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KIBITZ 15

1. It is the opinion of EE that the KIBITZ 15 stay-behind network should be turned over to ZIPPER. This decision is based on the fact that the network is considered a security risk and a possible source of embarrassment to this agency. In addition to this, the principal agent, KIBITZ 15, is not deemed sufficiently loyal to Americans, as opposed to German, direction.
2. This network is composed of some 63 active agents with another thirty or forty spotted for recruitment. Compartmentation in the net is very bad and there is reason to believe that some of the members of this net have already come to the attention of either ZIPPER or the BFV.
3. KIBITZ 15's personal security is considered questionable and there is reason to believe that he already may have informed ZIPPER or the BFV of his activities on our behalf. KIBITZ 15 has previously stated that he belongs to no less than five veterans' organizations including BDS, Selbsthilfe, Deutsch Alpenjaegersoldaten Verband, and a couple of others.
4. Negotiations are now under way in the field to turn this network over to ZIPPER. If ZIPPER agrees to accept the network, the actual turnover is expected to occur shortly after the first of the year.
5. The Office of Communications offers no objections to the turnover of this net to ZIPPER.
6. Full details on this case are available in this division.

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