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FROB-5558, 16 August 1963

1. In July of this year Subject, now designated CATTRANSIT-28, replied to an FCB-inserted part-time help wanted ad in his local newspaper. On 14 August [] alias Identity-1, contacted Subject at his home for an initial assessment, which was favorable. Upon receipt of a POA, the writer, as Identity-2, recontacted Subject on 22 October and invited him to Wiesbaden, where the JEMINIMUM and LOFLUTTER tests were given him on 23 November. Following the tests the writer sought and received Subject's agreement to perform a CATTRANSIT mission. Prior to his leaving Wiesbaden Subject received a detailed briefing in counter-surveillance techniques, which were emphasized during a walk through the business section of Wiesbaden. Missed contact arrangements caused cancellation of the planned live surveillance exercise.

2. Subject's acceptance of the recruitment proposal in Wiesbaden seemed deliberate and sincere. However, before his planned first trip to Berlin Subject notified the writer that he had misgivings and that he could not go through with the scheduled turnover to a Berlin case officer. He said, however, that he was willing to discuss the reasons for his back-down.

3. Accordingly, the writer visited Subject at his home on 4 December. Subject's backdown stemmed from a lessening in his motivation and also from a practical difficulty beyond his control. Affecting his motivation were "second thoughts" he had about the consequences to his wife his capture might have. He pointed out that already once in their lives - during World War II - they had been separated for nearly four years without knowing where the other was or even if he were alive. Subject is very close to his wife and together through very hard work they have built up a small business on which they are dependent for income and for security in their later years. He was troubled by the thought that through CATTRANSIT he might be jeopardizing her future and their togetherness again without her knowledge and without her concurrence.

Attachments:

- A. Identities, S/C
 - B. PRQ Part I, S/O
- REC'D RIDIAN 23 Dec 63
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4. As Subject had not sought assurances on this point in Wiesbaden, no promises had been made to him regarding financial support of his wife in the event of his capture. He was now told that, in accepting his cooperation as a CATRANSIT, we would also be assuming his financial obligations to his wife and would fulfill these on his behalf, in the event of his arrest, until he were again in position to discharge them himself. This assurance seemed to lessen Subject's feeling that he was dealing behind her back in a matter which could have profound consequences for his wife. In a further attempt to prevent this feeling from being an obstacle to Subject's full recruitment, the writer offered to release Subject from his agreement - which he had honored - not to tell his wife of CATRANSIT and to discuss the whole matter in her presence that evening. Subject felt, however, that the reasons the writer had given in Wiesbaden for not making his wife willing still held and that, at least prior to his first trip to Berlin, he would continue to use the general cover story given her upon his return from Wiesbaden.

5. The practical difficulty preventing Subject's travelling soon to Berlin is the loss of a key employe in his business. Until she returns to work at the end of January he will have to take her place at the machines, as there is no replacement to be found. December and January are the peak months in Subject's business and consequently he will not have a weekend of sufficient length during this period to travel to Berlin. However, to give him an opportunity to test his resolve and competence in an enterprise so foreign to him, the writer arranged for Subject to fly to Frankfurt on 11 January for a day of counter-surveillance exercises. At the same time Subject should be able to make a firm date for his trip to Berlin.

6. Subject is a mature, intelligent, somewhat reticent person who, in spite of the breakdown on the first travel arrangements, is still judged to have the self-confidence and courage demanded by CATRANSIT. His war record as an officer in the Waffen SS Viking Division consists almost exclusively of combat service, during which he was wounded eight times. Since the war, except for a short period while he assembled the necessary capital, he has been in business for himself, a status he much prefers to that of a salaried employe. He can be expected to give his best during training sessions in Frankfurt and Berlin and, if these develop satisfactorily, to the mission itself.

7. The financial terms agreed upon with Subject are:

for

- A. For the initial visit to Berlin/practical exercises, including a "dry" crossing into East Berlin, Subject is to receive a fixed sum of DM 300, plus an honorarium of DM 60 for each day spent in Berlin or in travel status, plus reimbursement of the actual cost of living and travel expenses connected with the trip.
- B. For the second visit to Berlin and the performance of an actual mission he is to receive DM 600 plus honorarium and expenses, as above.

8. After Subject's training in Frankfurt we will advise BOB when Subject's turnover can take place. PRQ Part I is forwarded under separate cover.

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Part ISECTION ONE

1. Richard BIRIL 5. 12 April 1905 6. Deutsch-Cabel, Sudetenland
7. Cigarette smoker, occasional drinker. 8. None
9. Description: Approximate Age 55; Height 1.69 dm; Weight 73 kilos; Hair Black, thin, combed back; Brown eyes; Oval face; Average Complexion; Erect posture.

SECTION TWO

1. BRD 21 (German (German citizenship since end of World War II) 3. Tenant, Munich, Hohenzollernstr. 107.

SECTION THREE

1. Owner-Operator Hosiery pressing business. 3. DM 24,000 4. Owns Mercedes 1957 and equity in pressing machinery.

SECTION FOUR

1. Catholic 2. Formerly belonged to Nazi Party. Since the war has belonged to no social, political or professional groups.

SECTION FIVE

1. From 1912 to 1920 Subject attended Volksschule in Grotau, Kreis Reichenberg, Sudetenland. From 1920 to 1922 Subject attended Handelsakademie in Reichenberg. From 1922 to 1924 Subject served apprenticeship in Father's Apothecary in Grotau.
2. Subject is fluent only in German; speaks, understands Czech with some difficulty.

SECTION SIX

1. None 2. None

SECTION SEVEN

1. Subject served as draftsman two years in Czech army 1925-26.
2. From 1940 to end of war Subject served in Waffen-SS, Viking Division and saw action in Holland, Russia, Hungary and Austria, was wounded eight times and attained rank of Oberscharfuhrer. In Austria at end of war, Subject escaped advancing Russians and made way to American lines where surrendered. Imprisoned by Americans in Nuernberg until 1946, then transferred to German custody and released finally in 1947.

