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| <p>1. AT THE CLOSE OF OUR FIRST DEBRIEFING SESSION WITH CHRISTMANN AND WIFE ON 15 JANUARY 1966 /SEE REF/ WE TASKED HIM TO PROCURE FOR US RECHENBERG'S FRANKFURT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL THEIR RECOLLECTIONS AND KNOWLEDGE OF SERGE MICHEL AND LOUISE MINOUN. THE NEXT MEETING WAS ARRANGED FOR 17 JANUARY.</p> <p>2. FOR CHRISTMANN'S RESPONSE TO OUR TASKING PLUS OTHER INFORMATION THAT WAS DEVELOPED AT THE 17 JANUARY MEETING, PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED REPORT.</p> | | | |
| <p>ATTACHMENT REPORT OF 17 JAN. MEETING</p> | | | |
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CONGREVEA - LET'S RETURN TO YOUR CONTACT WITH THE SPIEGEL IN
DECEMBER 1965.

CHRISTMANN - BUT THE SPIEGEL WROTE ME THEY WEREN'T INTERESTED IN
PUTTING OUT AN ARTICLE ON MY CASE-- AND IF I KNEW THE SPIEGEL, THEY
PROBABLY ASKED CATIRE AND CATIRE PROBABLY SAID, LOSE, NO, HE
WORKED FOR US. AND THAT'S WHY SPIEGEL SAID IT WASN'T INTERESTED.
I ASSUME THIS. I KNOW I HAVE TO PROTECT MY FUTURE AND YOU CAN
BELIEVE ME THAT AFTER YOU LEAVE HERE, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND
THESE FILES.

CONGREVEA - I'M SURE OF THAT. A WISE PRECAUTION. BUT NOW LET'S
TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT DR. FRIEDERICH WILHELM BEISSNER. WHEN DID
YOU GET TO KNOW HIM?

CHRISTMANN - IN 1958, IN THE DEUTSCHES BUREAU-- I TOLD YOU--THE
INCIDENT WITH MADAME CHADOU. AT THIS TIME I WAS DEALING WITH A
CERTAIN GAUSE /PHON/ ON JAPANESE CAMERAS. THESE JAPANESE CAMERAS
WERE TO BE HANDED WITH ONE OF THE FIRMS I KNEW, EICKOFF AND CO. IN
HAMBURG AND GAUSE WAS TO PAY THE BILL TO HIS PRINCIPALS. I THEN
HAD A FIGHT WITH FAUSE AND WROTE EICKOFF AND CO. AND TOLD THEM THE
BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT WITH GAUSE WAS OFF. I GOT A LETTER BACK FROM
EICKOFF AND CO. WHICH INFORMED ME THAT EICKOFF HAD BEEN CALLED BY
A CERTAIN MR. KLEIN, AN ACQUAINTANCE OF GAUSE. KLEIN BELONGS TO
THE FIRM OF KURTZ, ELZIN AND REINHOLD, WHICH IN 1959-1960 HAD SOME
GRAND DEALS GOING IN LYBIA. ONE OF THIS GROUP WAS SWISS, ANOTHER
A GERMAN AND THE OTHER ENGLISH. THIS GREN WAS REFRIENDED WITH
BEISSNER. EICKOFF WROTE ME THAT KLEIN HAD DENIGRATED ME AND THAT
ME, DR. EICKOFF, IN ORDER TO STOP THESE RUMORS HAD RECOMMENDED ME
TO DR. BEISSNER IN CAIRO, IN 1958. I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER
IN THE MATTER. THEN WHEN BEISSNER APPEARED IN TUNIS, AFTER 1962,
I DIDN'T RECALL HIS NAME. ONLY LATER DID I REMEMBER THAT EICKOFF
HAD RECOMMENDED ME TO BEISSNER. BUT HE ALWAYS CLAIMED HE DID NOT
KNOW ME. THAT BEISSNER HAD ABUSED MY NAME IS A FACT AND THE FACT
THAT, TODAY, BEISSNER IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF CHADOU, ESPECIALLY
MADAME CHADOU, INDICATES HE HAS RECEIVED KLEIN'S SLANDERS AGAINST
ME.

CONGREVEA - IN THE PERIOD AFTER YOUR MOVE TO ALGERIA, DID YOU
SEE BEISSNER?

CHRISTMANN - OH YES. HE TRAVELED FREQUENTLY TO ALGERIA, WITH HIS
WIFE, TOO, AND ONE DAY THE FOLLOWING HAPPENED. I WAS LIVING IN THE
HOTEL ALBERT PREMIER AND THE PORTER SAID TO ME, "OH, YOU'RE
FLYING BACK TO TUNIS, HERE IS A LETTER FOR DR. BEISSNER, IT
TRIVED SHORTLY AFTER HE DEPARTED--WOULD YOU TAKE IT ALONG TO
TUNIS?". I TOOK THE LETTER, OPENED IT LATER. IT WAS FROM A
CERTAIN KIRCHFELDT /PHON/ IN DUESSELDORF. THE CONTENTS WERE REALLY
INDISCREET CREDIT PROPOSALS. I TOOK THE LETTER ALONG AND MAILED IT
IN TUNIS TO BEISSNER'S ADDRESS. TWO WEEKS LATER I GOT A TELEGRAM
FROM THE ALBERT PREMIER HOTEL SAYING I SHOULD RETURN THE LETTER
IMMEDIATELY IF NOT DELIVERED. I CABLED BACK THE LETTER HAD BEEN
DELIVERED. SOME TIME LATER I MET MRS. BEISSNER AT THE AIRPORT IN
TUNIS AND SHE ASKED ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE LETTER. I TOLD HER
I HAD SENT IT ON. SHE SAID THEY HAD NEVER RECEIVED IT. AND THAT
WAS THE LAST CONVERSATION WITH THE BEISSNERS. SINCE THEN I SAW
HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES BUT DID NOT SPEAK WITH HIM.

CONGREVEA - ANOTHER SUBJECT. YOU LOANED ME THE LETTER OF THE 10TH
FROM ALGIERS AND YOUR ANSWER OF THE 17TH. AFTER THE 17TH DID YOU
GET FURTHER MAIL FROM THE BEISSNERS?

MRS. CHRISTMANN - NO. NOH.

CONGREVEA - DID YOU WRITE TO THE BEISSNE'S AFTER THE 17TH?

CHRISTMANN - THE LAST TIME WE WROTE IS THE LETTER IN WHICH WE
MENTION THE MONEY THAT COULD BE SENT US VIA THE "FRANKFURT FRIEND"
IT IS POSSIBLE WE SENT NEW YEARS GREETINGS, I'M NOT SURE.

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