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24 April 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with @ RACKMANN
Deutsche Indische Gesellschaft

REF: BRLN 1024, 20 April 1957

1. In reply to my request dated 23 April @ RACKMANN, with @ Frau REIMER interrupting to repeat and rephrase in English, stated the following:

a. Subject organization is probably the Deutsche Indische Studiengesellschaft which per Sueddeutsche Zeitung, 24 January 1951 was founded in Stuttgart in January 1951 with branch offices to be opened throughout the Federal Republic.

b. 123 (who usually is not consulted on routine trace requests) states that there is no derogatory information on this organization as known in the Bundesgebiet.

c. However, an UPSWING co-worker in Berlin has reported that.... whereupon @Frau REIMER interrupted to suggest "wasn't it the LfV?" the former Schatzmeister (treasurer) of the organization in Berlin was a known Eastern agent.

d. Starting afresh, @ RACKMANN spelled out the following story: Werner GLASENAPP, the Schatzmeister, approached the LfV with the suggestion that he could recruit Amar LAHIRE, the Vice President, as a Federal Republic agent with legal traveller access as a journalist to various Eastern countries. GLASENAPP was already suspect by the LfV, hence it is now suspected that LAHIRE is also.

e. Both @ RACKMANN and @ Frau REIMER suggested that if GLASENAPP or LAHIRE were of interest there were plenty of traces on hand.

2. Since the BOB request was aimed at info on the organization in view of the sensitivity of BOB UJDRILY information from V-7601 and BOB's operational interest in LAHIRE, I merely took down facts that LAHIRE was a journalist, Indian, age 58, married, 1 daughter, and left it at that for the time being, without reacting to their suggestion that there are more traces. Apparently UPSWING assumes an American agency ~~learned of~~ Subject organization from the LfV.

cc: 801

Presume you are advising BOB ~~[illegible]~~

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