS INTEND TO TRANSFER THEIR DOMICILE TO TUNIS DURING MAY 1961. IF THIS MOVE COMES OFF, OUR ABILITY TO KEEP TRACK OF BEISNER'S ACTIVITIES WILL OF COURSE COME TO AN END.

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