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TO : Chief, EE Attn: [] and [] DATE: _____

FROM : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt INFO: Frankfurt Hqs. Base

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/CALL

SPECIFIC— KIBITZ-15

REF: SFRAN 3526
EGFA-1070 (Attached)

1. Attached is []'s statement of the case. There is little to add to the main issue under debate except to repeat the points I made for your consideration in SFRAN 3526. *Your reply is now on hand & we are going ahead with the liquidation of the whole Kibitz complex.*

2. There are, however, one or two related matters which can be taken up in correspondence better than by cable. Both [] and I have been keenly aware of the fact that [] and [] felt very strongly about KIBITZ-15. In a sense []'s claim to be able to control KIBITZ-15 could be misunderstood as a slight to [] and [] who had failed in their ability to establish control over the agent. Since I had an opportunity to discuss KIBITZ-15 with [] a number of times during his period of handling the agent, I want to make it perfectly plain that I consider []'s work to have been of a superior nature, and that I would have gone along completely with the disposal of KIBITZ-15 had [] continued to recommend it as a responsible case officer. I changed my mind after the transfer of the case from [] to [] because of the following two factors. First, the transfer coincided with []'s review of the case, which in turn brought our whole relationship with KIBITZ-15 into clear focus and provided [] with an unusual opportunity to pick the case up on an entirely different basis than [] had been able to arrange. Second, there can be no doubt but that [] is an older and more experienced person than [], and therefore his approach to the whole matter of control is necessarily more sure-footed and effective than [] had been able to arrange when he was plunged into taking the case over from a relatively weak case officer.

3. In closing, may I suggest that any future letters written in the tone of EGQA-5711 be addressed to the Chief of Mission rather than to any one of our base chiefs. It is [] view that between the Division and his office there can exist the widest latitude of outspokenness in any matter about which there is a difference of opinion. However, he cannot agree to having the Division address correspondence to the bases that is as unrestrained as this particular letter. If any base chief or any senior officer in the Mission needs to be set aright, it is his duty to take the necessary action.

Attach: EGFA-1070*

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