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TO : Chief, EE

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Attn:
FROM : Chief of Base, Salzburg *MAP*

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/REDCAF

SPECIFIC— Alois EDER, RIS Agent; Meeting in Vienna, 11 June 1954

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Introductory Comments

1. This dispatch contains a free translation of five Grameba reports pertaining to Alois EDER's contact with the RIS in Vienna on 11 June 1954. Photographs of the five Grameba reports on which this dispatch is based are attached in one copy each for EE only.

2. It is to be noted that in these reports EDER's reporting to Grameba source Kapo on his meetings with the RIS officers appears to be unreliable. This is hardly surprising in view of EDER's long history as an intelligence fabricator and peddler. It is to be anticipated that EDER will fabricate in a pattern designed to exaggerate his capabilities, exaggerate the confidence placed in him by the RIS, and exaggerate the importance of assignments given him by the RIS. It is also to be anticipated that EDER will exaggerate his capabilities and fabricate reports he gives to the RIS.

Translation of Reports

3. Report dated 12 June, based on information received from source Kapo the same day. As scheduled, EDER took the train to Gumpoldskirchen on 11 June and was met there at the railroad station by the two Russian officers he had talked with in Urfahr. Instead of driving him to Baden as planned, he was driven to Vienna where a discussion was held in a building in the IVth Bezirk. As far as EDER related to Kapo after his return, he was well taken care of there; he received cognac and food and the meeting was conducted in a friendly atmosphere. He took to the meeting various intelligence materials, but he did not tell Kapo what this material was. The Russians took the material and told EDER that they would look through it and inform EDER at the next meeting, one month hence, of its value. For emergency communication with the RIS officers, he was given an address in Urfahr to which he was told he could turn at any time. EDER has not yet told Kapo the name of this person. EDER told the RIS that he is in position to obtain material from a contact in the Austrian Ministry of Interior. They showed intense interest for this and stated their willingness to provide the necessary financial means (AS 5000) and a camera at a time when they see fit. EDER will be given

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in the near future a camera and a pocket recorder for recording various conversations. After EDER revealed that he is personally acquainted with Otto SKORZENY who is now living in Spain, the Russians demonstrated special interest and suggested that EDER pick up the contact with SKORZENY. If it is necessary that EDER travel to Spain for this, the RIS will pay the expenses. Due to a shortage of time, Kapo has not had an opportunity to obtain further details from EDER.

4. Report dated 13 June 1954, based on information received from source Kapo on 12 June. In a further discussion with Kapo about his recent meeting with the Russians in Vienna, EDER related that before going to Vienna he had had a discussion with the head of the America House in Linz. This discussion was brought about by EDER himself. As a journalist and former National Socialist, he simply went to the head of the America House and engaged him in a discussion of current political conditions and errors made by the Americans in the past in their policy vis-a-vis former National Socialists. EDER informed the Russians in Vienna of this discussion, and they instructed him to maintain this contact. According to EDER, after this discussion the head of the America House had delivered to EDER's house a case of various books in the value of approximately \$1000. [] Comment: The (head of the America House in Linz is Henry SIEMER.)

5. Report dated 13 June, based on information received from source Kapo on same date. In a further conversation between EDER and Kapo, EDER related that in his meeting with the Russians he had also discussed the cover for his work. After opening this theme, EDER claimed, the Russians asked him how he thinks this could best be worked out. EDER, who previously had told Kapo that he plans to work for the Russians a maximum of two years and that during this time he wants to create an existence for himself with the help of the Russians, allegedly said that a cover in the form of an import-export firm would be the most satisfactory. The Russians agreed with this suggestion and promised their aid. EDER said that he will try to use the general director of VOEST in Linz to help solve the various problems involved in opening such a firm.

6. Report dated 25 June, based on information received from source Kapo in a meeting on 24 June. EDER said that his next meeting with the Russians is scheduled for 9 July. He has instructions to take the train to Vienna and from there to Gumpoldskirchen, where the two Russians will again await him at the railroad station. In this connection EDER related that the last time he was also picked up by the Russians in an automobile at the Gumpoldskirchen railroad station. At that time the instruction to get into the car was not in the form of an invitation, but must have appeared to accidental spectators more like a kidnapping. EDER believes that the Russians take considerable care that they are seen by no one. He said that the Russians didn't even get out of the car, but simply pulled him into it. From Gumpoldskirchen they drove to a USIA building in the IVth Bezirk. As far as he could see, it was on Obermuehlgangstrasse

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or veg. The room was on a back court and appeared to serve as a USIA warehouse.

7. Report dated 26 June, based on information received from source Kape on 24 June. EDER has said that in his next meeting in Vienna he will try to obtain the financial means for a trip to Iran. He claimed that he has already established contact with the chief of the Iranian General Staff, whom he knows from during the war, and that he has received a letter from him. In order to get the Russians to allow this trip, he plans to show them the letter. Last week EDER allegedly attended a conference of Amt Blank officials in which personnel problems were discussed. He said that he made detailed notes which he will give to the Russians.

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