

TO : 50 23 May 1952
FROM : 25.50
SUBJECT : Organization Contact to Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSKY

1. We appreciate fully your desire to receive our views as soon as possible on the question of contact with Dr. DURCANSKY. To enable you to take up an immediate initial contact, in spite of the fact that we are not yet prepared to work out the detailed plan of exploitation with you, we advise that you be guided by the following:

(a) Make an immediate contact with Dr. DURCANSKY in Austria with a view to securing his cooperation in IS activities in CSR.

(b) Stress the purely German nature of your organization, its influence and its almost completely certain future status.

(c) U.S. support of Dr. D's aims should be denied. Despite probable knowledge on D's part of a connection between your organization and us he should not be allowed to infer U.S. backing in your proposals to him. In short the role of the U.S. vis a vis your organization should definitely be played down in order that your approach can genuinely represent what you think would be Bonn's conception of a proper German approach.

(d) On the positive side, for the present, we feel you should assure Dr. D of the necessary modest financial assistance he will require to exist during the preliminary phase. You can promise to look into housing possibilities, entry into Germany and a modest vivand for him. You should caution him against any feverish or premature activity that might only result in adverse publicity for him and embarrassment for the Bonn Government vis a vis the Allies. The keynote for his early activities should be a quiet orderly and secure approach to his most trusted followers in Germany and Austria. Visits to him would seem to be advisable to visits by him. The less travelling he has to do the less attention he should provoke on the part of Austrian authorities and others.

2. In approximately two weeks we look forward to discussing with you in detail our ideas and yours as to the full program envisaged for the exploitation of the Durcansky groups possibilities. We have great confidence that your particularly close connections to him will ensure the fullest cooperation and give promise of satisfying results to your organization and to us.

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