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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Gelbin (fnu), East German Engineer

Reference:

1. That One (fnu) Gelbin, former U.S. citizen, (probably identical with subject of reference) is employed as an engineer at the Leunawerke "Walter Ulbricht" in the German Democratic Republic. His present activity in the Organic Department under the personal direction of (Dr) Elauhut, is of minor importance. It is evident that he would like to become active in the more important experimental and research projects and, because of his competence and good moral character, will probably be assigned to the Research Division in the near future.

2. His political activity is quite limited; he does, however, give many lectures on life in America. The main theme is that in America he could not speak his mind freely and, therefore, contends that in the United States his personal freedom was restricted. However, in deepest confidence, he has admitted that Communist theory is quite different from actual practice. At least in the manner it manifests itself in the German Democratic Republic. He is not a citizen of that country and is officially classified as stateless. He is known to have been a member of the U.S. Communist Party and is regarded by his co-workers as an idealist. Definitely an American, he nevertheless speaks a very good German and recently married a citizen of the German Democratic Republic. He has now been provided with very good living quarters and seems to be enjoying the role of expectant father.

3. Rumors at the Leunawerke connect him with the recent ~~Rosenberg~~ ^{X-2/10/5} affair. It is not clear whether he is supposed to have been directly connected with the Rosenbergs or whether it was through his parents. His parents are not of German background but stem from either Poland or Russia.

4. Gelbin brought much valuable unclassified technical literature with him and is, therefore, very popular with Leunawerke researchers who are in great need of up-to-date technical literature.

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5. Gelbin is 1.75 cm. tall, slender, black hair, brown almost black eyes; definite Jewish appearance, experienced technician, but knows little of actual plant production procedures.

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