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SUBJECT: DTLINEN Operation Easter Bunny
TO : Chief, PBMIGHT

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1. As the opening gun for a series of operations which will aim at the disruption of the HBREBEL administrative system, an operation was mounted in BGQUEEN and HBREBEL directed against the H. O. (Handels-organisation). Purportedly originating with the H. O., leaflets (enclosure) were printed which advertised substantial lowering of prices starting March 22 as an Easter present to the HBREBEL population. This operation was carried out in two phases. 180 envelopes purporting to come from the District Head Administration of the H.O. were mailed to all main H.O. stores each containing several hundred leaflets and "special instructions" demanding that these leaflets be brought to the attention of the customers immediately. It further stated that it was highly desirable that all employees of all branch stores be instructed to discuss with the population these amazing price reductions which proved that the DDR is doing everything to raise the standard of living and to show the tremendous advantages vis-a-vis the imperialistic countries of the West. These leaflets were mailed from the state capitols in HBREBEL on February 27 and on February 28, 150,000 leaflets were hand distributed in HBREBEL and BGQUEEN in a blow-like operation. It has already been reported that members of the peoples police, SED members and H.O. employees enthusiastically cooperated in handing out these leaflets. With several BGQUEEN taxicabs a large number of leaflets were also delivered to all newspaper stands with instructions to insert them into all evening papers. The black nature of this operation was not discovered until the following day. Then, by means of press and radio, the HBREBEL Government found it necessary to point out that this operation was "a big swindle, instigated by the western imperialists who intended by it to undermine quiet and order in the German Democratic Republic".

2. It can be stated that this was one of the most successful DTLINEN operations ever undertaken and we give credit to the successful reorganization of DTLINEN's Department II B which is in charge of all operations mounted in HBREBEL or BGQUEEN. A verbal report from BGHABIT in WSCORNY states that several of their sources reported the success of this operation.

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