

FCE/SOV

Re. BASF

MEETING PLACE: Ludwigshafen, Ottweiler str 37.

DATE OF MEETING: 24 Jun 64

TIME OF MEETING: 1930 2015 Hrs

DATE OF INFO:

DATE OF REPORT: 25 Jun 64

[redacted] Programs
Advisory Group, APO 757, US Forces(*)
TRUE: Karl HAMEL

POLICY OF MEETING: Assessment and developing a reporting asset in BASF

(*) - R's alias and Unit name were left with Subject.

I. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Next meeting is set for 20 July 1964 at 1930 Hrs at Subject's residence. If any changes would have to be made, Subject will send a postcard to:

[redacted]
Programs Advisory Group
APO 757, U.S. Forces.

II. PRODUCTION

N/A

III. OPERATIONAL

Subject was contacted at his residence, a two story one family house with driveway and a garage. At the first try, R was told by Subject's very friendly wife, that her husband will be back at 1930 Hrs. At ca 1945 Hrs R was met again by S's wife and asked to come in. She asked R who he is and why he wants to talk to her husband. After stating that R ~~is~~ is from the US Army she asked him to enter a very ~~nicely~~ nicely furnished living room-study combination, and in a few minutes S came ~~into~~ in still chewing and his mouth full and stated that he is having his evening meal. R's introduction aroused S's interest and he said that rather than for R wait until he finishes his supper, he wanted to discuss the topic of translations now. Right from the beginning S's attitude was very friendly and he showed cooperation. He reacted approvingly to what R had to say, sometimes finishing a sentence for R. The cover R used was that the US Army is now looking for part-time translators which is more efficient and cheaper than to maintain full-time translators staff. It was also pointed out that Subject's name was mentioned by one of the many interviewees since he (Subject) speaks number of languages. Question: Whether or not Subject in principle would be willing to do such a work? It is worth to quote Subject's answer to this: " Well, a firm where I work as a translator doesn't allow its employees to work for other firms, but of course WE (Meaning R and S) can always say that my wife does the translation. Also, US Army is not a firm." In other words, Subject himself found an excuse for having a second job. When R asked "what firm" Subject stated that "a chemical firm here in Ludwigshafen". R decided not to press at this time for the name of BASF, since when "application form" (PRQ) will be filled, it will come out anyhow,

Other details about the job were left for the second meeting on 20 July 64. The only items of interest which were discussed at this time were as follows:

1. Subject indicated his special field of translation work, viz. chemistry and medicine. He would like to make translations in these two fields.
2. Subject feels that he is qualified to translate ~~materials~~ materials dealing with chemistry and medicine from Russian, Polish, Japanese, Swedish into either English (editing must be done by someone else) or into German, with no editing done by others.
3. For cover purposes and also to prepare S for signing the Secrecy Agreement, R told S that all the materials are the property of the US Govt and there will be an agreement signed to this effect. S did not object to this.

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4. Translated materials will be retyped by S's wife and he will talk to her and discuss the number of pages she will be willing to type. He also will think about the number of pages he will be able to translate in a month time. R told him that it is important since he will get always less pages to translate that he ~~indicate~~ will indicate, it might be 4-6 pages it might be only 2 pages per month.
5. About the payments: R said that it will depend on degree of difficulty and on the quality of translation. The Regular German norms will be paid normally, but in special cases the payments will be higher. Also, that in some cases a bulk sum o money will be paid rather than by line payments. /This for possible one time payments if and when S will supply us with info on TDY Soviets and on Soviet Trade Mission representatives which frequent the BASF installation./ Subject reaction to this was favorable.

IV, COMMUNICATION

N/A

V. ADMINISTRATIVE

N/A

VI. TRACES

Traces on S zr requested by cable

VII. CONCLUSION

The two points mentioned above in Par. III. are significant for the first Subject's statement he showed himself not very loyal to BASF, his employer for more than 10 yea when he said to a complete stranger "we" etc. who offers him a few extra marks. For these extra marks he did not hesitate a minute to find a way to go around ~~his~~ his employer's regulations. This we should keep in mind.

Subject's second statement suggests that R should be very careful and delicate in handling and developing Subject. "A firm" and similar answers to direct questio of R "what firm" indicate that Subject perhaps hopes to keep this out of ~~the~~ established relationship between him and us.

R believes that perhaps the development will take longer time, but in case it will be established that S has a direct access to Soviets, the long term development and consequentlly the penetration of BASF will pay off. Sov Trade Mission people will be also covered by Subject's reporting, since they frequently visit the firm.

Note: R will appreciate if some medical literature and/or articles dealing with organic chemistry will be made available to him before 20 Jul 64.

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