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FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe *C/MS*
SUBJECT: GENERAL OPERATIONAL
 SPECIFIC- Recruitment of KIBITZ 17 *Edward WOELLNER*

REFERENCE: MGK-A-23925

Agents
1. Forwarded under referenced memo is Subject's PRQ, Part 1. Subject first came to our attention through C I who is still studying at the University of Heidelberg and does not want to become involved in any intelligence activities except for actual hostilities at which time he expects to be picked up by the Americans (ASA) for his old intercept work. However, he is apparently known among his close friends to have had contact with the Americans so Subject, a fellow student, broached C I with request to be put in touch with the Americans in order to do something in the fight against communism.

2. Subject was a wartime lieutenant under Captain C I, who gives his unreserved indorsement of Subject who, he says, is motivated by a capitalism inherited from his father who is a successful manufacturer of soaps and allied chemical products in a firm of 400 employees in a nearby hot spot of communism. Subject realizes that all of the way of life he has known will be lost in the failure to combat communism. While it then seems pretty much the case of a man with a personal axe to grind, it may still be as good a motivation as any. From the information supplied by C I we completed preliminary name checks and had C I arrange for a meeting. The meeting was held in Subject's living quarters in the family (grandmother's estate) home in Heidelberg where Subject lives during the school term.

3. C I left immediately after the introductions and C I was left alone with Subject in a few-hour chat, most of which was of generalities to allow a study of the man. As the first good impressions grew better (he's very alert) he was finally asked what he had in mind as his contribution to the effort. His reply indicated a mind disturbed by the open and aggressive manner of the communist "actives" and he felt that an "alert" organization should be set up to penetrate and liquidate the key "actives" in the first minutes of aggression, thus frustrating the fifth column before it could become effective. However, he claimed no definite plan and would willingly subordinate his wishes to any other activity in which he could be of help. He said his school schedule was not too pressing and he was free to travel because his father had just presented him with the family Mercedes. He

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was told that we knew of no movement in being to which he could be referred, but that [] (as []) job was following up on requests of Germans who feel they have something special to offer the Occupation Forces, and that he would look around for something to suit Subject.

4. Throughout the interview, as security, we avoided dwelling on Subject's known military history in communications and intercept, and somehow we still feel that we might, for the time being, bypass this qualification per se while we consider two other aspects. For one, we have our eyes on the family firm with outlets all over Germany. For this, of course, we would have to recruit the father through the son—probably not too difficult. And on the other hand, such a willing worker, after he proves himself, could become most valuable as a contact to other students, presently concentrated in Heidelberg for easy contact, but with home areas of activity scattered throughout the land.

5. As normal security, especially with people who volunteer their services, we will be careful not to give him any tie-in or information to our already established program. Rather, we will work with him and guide him toward the development of his own initiatives.

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