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CONCERNING: Alarich BROSS, Fall Kornett

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1. Alarich Bross was born on 25 March 1904 in Bromberg (formerly Posen, now Poland) as son of a German civil servant. His last address is known as Hamburg-Lansahl, Lehnsehler Bergweg 75. He carries an identification UFI/AC/Dr. 611999. As all inhabitants of border regions he was aware from his early youth of the West- East political trends. In 1924, he organized the hometown the German Pathfinder Union, was a member of German sporting clubs, and for many years was active as chairman of the Union of German Students Studying Abroad. In this Union, he was active between the years 1923 to 1926 as leader of the so-called foreign branch of the German Student Federation in Danzig. Bross served in the Polish army, his last rank was Captain in the reserve. Bross is married to a Finnish woman from Viborg, and has three children. His wife, with two children lives in Stockholm, and works there. The oldest son goes to school in South Germany. Bross intends to move his family to West Germany in the fall of 1952.

2. Bross worked before and during the last war for the RSHA/ office VI in Finland. He is known to have had personal contacts with Field Marshall Mannerheim. These accounts for his knowledge of the Finnish and Swedish languages/ He speaks German fluently. ~~He~~ Polish, English and French, fair. During the years after the war, until Christmas 1947, he was interned in England.

3. Bross was also connected with the former General of the Waffen-SS

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Named Felix Steiner (Commander of the SS division Viking) residing in Munich, Hildegard Street 38. In January 1951, Steiner published a pamphlet under the title "The Defense Idea of the West", copyright by Parus- edition, Frankfurt/Main 1951, printing firm Rudolph Bechtold & Co., Wiesbaden. Prior to the publication of this pamphlet, Bross at the request of Steiner edited this pamphlet and inserted many of his own ideas.

4. Bross is known to be working for the American MD (American Information Service). He also has connections with Landes Offices for the Defense of the Constitution of Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg, and Nordrhein-Westfalen.

5. In a pamphlet "Blauwaffen" of the journalist Dr. Schreiber (Bonn) Bross was in the fall of 1951 mentioned as the organizer of sabotage and terror groups active in the region of ~~Bayreuth~~ Bayreuth (see attached report about the "Fighting Group Badis"). The initiator of this report was a certain Hans Schopf. In the beginning of 1952, Schopf was sentenced by a US military court in Weesburg to one year of prison for "misleading American authorities with stories about underground movements". Schopf did not have allegedly any foundation for his assertions, but used his journalistic talents and experience for profiting by the circulation of sensational stories. He came to know the name Alarich Bross supposedly from a RSHA/ office VI member, with whom he had a few discussions ~~with~~. This man apparently did not mention Bross's name. When confronted by snapshots of Bross, Schopf did not recognize him. The American deducted from this fact that Schopf did not know Bross at all. Also, Bross does not know Schopf either. Schopf sold this report "Badis" eight times for 300 DM each. Next to Dr. Schreiber, the recipients

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of this report were the Americans, French, Swedes, the Bundes office for the protection of the Constitution and possibly also the English.

6. At the end of 1951, in the absence of Bross, a woman who identified herself as a ~~cy/~~ Kriminalkommissarin of the Hamburg police headquarters, came to his apartment and spoke to the landlord. In order to convince the landlord that she is the person she claimed to be, she asked him to call the police headquarters for confirmation. She said that she was assigned to investigate suspicious cases. She said that a woman was ~~caught~~ caught while crossing the east zone border and when searched compromising material was found in her possession, sewed in the lining of her coat. This material was designed for the Soviets and that the source of this reports lead to Bross. She wanted to know what this man is doing. The landlord remarked that he cannot believe this to be a fact, since Bross worked for a long time with an American office, that he had a red Volkswagen, and is financially well off.

The criminal agent seemed to be satisfied with the answers, and left. Shortly after her departure, the owner of the house became suspicious and called the police headquarters to find out if the woman came from there. And then he found out that she was a Soviet agent. Later investigations ~~made~~ made by the Verfassungsschutz<sup>office</sup> Hamburg showed that this woman investigated five persons in the Bundesrepublik as to their activities.

7. In February 1952, Bross visited a certain Fräulein Ursula Warmo in West Berlin. She informed him that her friend Hans Kassner, who also was one of the contact men for Bross disappeared in the east sector of Berlin. Bross was not sure whether Cas Kassner was a double agent or just unfortunate to fall into the hand of the Soviets and that it was possible that

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He would reveal everything.

8. In spite of this Berlin misfortune, Bross continues to travel especially <sup>to</sup> west Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt/Main, and Düsseldorf. He drives a red Volkswagen. He seldom travels to north Germany. The possibilities still exist that he continues to work with Americans, for whom he apparently collects information to be sent to Finland.

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