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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 7 January 1953

FROM : Chief, FHB

Attention:

SUBJECT: GENERAL OPERATIONAL/CALL

SPECIFIC CONTACT REPORT -- KIBITZ-15 and KIBITZ-150

1. Since has been hospitalized, the undersigned has been handling the KIBITZ operation. I have had three lengthy meetings with KIBITZ-15 and KIBITZ-150 which this report will cover. Agents have been told that has been hospitalized with pneumonia and will not be available for approximately four or five months, and that he presently is located in an isolation ward making business meetings impossible. Therefore, the undersigned must take up where left off without having the necessary briefing. This, of course, is false information designed to check any attempt of KIBITZ-15 to reinstate any dropped agents or otherwise take advantage of the situation. In actuality, I maintain weekly contact with , we so far noted no untoward tactics on the part of KIBITZ-15 but merely a continuation of his battle for training and supplying agents.

2. KIBITZ-15 and KIBITZ-150 both realize that they are being stalled in their insistence on equipment for the two completed W/T operators, KIBITZ-156 and KIBITZ-180. KIBITZ-15 has been told that other commitments throughout the world, e.g., Korea, has priority over requirements in Germany. KIBITZ-150 states the failure to produce the necessary equipment is raising a serious psychological question with both teams, whose members cannot understand why they have had intensive W/T training and now cannot get the tools with which to operate. KIBITZ-15 then reminded me that all our work would be in vain should the Soviets strike now. With this in mind, KIBITZ-15 requested that I notify my superiors in Washington that he desires an official on-the-spot investigation of his operation as soon as possible and if this is impossible, that both he and his deputy (KIBITZ-150), with headquarters approval, would come to Washington for official discussions. However, he said that he preferred the former course as it would be more comprehensive and Washington could get an inside look at his operations, man. bases, etc. (This offers a good opportunity for a survey, and since will not be available to conduct it, DCOM has detailed to the job). In the meanwhile, even though we do have the necessary equipment, we have been holding off on delivery until the KIBITZ-15 situation is clarified.

3. During our last meeting, KIBITZ-15 brought up several points which could have a definite bearing on plans for his net. Stating that he now fully understands our motives in reducing his mob to a more controllable group with completely separated 2-3 man teams, he added that henceforth he will concentrate his efforts along these lines. In connection with the failure to provide equipment, which he is sure we possess, he said: "Perhaps you or your superiors in Washington believe this

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type of operation should be handled in the future by the German government. I must stress that this operation should be handled as a western organization, over and above politics, so that it will be an ever-ready or going unit even though one government should cast it aside. My reasoning is quite obvious, take for instance the B.D.J., just as soon as our loud-mouthed government got word of it, they exposed it to the public. This is the sort of thing we must be on guard against." In short, he seems to fear that his net is slowly going to pot and that only an investigation from my superiors will save or revive it.

4. Despite the fracas over equipment, we are still continuing our training and preparation of storage places for equipment. Present scheduling will keep our training program busy through the end of January, unless the operation should be discontinued or turned over to some other agency. KIBITZ-150 is still making storage places in lieu of caches, as outlined in MGFA-6578, and so far the following has been accomplished:

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- a. Two couches with built in compartments for a complete W/T unit have been constructed and presently are in the possession of KIBITZ-156 and KIBITZ-191.
- b. A bunker, being constructed in a forest for KIBITZ-180, is about 80% complete. It has been designed as an operating base.
- c. A concealed compartment has been completed in the attic of the KIBITZ-150 residence.
- d. A combination W/T storage place and operating base is being constructed underground utilizing an ancient tunnel system. This is progressing nicely, but will exceed our authorized amount. This base is to be utilized by KIBITZ-198, 199, 200 and 120.

5. Following is a list of the present W/T operators, in the KIBITZ-15 net, revised according to the priority they will receive in training and the amount of training each has had:

PRIORITY I

| <u>Agent</u> | <u>Degree of Training</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| KIBITZ-156 | Complete |
| KIBITZ-180 | Complete |
| KIBITZ-191 | 3/4 Complete |
| *KIBITZ-199/200 | 1/2 Complete |
| *Husband and wife team | |

PRIORITY II

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| KIBITZ-127 | 1/2 Complete |
| KIBITZ-177 | 1/2 Complete |
| KIBITZ-182 | 1/2 Complete |
| KIBITZ-198 | 1/4 Complete |

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PRIORITY III

| <u>Agent</u> | <u>Degree of Training</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| KIBITZ-173 | 1/2 Complete |
| KIBITZ-161 | 1/2 Complete |
| KIBITZ-237 | None Complete |

6. Following is a list of the sixty-three active agents mentioned in EGFA-285 and EGFA-552. KIBITZ-15 has been instructed that there will be no more recruiting and no more W/T'ers will be selected from this list until training of the above agents has been completed. He then agreed that we should concentrate all our effort on this list of men so "we can show Washington some ready teams".

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| 104 | 132 | 156 | 189 | 218 | 273 |
| 108 | 133 | 159 | 191 | 219 | 277 |
| 109 | 134 | 161 | 192 | 221 | 291 |
| 112 | 135 | 163 | 198 | 222 | |
| 115 | 137 | 169 | 199 | 223 | |
| 116 | 138 | 173 | 200 | 224 | |
| 117 | 141 | 174 | 201 | 225 | |
| 118 | 150 | 177 | 210 | 227 | |
| 120 | 151 | 180 | 211 | 237 | |
| 122 | 152 | 181 | 212 | 238 | |
| 123 | 153 | 182 | 216 | 256 | |
| 127 | 155 | 187 | 217 | 261 | |

7. Meanwhile, [] and I have gone through some of KIBITZ-15's personal files which he keeps in a safe in our Heidelberg office. This office is only used for meetings with KIBITZ-15 and KIBITZ-150. Among the papers is an exchange of correspondence between KIBITZ-15 and a General DORN from Bad Pyrmont. The General contacted KIBITZ-15 in September, 1951 through an ex-Colonel SCHWARTZ who commanded the "UIM" regiment, stating that perhaps KIBITZ-15 could supply some information which he (DORN) needed for an article which he was writing for the WEHRWISSENSCHAFTLICHE RUNDSCHAU (Military Science Periodical). DORN said that his personal files perhaps contained this information but that they were not easily obtainable since they were "eingemauert" (walled-in or cached) in Chiemsee. KIBITZ-15 answered saying that they should get together to discuss this matter since it would be quite difficult for him to cover the matter in writing. Subsequent letters in the main criticized the BLANK office and the present German Military Planning Staff in Bonn. The last letter in the exchange was dated January, 1952.

8. We have been checking every possible lead to determine whether or not any connection exists between the KIBITZ-15 net and Born, ZIPPER or any other agency. We have sent a complete list of all KIBITZ-15 men to ZIPPER for tracing and we will continue such research which as will aid in the overall KIBITZ study.

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