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8. FUNDING					
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10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

A. (1) During the reporting period, six issues of the Deutsche Soldaten Zeitung (German Soldiers' Newspaper) (DSZ) were published. In dealing with German war veterans, the DSZ editors have found it necessary to take some position in the controversy over the July 20, 1944 plot to assassinate Hitler. OPC could endorse neither the Nazi suppression of the plot, nor under the present political circumstances, a breach of military discipline. With OPC guidance, the DSZ has therefore undertaken to separate the idea of the "honorable soldier" from Hitler's regime by citing case histories of prominent and reputable German soldiers who suffered at the hands of the Hitler regime. "Letters from the Death-Cell," the first of a group of articles propounding this idea, appeared in the 22 November issue.

(2) The OPC contact to the DSZ has drawn up a contract for a trial period of three months to publish a news service with the express purpose of covering European military matters. The contract is similar to that of the DSZ, with identical directions as to United States policy. During the reporting period, 5000 copies of the first issue were distributed to West German newspapers as well as to other news agencies.

(3) On 6 December, public announcement was made to the effect that the DSZ had concluded a temporary agreement with the Verband Deutscher Soldaten (League of German Soldiers) (VDS) providing for the publication of articles on VDS activities and policy objectives. The agreement also states that the VDS will have no voice in the paper's editorial policy and the agreement will be reviewed when the permanent leadership has been elected.

(4) The Wehrwissenschaftliche Rundschau (Europaische Sicherheit) (Scientific-military Outlook, European Security) was published in 3,000 copies during the reporting period. The magazine is written in order to arouse the interest of former German officers in factual military history and the present military situation in Europe. This particular issue stresses the superiority of the West over the East and expounds on the possibility of an armed conflict in which Germans must take part. The magazine's editors continue to support United States' policy aims, and readily accept the guidance of the OPC case officer.

B. At present, the DSZ has the largest circulation in its field and the number

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of subscribers is increasing steadily. A sign of success is the fact that the large tobacco firms are now placing their advertisements in this publication.