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Operational/SIPPER

HYDROLOGY #16 - Operation STANKO

Reference: FOI-A-6170

1. Subject of reference has been assigned the cover name STANKO by SIPPER.

2. On 22 September V-14509 met with STANKO in MUNICH at which time STANKO agreed to accept the offer to work in the intelligence field with V-14509. STANKO was to commence work on 1 October.

3. STANKO has been legalized as a refugee in Western Germany and is moving to MUNICH. His first assignment will be to prepare a report about the Bulgarian emigration. STANKO commented to V-14509 that he intended to take up contact with Todor DAMJANOV currently employed in NSB MUNICH and formerly worked with STANKO in SALZBURG. STANKO also spoke of intelligence possibilities he could offer via the Bulgarian refugee in Trieste, but would not reveal the name of this refugee. STANKO again interested himself in the exact identity of the organization V-14509 represented and was told that it was an American organization which made a practice of keeping in the background in the interest of security.

4. On 23 October, shortly after a pre-arranged meeting between STANKO and V-14509 had commenced in a MUNICH cafe, a member of the German Criminal Police approached V-14509 and demanded his identity documents. Accompanying him were two Americans, clearly CIC agents. Although V-14509 managed to get far enough away from STANKO so that STANKO could not see his identity documents, the Criminal Police type addressed V-14509 by true name and it is certain that STANKO overheard it. V-14509 demanded that the CIC officials take him to their office and there gave them his emergency number. He was promptly released but there is nothing we can do to prevent CIC from revealing to STANKO that V-14509 is a member of SIPPER except hope that CIC has not and will not do this. V-14509 managed to get STANKO to confess that he had arranged this arrest in order to learn V-14509's identity. STANKO has been told that this may result in his dismissal and definitely will result in a reduction of his salary. He has been paid only half his salary for this month and told he will receive the rest only in return for outstanding work.

5. For NS and GCM: Attached (one copy each) is GCM report number 11009 concerning the recruitment of STANKO by V-14509 and GCM memo 11008 announcing the assignment of cover name.

Approved by:

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