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Johannes HOSSBACH

REF: EGMA 30245, 4 December 1957

1. For the reasons cited herein, we believe the Subject of reference is probably Johannes HOSSBACH and not Heins LANDSKRON. We believe LANDSKRON is still officially at the SG since we saw him there on 3 January. If UPSWING still follows its habit of frequently assigning aliases which begin with the same letter or letters as the true name, it would also appear that *HANNERT is HOSSBACH.

2. We offer the following data and comments on HOSSBACH:

a. Johannes *HOSSBACH was born on 1 January 1914 in Berlin and last resided at Homstr 3 in Bonn. He formerly resided at Jembke Kr. 3, Gifhorn. He was last employed in the Sicherungsgruppe in the rank of Kriminalrat as one of Theo SAEBECK's two deputies on RIS matters. He is married and has children.

b. He has a pleasant disposition and a certain quiet personal charm generally lacking in his colleagues. He is considered to be quite pro-American by Tom Hughes, ODOPAL's Liaison Officer to the SG, with whom he had fairly frequent dealings. For some time we toyed with the vague suspicion that HOSSBACH might be "ODOPAL's man" in the SG (along with Martin WIDMANN) but the suspicion has diminished in HOSSBACH's case and was never really based on more than his fairly close relationship with Hughes. *Employed at the SG*

c. HOSSBACH is a small arms (small caliber) enthusiast and marksman, who together with his wife who is allegedly a champion marksman of some sort, was very active in local rifle clubs. He allegedly plans to continue this activity in Munich.

d. He is very clever with his hands in woodworking and metal work and is an artist of considerable ability. In 1956 he presented the American Liaison Officers with sketches of local architecture which he had done himself and which he presented in the name of the SG at Christmas.

3. We believe HOSSBACH may well be worth cultivating by LD Munich. Should you learn that HOSSBACH is HANNERT, we would appreciate being so informed.

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