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SUBJECT: GENERAL-- Operational

SPECIFIC KIBITZ-197

REF: MGFA-6664 Hans Reinhold WILHELM

- Reference gives true name and identity of KIBITZ-197.
- As noted in par 4, of MGFA-6656, subject was dropped as a potential KIBITZ W/T operator as of late July 1952. Subject was never name traced although we have a PRQ I and II on him, that were made out by KIBITZ, which will be forwarded under separate cover.
- We were first told of KIBITZ-197 by KIBITZ-15 some two and one half months ago. K-15 emphasized what a good man he was and that he had been a top-flight W/T man during the war. In addition, his present position, emphasized KIBITZ-15, of a Beamter in the Land Baden-Wuerttemberg government should make him an asset to our operation. We agreed that he looked promising, but hastened to add that a PRQ would have to be turned in on him before we could set a training date. KIBITZ-15 about mid-June said that KIBITZ-197 was taking some leave about the middle of July and would be available for training. Again the PRQ question, for none had been forthcoming. K-15 finally got around to turning in a PRQ on the man on 3 July, saying again that he was ready for training in mid-July. I said no, that we would have to wait for a clearance.
- On 11 July KIBITZ-15 again brought up the subject of KIBITZ-197 going into training, the following week. I said no, that I did not have my checks on him made and that all we could would be to have one of our US W/T instructors assess him -- a two hour session at the most. KIBITZ-15 saw that I was serious and agreed, saying that we would tell KIBITZ-197 that he could not go into training because there was no instructor available. KIBITZ-15 put all the arrangements from his side of the picture for this assessment meeting in KIBITZ-15's hands. I had take one of our W/T instructors, to

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the meeting place -- the Hotel Krone, Bretten, Bruchsal-Mullacher. They were told that KIBITZ-197 was to be assessed only.

5. On arrival at the meeting place, [] and [] met KIBITZ-150 and were introduced to KIBITZ-197. Immediately the air became quite tense, for it was apparent from the beginning that KIBITZ-15 had purposely and intentionally neglected to tell KIBITZ-150 that the meeting was for an assessment only. KIBITZ-197 was all ready to go into a two week training session in a safe house; had told his family and friends that he would be on "vacation for two weeks and could not be contacted", etc. Everything was quite strained. KIBITZ-150 was especially on the spot for it was apparent that he had recruited KIBITZ-197. Anyway the man was assessed -- and he would have made a damn fine operator; he had 10 W.P.M. after, according to him, seven years without touching a key.

6. Needless to say, KIBITZ-197 was quite disturbed and has said that he would have nothing more to do with our operation, (and maybe KIBITZ-150 and KIBITZ-15, too??) Thus the fact is that he was not actually dropped, but that he severed relations of his own accord.

7. KIBITZ-150 was quite displeased about the whole affair and after discussions in private [] and [], appeared to be considerably browned off at KIBITZ-15 and not so much at us.

8. On 31 July when I saw KIBITZ-15 again (he had been on leave in Switzerland from 16-28 July, visiting his wife's relatives in Lugano) we got around to discussing the KIBITZ-197 affair and he began to perspire on his upper lip. (He does this when ever he gets excited or when is about to tell an untruth.) KIBITZ-15 said that KIBITZ-197 did not want to be in the operation any more and that it was a real shame for he was such a good man. He then, before I could get in my two cents' worth, said that [] had not told KIBITZ-197 that there was no instructor available to train him or that the instructor scheduled to train him was sick. In other words, the blame was passed right back to me. I said that [] had said there was no instructor available and that this was a shock to KIBITZ-197 and KIBITZ-150, who should have been briefed previously by KIBITZ-15. KIBITZ-15 then muttered and grumbled to himself, sweated some more on the upper lip and went on to another subject. I let it go at that, saying that it was too bad to lose a good man but that we must get PRQs in time.

9. Actually KIBITZ-15 had tried to force me into accepting KIBITZ-197 for training without a security check. If he would be given half a chance, he would run away with the entire show. If he is pushed too much, he is liable to balk completely and the net that he has set up has many good points. We have done our best to get it under control during the past four months and do believe that some progress has been made. However, there are several things that are worrying. They shall not be gone into in this report which is only a typical incident. An overall assessment of the KIBITZ-15 show is in draft stage, however, and we hope to get it out in the next week.

10. One of the reasons I refused to let KIBITZ-197 go into training was the way KIBITZ-15 turned in his PRQ. After, as noted above, the two month long discussion of the "great KIBITZ-197", his PRQ was finally turned over on 3 July 52 to [] at a meeting he had with KIBITZ-15 while I was away on leave.

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[] says that KIBITZ-15 began discussing the training schedule and KIBITZ-197. When [] asked where KIBITZ-197's PRQ was, KIBITZ-15 sat down at a typewriter and pounded it out right then and there -- sans notes, and included birth-dates, etc. [] didn't say anything then but mentioned it when we looked at the PRQ. With the fact that KIBITZ-15 wanted in the worst way to get the man into training we decided to do a little checking. Our suspicions seemed at first unfounded for we did find that a man by KIBITZ-197's name lives at the address given in Stuttgart. We did not get much more of a check made before the assessment. [] because of sickness, could not make the assessment meeting as planned and [] did not see the PRQ before meeting KIBITZ-197. But [] did and the PRQ said that KIBITZ-197 was 27 years old while [] says the man he assessed would be close to 40. We are still checking and will report results, if any, when received.

11. In the meantime, we have just lost a potential W/T operator out of the KIBITZ-15 show in which we appear to have enough to keep us plenty busy any how. Security-wise I do not think we have any worries about KIBITZ-197 for he did not know enough to do us any harm. KIBITZ-15 and KIBITZ-150 have just told him the bare facts that this is a German anti-Commie underground organization that is working with the Americans. That I do not think will do us any harm. He saw no classified equipment during his assessment. He does not know (as far as we can tell) the location of safe houses, or the true names of Staff Personnel.

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