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TO : Chief, EE  
FROM : Chief of Base, Salzburg **HRK**  
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SPECIFIC-GROSSBAHN - Termination  
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1. Acknowledgment of Party Membership. Grossbahn has asked a question which has us fairly well stumped. What should his answer be in the event the question of NSDAP membership arises after his entry into the U.S., for example, on the citizenship application forms? We have told him he is to deny any party, SS, SD, Abwehr, etc. affiliations. Our reason for doing so runs as follows: his entry into the U. S. is based on our covert clearance. In other words, in spite of the fact he has an objectionable background, ODURGE is willing to waive their normal objections based on our assurance that Grossbahn's services to KUBARK have been of such a caliber as to warrant extraordinary treatment. Should Grossbahn later, overtly and publicly, admit to an NSDAP record, it strikes us that this might possibly leave ODURGE with little recourse than to expel him from the U. S. as having entered under false pretenses, KUBARK assurances notwithstanding, for the matter would then possibly be considered as public knowledge and ODURGE would be forced, for appearances sake, to follow the letter of the law. At the same time, we feel such instructions might give Grossbahn a degree of control against us, should he decide he wants our help again at some future date—an altogether undesirable situation. What has Headquarters' experience been on this point? Have we instructed Grossbahn incorrectly? Cabled advice would be appreciated, as time to the planned departure date is running short.

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2. U. S. Contact Arrangements. We have discussed this question further with Grossbahn. We have spelled out to him clearly that he is to use the arrangements which we have requested in reference (answer also desired by cable) only for the purpose of advising where monies due him are to be deposited and in cases of dire emergency. We have told him that our interpretation of this last point allows for life and death matters only—for example, if he were on the verge of being expelled from the U. S. We, at the moment, can think of no other reason why Grossbahn might have to contact Headquarters. He has been warned that under no circumstances is he to attempt any contact with the over KUBARK office. It has also been suggested to him that he would probably be better off not trying to pick up a social contact with any of his former case officers or KUBARK acquaintances.

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