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SPECIFIC— Traces on EDELMAN

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1. Further [ ] traces on Walter von Baltenstern alias Herman EDELMAN on basis of an interrogation conducted by [ ] in February 1953 follow:

a. Subject was an American POW 18 May 1945.

b. In 1946, Subject attempting to get SS General Döhning's mother out of Thuringen, was arrested and jailed by the Soviets as a spy and incarcerated in Zwicker-Karlsborst Prison. He spent 10 months there of constant beating and being forced to take 10 Luminal tablets a day.

c. Set free April 1947, he was picked up within 24 hours by Smith, hospitalized by them for one month and transferred with a Syrian diplomat, a German named Dr. Klaus Fuchs, to Battohn Hausen, the British Intelligence Service Center, in an armored car. Two high-ranking SMOTH officers interrogated him there, and put him in chains in a cellar for three days. Then he was taken to an old chateau in Badendorf on the Hanover-Bremen Road. After being interrogated by two SMOTHERS without result, he was sent to a camp.

d. In December 1947 he escaped to Munich and from there to Stuttgart where he met two old SS friends. One of these friends, a Ralf HILPERT warned Subject he was being sought and he thus fled to Austria. There he was picked up by the Americans in Salzburg, jailed for two weeks and after making him a proposal which he refused, he was released.

e. Subject and two SS friends got 24-hour passes for Italy from one Professor Grieser, a Vatican Courier; from Italy went to Spain through France. There he met Martin BOHRMAN living under the alias Jose GUCIA in Zabadiell, Catalonia. Many SS officers were working there. Subject got a job in Fich as a motor expert.

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f. Traveling on an official passport he went through France to Munich where he was picked up by CIC for going into the Kaiserhof Hotel (prohibited to Germans). He was given a month and a half in jail.

g. After release, Subject tried to return to Spain but was apprehended by the Liette Surete as a Gestapo official. He was kept in a cell for 20 days and then sent to Attache (sic) Camp in North Africa. He stayed there from 1949 to June 1952 when he and five others escaped.

h. He proceeded to Gottingen where he contacted one Marie EIGNER, a friend of his, who gave him material assistance. He moved on to Italy where he contacted many Italians and stayed at the Vatican. While there, he took a passport from an old priest friend named Herman EDELMANN and with this document went to Beirut by the SS Samsun with the aim in mind of going to Iraq to settle down and work. At this time he met an officer Hort, who was a fellow escapee from Austria. Subject learned that Hort had applied to work with the Jews and wanted to report him to the Syrians, which he did.

i. He went to Cairo on a mission given him in Syria by a German Colonel HEIKEL (he was to meet one Fahr BAKER, who worked in the Egyptian War Ministry).

j. The German Consulate in Cairo could not help him get to Iraq, therefore he decided to go via Turkey. On Christmas eve 1952 he told his story to a woman named BRUNING and planned on having her join him there when he settled down.

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