

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Memorandum of Conversation

2 June 1961 - Brusake - 1230-1430 hours

with GLUECKRATH

UJRWLET (UPHILL Case PANOPTIKUM)

1. Apropos of nothing in particular GLUECKRATH asked what we thought of GRIMMER's case involving the KIS agent who is passing UPHILL the atomic energy material. We said that to us it looked like fabrication or swindle, that the material passed just doesn't look like Spielmaterial, since it is overt and can be obtained from any number of scientific Stateside publications. LUECKRATH agreed but went on to say that the case interested him in other ways, i.e., that the UPHILL field case officer for this case also handles an KIS case. LUECKRATH swore us to secrecy and then said that maybe the case officer was an KIS agent. He back tracked immediately and said that maybe the KIS is trying to build up the case officer by making him look good. He backed away from that also and said he would tell us the whole story, which he proceeded to outline as follows: He explained to [] that the reason he was in such a bad mood in Rome was not because of the way the KIS operation was going, but because he had had an operational argument with FRIESEN who was in Rome at the same time in connection with this KIS case. (See MEMI 1937, 7 Sept. 60). FRIESEN was directing the activities of the above-mentioned UPHILL case officer who had met with his KIS case officer three times during the Rome Olympics. LUECKRATH conducted the surveillance of these meetings and took photographs. He suggested to FRIESEN that the best way to get the case moving would be for the UPHILL case officer to tell the Soviet that he would cooperate for a large amount of money, and that the down payment should be somewhere in the neighborhood of 50,000 RM. FRIESEN decided against this and planned to proceed as follows: He would pass elaborate Spielmaterial to the KIS on the internal organization and activities of UPHILL. This would be mostly false information. He would then be able to judge from the reaction of the KIS precisely where the penetration in UPHILL was located. I asked LUECKRATH if he really meant that, or if he meant that UPHILL would be able to determine if there was a penetration of UPHILL. LUECKRATH merely shrugged and didn't elaborate. He did not discuss the case any further, and he did not indicate what the current status of the case was. There is no doubt to judge from the tenor of his remarks, that the case is very much active and is proceeding according to the FRIESEN plan.

2. Except for a chance remark made by GARDNER in September 1960 (MEMI 1937) this case has not been mentioned to KIRBY by FRIESEN or anyone else in UPHILL since November 1959 (RUSA-45916, 12 November 59). LUECKRATH had no way of knowing that he brought us up to date on a case in which we are very interested, and have been shut-out of by UPHILL for the last year and a half.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B26
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2005

[]