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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M

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FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— OFFSPRING - <sup>o</sup> Dr. Herbert ENGELSING

1. OFFSPRING's GV L has reported, as of 8 March 1950, the following information:

2. Dr. Herbert ENGELSING, born 2 September 1904 in Overath, Muelheim/Ruhr, is a lawyer in Constance, Bodensee, with offices at 3 Wallgutstrasse (tel. 697). He resides at 8 Aschenweg (tel. 1640). His wife, Ingeborg, nee KOHLER, was born 19 June 1916 in Berlin.

a. Subject left the government legal career in 1933 since his wife is said to be Jewish. During the war he occupied himself in Berlin as a journalist, in contact with the film industry. During the war he was connected with members of the ROTE KAPELLE; he is described as a helper of the ROTE KAPELLE in the book, Die Illegalen, by Guenther WEISENBORN, a close friend.

b. Since 1945, Subject has been located in Constance. There, from mid-1945, he allied himself with the then strongly Communist penetrated French Military Government, in which he had excellent contacts. Thus, he was one of the few Germans in the early days of the French occupation to obtain a pass for Switzerland, not only for himself but also for his proteges. For a long time, he obtained blank passes from French MG.

c. Subject has a very good civil and criminal law practice in Constance. He is extremely intelligent, very clever, with a tendency toward brutality, which, however, he knows how to control. He is a prominent defender of former Nazis as well as Communists who find themselves in difficulties. He has been seen often in lively conversation with the well-known Communist Party leader, KUKOWITSCH, in Lindau.

3. Subject is supposed to have obtained from the American Consulate in Zuerich a long-term visa for the USA, to which Subject and his wife made a trip in 1948 to visit her parents. Her father, Mr. KOHLER, is said to be a university professor at "Berkley" (California), USA, which is said to be an American atomic research center. Subject visited Hollywood inasmuch as he is supposed to have planned to produce a film in Constance. Mrs. ENGELSING stayed in the USA.

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