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ATTENTION:

OPERATIONAL/CALL

Dropping of W/T Agents in KIBITZ-15 Net

1. In continuation of my program of tightening up the reins on the "old colonel" and his show I spent considerable time during our meeting of 14 November 1952 (see EGFA-285) going over all the W/T agents and/or candidates in the show. I was very firm with KIBITZ-15, saying that "I had instructions from Washington" on documenting all W/T agents or getting rid of those who were not considered useful to us now or in the near future. As mentioned in EGFA-285 I told him that there would be no more recruiting of any kind and that there would be no more new W/T men picked out of the so-called "63 active agents" in the KIBITZ-15 Net. I made this point quite clear and said that perhaps when we had finished off all those W/T'ers we decided to keep, we could talk about getting new recruits.

2. I might add here that KIBITZ-15 was not at all pleased with this idea of no more recruitment and the definite dropping of some more W/T agents, but he agreed that it was probably for the best to tighten up the show now, instead of having a loose show which could be rolled up by anyone really taking a close look at it. We had quite a long discussion on compartmentation and the problems of security in such a show. I pointed out a number of weak points in the compartmentation, and how there were entirely too many connections between various agents in the net. To make these points clear I then went over with KIBITZ-15 the case history of each W/T man or candidate in the Net.

We then decided to drop the following immediately:

a. Identity: KIBITZ-136

Personal Data: PRQ I in MOFA-6650
PRQ II in MOFA-6651

Clearance: Provisional, EGW-1610

Reason for Dropping: Subject's wife is sister of KIBITZ-171, who has been dropped for security reasons (see EGFA-366). There is no apparent security risk in the link between KIBITZ-171 and the wife of KIBITZ-136, for they are not friendly at all, and do not maintain contact. Subject and wife are not disaffected; have not given any reason to believe they have or will compromise operation. However, because of our

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desire to cut off all relations with KIBITZ-171 and because subject does not have too much time now to devote to training, it is believed it is best that he be dropped operationally.

For whom does he think he is working: A German organization directed out of the Blank Office, but supported by Americans. He was originally recruited by KIBITZ-171 and KIBITZ-15.

Whom does he know operationally:

KIBITZ-171 (now dropped) by true name and all personal data.

KIBITZ-145 same as above

KIBITZ-185 same as above

KIBITZ-15 by first name only (according to K-15) and by sight.

┌ ┐ as Mr. Kessler or Nick

┌ ┐ as Mr. Larris (one operational meeting).

KIBITZ-150 is probably known to subject by name only.

What operational data does he know: Subject knows that KIBITZ-171 was a W/T instructor and that KIBITZ-15 was principal agent; knows, through KIBITZ-171, location of safehouses Heidelberg, Ula and Unterschondorf -- all now given up by KIBITZ; knows vaguely and through KIBITZ-171, general idea of training and operational procedure; subject has been oscillator, ADM, and probably TB-1 and RS-1.

What W/T training has subject had: Subject has received 22.5 hours W/T training by KIBITZ-171 in code and international procedure. He has never received any DEULTON W/T procedure or cryptographic material. He has had one short training session with a staff W/T instructor, ┌

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Disposal: As subject was never brought very far into the operational picture he can easily be disposed of by just dropping contact. His main contact with KIBITZ-15 Net was with KIBITZ-171, who is now dropped. He does not have any other means of getting in touch with the Net of KIBITZ-15 except through KIBITZ-171. In addition and in our favor in his easy disposal, is the fact that he knows very little, if anything, about staff personnel in the operation. Subject has no equipment. We have made no promises to subject regarding anything. We owe him no money and he owes us none. Therefore, it is believed that he can be dropped with no further action necessary on our part.

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b. Identity: KIBITZ-176

Personal Data: No data in files.

Clearance: Never obtained. Subject was only under observation and development as W/T candidate. Subject was under development by KIBITZ-109 (also undocumented).

Reason for Dropping: As subject has never been documented she is being dropped because of the tightening up of KIBITZ-15 Net and the ban on any further expansion.

Operational Data known to Subject: Subject knows KIBITZ-109, by true name and all personal data. Subject knows and has met KIBITZ-15 under the name of Dr. Mueller on four or five occasions, the last being in February 1952. Subject has no idea that KIBITZ-15 (Dr. Mueller) is working on a W/T net—according to KIBITZ-15. Subject has no other operational knowledge, does not know any staff personnel, has never seen classified equipment, and does not know of any safehouses or operational procedures. Same is true also of KIBITZ-109, who was subject's contact with the KIBITZ-15 Net. (However, KIBITZ-109 does know the main idea behind the KIBITZ-15 Net, but no details on operations or personnel involved.)

Disposal: It is believed that subject can be disposed of very simply and with no security risk involved by just failing to make further contact.

c. Identity: KIBITZ-187

Personal Data: Never documented as subject was just under development by KIBITZ-150.

Clearance: Never obtained; see above.

Reason for Dropping: Subject is not documented as of now. Due to the tightening up of control over KIBITZ-15 Net we have told KIBITZ-15 that subject must be dropped as no further recruiting of funkers is authorized.

Operational Data known to Subject: Subject was under development by KIBITZ-150 who is a personal acquaintance of subject. KIBITZ-150 has used the operational approach that he, KIBITZ-150, had connections in the Blank Office and was planning a staybehind operation. KIBITZ-150, according to KIBITZ-15,

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never got into a detailed discussion with subject on the operation, but just covered it in generalities. Subject was in Wehrmacht Signal Corps as a triangulation expert according to KIBITZ-15, and that was how he—a wartime acquaintance of KIBITZ-150 — was "chosen". KIBITZ-15 assures us that subject does not know details of operation or that we have gone anywhere past the planning stage.

Disposal: KIBITZ-150 has been told to cut off all contact with subject and it is believed that this can be very easily done for they were nothing more than acquaintances and subject had never actually been past the developmental stage with KIBITZ-150. Subject, according to KIBITZ-15 and KIBITZ-150, does not know any operational details that can be a security risk. He has never met staff personnel nor seen any classified equipment or safehouse.

d. Identity: KIBITZ-188

Personal Data: Never documented as subject was just being developed by KIBITZ-15.

Clearance: Never submitted clearance request.

Reason for Dropping: This man has so far been only another number in our files. We have never received personal data etc. Since this man has only been considered for our operation, we are striking him from our list—at least for the time being, due to forming a better controlled KIBITZ-15 Net.

Operational Data Known to Subject: None — KIBITZ-188 was being considered as a possible W/T radio operator by KIBITZ-15.

Disposal: Since no regular contact has been maintained with subject, it is believed that this is no problem. KIBITZ-188 will not be contacted again.

e. Identity: KIBITZ-190

Personal Data: RRF: PRQ Part I, MOQ-4-522
PRQ Part II, MOQ-4-523

Clearance: Provisional Operational Clearance obtained in MOQ-4-13629;
Full Operational Clearance per WASH 49262 - 10 July 1952

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Reason for Dropping: Because of a general tightening up of the KIBITZ-15 Net. He has never been trained. Subject knows both KIBITZ 171 and KIBITZ 137.

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