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Contact Report:

CADROIT Security

Date of Contact: 23 Feb 54 1730 hours

Place: CARBOHYDRATE's Home

Present: CARBOHYDRATE and []

1. CARBOHYDRATE reported first regarding his debriefing of Ruthenberg on this date. He stated that prior to his talk with R., he discussed the matter with [] and the latter had requested that, in addition to the subjects which the Case Officers had asked C. to perform, C. should also ask R. as a last measure of proof, to bring his alleged SSD case officer to West Berlin. C. reported that when R. appeared, he was carrying a file folder from which he drew a piece of paper. He immediately read the following identifying data as being that of his SSD friend:

Name: Gerhard Steinnes alias Lehmann Approx. 28 years old
Height: 1.75 meters Hair: Dark
Other identifying data: Full face, drives a black B&W and usually wears high boots.
Address: Berlin/Hohenschoenhausen in the restricted area.

2. CARBOHYDRATE (according to plan) then told R. that it was unfortunate, but the information just wasn't true. Then, having R. off the defensive, C. proceeded to tell him of the other derogatory information which had been picked up regarding his past life (prison record, falsification of his LSC record, etc). Apparently, R. was completely set back by this for he began crying. R. was then informed that he could not be considered for future work with CADROIT because of his demonstrated dishonesty, but there might be one chance / that of bringing his SSD friend to West Berlin. When C. mentioned this, R. immediately picked up his folder again and said that he had forgotten to mention that his friend absolutely couldn't come to West Berlin, but that he (R) had a counter proposal: C. could visit his SSD friend in East Berlin! This was discussed back and forth (C explaining the ridiculousness of R's suggestion and the fact that West Berlin was not dangerous for his SSD friend) until R stated that he would try to get the man over. CARBOHYDRATE then questioned R whether he would bring the man he had described or whether it would be the one whose description C already had. R didn't answer this, but stated that if a contact could be arranged it would be rather close to the border. (Problem: If Ruthenberg actually does get someone to make a meeting for him, we must have a procedure all outlined for CARBOHYDRATE. The situation is not too good, for if R is an SSD agent, it would be the most logical thing for the SSD to send another person to make the contact. I really can see no good in the entire matter and would recommend that if there is any way possible at this time, all contact with R or any erstwhile SSD officer should be severed. Considering the worst, the SSD would only send their best man for this assignment for it would appear that we have "bitten." From this type of contact we would get nothing and could only embarrass CADROIT. On the other hand, if R's friend happens to be pro-West, we will never be in a position to really tell and therefore would have to treat him in the same manner as if he were motivated for the SSD. If R gets a friend who has no connection with the SSD to represent him, we are in no position at all. Therefore, it is my suggestion that if R informs us that his friend is coming that C contact him (under strong surveillance) and merely talk to him in general terms such as "the CADROIT interest in the SSD is only in gathering info regarding injustice." CARBOHYDRATE should then tell whoever the person might be and whatever he might say, that this is not the type of information CADROIT is interested in and drop the entire matter. It was apparent from the manner in which C described today's interview that he did not believe that R would ever get "his friend" or anyone else to a meeting, however.)

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3. The matter of an assistant for CARBOHYDRATE was also discussed and C was informed that Zaegel did not appear to be the most select person for the job. After discussing the point for a while, CARBOHYDRATE also admitted that Zaegel did have negative aspects to his character which might detract from his dependability ~~in~~ in emergency times. CARBOHYDRATE pointed up the necessity for getting a man as soon as possible.

4. CARBOHYDRATE reported that he had sent a Franz Huetter (Gotha/Thuringia) to Frau Krueger (CASTALIA). Huetter works in East Berlin in the Leipziger Kommissions- und Grossbuchhandlung, Hauptabteilung Kniga. This apparently is a Soviet owned and run establishment. He is an "Instruktuer" ~~for~~ for Slavic languages and travels all over Eastern Germany. Previously he was an interpreter with the HVDVP and worked in close contact with many of the functionaries there until August 53. Huetter speaks four Slavic languages. CARBOHYDRATE was impressed with the man's honesty and felt that he was excellent for the CASTALIA program.

5. The undersigned suggested that when CARBOHYDRATE makes his investigations of CADROIT arrests that he also study the co-worker's file to see whether there was any possibility that the information reported therein could in some way have identified the co-worker to the SSD if the file information were given to the latter organization by a collaborating secretary. It is realized that co-worker's identities are never given to secretaries as such, but the MA's reports, themselves, may have given the leads to the SSD which permitted them to pinpoint the co-worker. In this way, (by CARBOHYDRATE's post-arrest studies of ~~the~~ the appropriate files) we are assured of doing everything possible to identify further any possible "Schramm" case before too much damage is done. There is scant likelihood that another "Schramm" case does exist, but every ~~action~~ security action must be taken as if the possibility were probable.

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Inclosure: C's latest report on the Ruthenberg case.

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