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TO : OCA: Mr. T. C. Hughes

DATE: 23 October 1956

FROM : [ ]

SUBJECT: Petrus Johannes KOOYMANS

REF : A. BV-55-2528  
B. BV-55-2666

1. We have developed the following information on Subject:

a. According to information received from a Dutch subject released from Russian captivity, KOOYMANS was detained in the "Peter and Paul Fortress" in Leningrad from 1945 to 1947. Thereafter, he was detained in one or more camps until 1950 when he was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment in Kiev.

b. After his release, KOOYMANS arrived on 20.10.53 at the Friedland Camp in West Germany; he did not wish to be repatriated to the Netherlands, but preferred to stay in West Germany. Many of Subject's former fellow inmates thought that KOOYMANS behaved very well in captivity.

c. After the war, a rumor arose among interned political offenders that KOOYMANS was in the Soviet Zone of Germany and had entered Russian employment as a broadcaster with the Russian radio. One source, who later proved to be unreliable, claimed to have met KOOYMANS several times in Leipzig and alleged that KOOYMANS held a prominent post with the RIS in that city. Neither the rumor of KOOYMANS' Russian radio employment nor his alleged RIS activity are granted any credence and are moreover contradicted by other information.

2. We ask that you provide this office with any reaction from the BfV on the above information.

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