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SUBJECT	REDTOP CAWHISPER/ KGB Approaches to CATRIBE Agents		MICROFILM
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Action Required: For Your Information			
1. During a recent conversation mentioned that:			
A. *ALITAN, Anatole, born 10 August 1914 in Riga, <u>RUSSIA</u>			
see EGFA-23900, 21 January 1962 and MUNI-3429, 12 December 1960 and			
B. *SIERING, Nikolai, born 23 March 1923 in Riga, employed with the NOSTRAK firm in Hamburg as manager, <u>USSR</u>			
see EGGA-4664, 19 December 1969, were/are CATRIBE agents. Both of these cases were allegedly under CATRIBE development when Heinz FELFE met his demise and in the latter case CATRIBE apparently invested considerable time and funds.			
2. Several months ago ALITAN visited Moscow in conjunction with University of Heidelberg and UNESCO business. While there he was approached by an individual who described himself as a KGB colonel, accused him of being a CATRIBE agent and requested or demanded that he cooperate with the KGB or face the consequences not the least of which would be refusal of further Soviet visas. ALITAN allegedly refused to cooperate but agreed to a second meet with the KGB colonel. Prior to this second meeting, ALITAN apparently went to the Soviet Ministers of Culture and Education, the FRG Ambassador plus several other high placed official acquaintances and complained vociferously regarding the fact and manner of the alleged KGB approach. Upon			
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meeting with the KGB colonel the second time, ALITAN advised him of his actions. The colonel allegedly came close to apoplexy and subsequently almost forced ALITAN out of the hotel room where the meeting took place while shouting he would never admit having had anything to do with him. [] in the company of a CATRIBE case officer, plans to interview ALITAN in the near future.

3. [] further alleged that SIERING is a CATRIBE agent and was likewise recently approached by the KGB during a visit to Moscow several months ago. As already indicated, this operation was in the embryo stage at the time of FELFE's arrest. In order to assess SIERING for recruitment, CATRIBE placed an agent in the NOSTRAK firm and who joined a country or social club to which SIERING belonged. When SIERING was approached by the KGB in Moscow and accused of CATRIBE connection, he refused to be recruited. Subsequently, the Soviets have denied him visas to the Soviet Union. The results of this, according to [] is that he soon will be leaving his position with NOSTRAK.

4. The above information appears to explain, to some extent, the telephone call described in EGGA-4664. Apparently the source of the information and [] were at that time still ignorant of SIERING's CATRIBE contact and the KGB approach to him.

5. [] feels the KGB approaches to ALITAN and SIERING indicate that FELFE is back at work for that organization. He probably is busily reviewing his own production and projecting probable CATRIBE development of operational leads of which he was aware at the time of his arrest.

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