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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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1. Following a session between Oakey and Jeschke, I joined the group and posed questions related to Jeschke's experience with INTERPOL. (He had recently completed a three year tour with INTERPOL, on loan from BKA.)

2. Jeschke had worked under one of the Division commanders, Aube. Aube is, like all the division commanders and the Secretary General of the organization, French. He is also a very bureaucratic cautious man, according to Jeschke, who is unlikely to take much initiative on the narcotics or any other problem. Jeschke identified two other members of INTERPOL, however, who might well contribute to a more serious effort on the narcotics problem. Mouza, also French, has had many years experience in narcotics, and had contact with the old League of Nations group working on drugs. He is quite an old man, probably scheduled for retirement. (Dickopf told me, however, that an effort was being made to keep some of the older experienced staffers with the outfit for a few more years just to maintain continuity). Jeschke then mentioned Langlais who has been involved in covering the narcotics problem for the past 18 months. Langlais is well respected by Jeschke who said that he would be capable of leading a research team whose objective would be to produce finished intelligence studies on the strategic significance of narcotics.

3. Jeschke said that there had been a minimal flow of information on narcotics into INTERPOL, and that the organization had made a very small contribution to police training in this field.

4. On the other hand, Jeschke assured me that there was considerable good will in INTERPOL regarding cooperation with the US and other countries on the narcotics problem. He added that, of course, little could be done until the organization begins to receive information. Jeschke then

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described how BNDD had used INTERPOL recently. BNDD, according to Jeschke, had used the services of INTERPOL, but given the organization no information, and had not even informed INTERPOL when the particular case had been closed by BNDD. Despite this, he insisted that there was a reservoir of good will toward the US.

5. Jeschke indicated that the three years with INTERPOL had not been as professionally rewarding as he had hoped, but he maintained a belief that the organization had much unexploited potential, once confidence was placed in it, and information was given to it.

6. When I asked him directly if he thought that INTERPOL was capable of producing useful finished intelligence on the narcotics problem, he replied affirmatively.

7. Oakey appears to have developed an exploitable rapport with Jeschke and his superior, Gemmer. Thus, if a decision is made to accomplish strategic intelligence production with INTERPOL, we will have ready access to Jeschke's experience, at the working level, with INTERPOL. He impressed me as a bright, industrious officer with a cooperative attitude. (Oakey's assessment, based on a much greater exposure to Jeschke, will be of assistance in evaluating Jeschke as a working colleague).

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