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SUBJECT: OUTLINES—Manuscript on FDJ

TO: Chief, STRULER

INFO: Chief, PIMONT
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1. It is presumably quite true that no formal "exclusive rights arrangements" were made at the time subject manuscript was ordered, delivered, and paid for. However, it seems reasonable to assume that if somebody gets the amount of DM 1,250 paid for a manuscript, he is under a moral obligation of telling the purchaser if and when he wants to make any additional use of the same manuscript. I still suspect that the author got paid also by the group which has published subject book. This publication was paid for by LCHAYER, and I have not yet been able to establish whether their payment included an author's fee as well. I have, however, requested [] to find out about such payment from the appropriate people in LCHAYER. I am quite sure that we cannot formally do anything more about it, but the attitude of subject group in this matter does strike me as not quite correct. In any case, this will teach us a lesson to acquire in the future manuscripts only against a receipt surrendering all author's rights.

2. The case of the White Book to which you refer in para 2 of reference dispatch is a bit different. In this case, payments were not made to acquire a manuscript from anybody but to enable subject group to prepare the manuscript. Those were several separate payments made through [] with the specific statement that this extra money was for the preparation of the manuscript for such a book. The idea was always that subject group would publish the book itself—best by finding a publisher for it. At the moment, I understand, they are negotiating with the SOGIDER committee of William L. Vanderkump's International Commission to have the book published as part of the documentation which said Commission wants to collect and to publish.

3. In this case of the White Book, I believe all that we can do is to watch who will ultimately publish it and to try to prevent that subject organization collect the costs for the preparation of the manuscript more than once. Such control will, of course, only be possible if further specific contributions are solicited from any source with which we are in contact.

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