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SUBJECT: Alarich BROSS

TO: Chief of Mission

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1. After a long study and lengthy conversations with case officer, [] the problem of Subject's impersonation has, I believe, reached the point of positive action with regard to the security implications in continuing the use of the true Alarich BROSS. As I have noted in prior correspondence, the fact that a person is actually impersonating our source leaves open several possibilities. In review, and briefly, the possibilities include:

a. A deliberate effort is being made by the opposition to establish Subject's present activities with U.S. intelligence agencies by means of planting an individual as an imposter, and hoping that the imposter will be compromised through U.S.-sponsored intervention, thereby pointing a direct finger at Subject, indicating a positive U.S. interest.

b. The entire matter concerning the imposter could be construed to be an attempt by the opposition in the field of confusion tactics. If this is true, we may also assume that the opposition knows quite well what Subject is presently doing and are keenly interested in neutralizing his efforts through the above tactics.

c. As noted in the discussions between the undersigned and Sawle, the neutralizing of the imposter does not alter the serious security implications regarding the continued use of Subject. The salient question, I feel, is that regardless how

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the impostor is neutralized the opposition, being aware of Subject's past activities in the intelligence field, and the fact that an alleged KPD courier is using Subject's name quite freely, indicates the opposition has a most positive interest in Subject. As noted above, by neutralizing the impostor, we are eliminating but one possible attempt to penetrate our operation through BROSS.

2. In summary of the above regardless of the neutralization of the impostor, we can assume Alarich BROSS to be blown as a covert recruiting agent for JBRADLE and LCPRG1/Apparat. As further support of the above, the position of [] in this already confused picture is quite disturbing, as we know [] has been tripped up several times by [] in his reporting on untrue information. Also, to be noted is the fact that several reports have been received through [] which were identical to reports submitted by Subject through different sources of information. It appears these reports are obviously being fed to connections of both [] and Bross by the same source. To the best of our knowledge, [] and Subject are not acquainted with one another.

3. In conclusion, we feel the continued exploitation of Alarich Bross should be discontinued, security-wise. Since Subject was never officially employed, debriefing should pose no serious implications.

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