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Chief of Base, Pullach

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Chief of Base, Berlin

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Summary of Information - Hildegard LAECHERT

References: A. EGBA 41132 *LAECHERT alpha* D. EGBA 41192
 B. EGBA 38879 (not to POB) E. EGBA 41241
 C. EGBA 40153 (not to POB)

1. Reference A presented the basic story obtained from Subject following her arrival in W. Berlin. Based on the information contained therein we proposed operational utilization of Subject for the express purpose of establishing contact with the UE, either through Richard KRAJEWSKI or others. Our subsequent handling of the operation was reported in References B through E. It will be noted that copies of References A, D, and E were furnished POB. This dispatch therefore sums up in the attachment hereto the contents of References B and C and is considered by us to be suitable for passing to UPSWING.

2. Trace Results. Subject was traced locally without positive responses. Traces sent out via BRUN 8752, 8753 dated 22 December 1956, brought essentially negative responses from COS/Germany (FRAN 4950); MID, OSI, A-2 (FRAN 3951); POB, MOS, UPSWING (PULL 6384); CIC(STUT 3667). Headquarters trace (DIR 45759) confirmed part of her earlier background and information relative to SS activities.

3. FYI: Subject was met by the Case Officer at ULM on 21 February, 31 March and at STUTTGART 26 April 1957.

4. Enclosed please find photographs of Subject and WEIGELT.

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 1 - 2 Photos
 2 - SC Attachment

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1. Summary of Information Pertaining to the Period 17 December 1956
- 12 January 1957

- a. Berlin Handling of Subject and Family. Subject was allocated Berlin by the American Refugee Center, 31 Manteuffel Str., Berlin, on 17 December 1956. She remained under our control until 12 January 1957, at which time she had completed her refugee processing and was flown out of Berlin to Camp Friedland, near Hannover, W. Germany. During the period she was in Berlin she was housed and debriefed in our facilities. For purposes of communication while in Berlin, she was given a local telephone number.

On 22 December Subject became ill. Medical examination revealed that she was suffering from exhaustion and a chronic liver condition, aggravated by her general poor physical condition. She recovered in a few days time.

Through arrangements made beforehand it was possible to intercept her two children after they fled the DDR and upon arrival at West Berlin. Her first child, a 15 year old girl arrived on 28 December 1956, and her second, a 17 year old boy, arrived on 6 January 1957, thus reuniting the family after more than 11 years of separation.

- b. Refugee Processing-Berlin. While under our control and with permission, Subject solicited the assistance of the German Red Cross in processing further through refugee channels. Through that Agency she learned that she was eligible for certain benefits as a Spätheinkkehrer, and in due course made application for same. Thereafter, she was referred back to Marienfelde where she completed her processing, prior to departure from W. Berlin. This processing included numerous referrals to both German and Allied offices including the British and French Intelligence Services. At the latter offices she was further debriefed on her background with special regard to her prison experiences, knowledge of the UB, and captured agents imprisoned in Poland. Subject allegedly did not reveal the UB attempt to recruit her or the potential operational value of Richard KRAJEWSKI.
- c. Our Recruitment of Subject. Following our decision to attempt to utilize Subject operationally, we notified the AIS Community Berlin, as well as the EFV Liaison officer at Marienfelde, that she was of further interest to us. This was done in order to forestall any possible proselytizing later.

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Thereafter she was approached with a view of future cooperation with us in the matter of attempting to contact Richard KRAJEWski or other UB personnel. She readily agreed to assist. Accordingly she was briefed on how to conduct herself after her departure from Berlin. This included:

- (i) General security briefing.
- (ii) Communication to the Berlin Officer. For this purpose she was given a Postschliessfach. Specific briefing included necessity for her to keep the Berlin officer advised of her current address; restriction on contents of her letters to ensure no compromise of interests or identifying her as the writer. She was instructed to write no more than one letter per month.
- (iii) From the Berlin Officer. Subject was told that her Berlin Officer would write her only when necessary.
- (iv) To Richard KRAJEWski. Subject was told to write him in accordance with procedures they had agreed upon only after she had a permanent type address to which he could respond, or through which he could locate her if he or his representative attempted to visit her in West Germany.
- (v) Meeting Arrangements with Berlin Officer. The first meeting with the Berlin officer to be held outside of Berlin was to be at the Rathaus of the city or town in which she was residing at the time and date specified in the letter.
- (vi) Turnover Instructions. Original turnover instruction to be utilized in event a cold takeover was necessary, included the use of an introductory phrase and answer to a question posed by the Subject.

2. Trace Results. Subject was traced locally without positive responses. Other traces were essentially negative except that Headquarters confirmed part of Subject's earlier background and information relative to SS activities.

3. Summary of Information Pertaining to the Period 12 January - 21 February 1951

- a. Refugee Processing. Subject and family arrived at Camp Friedland on 12 January. While there Subject continued her processing and managed in some unknown manner to lose her recently-issued personalausweis. On 14 January they were sent to Gleussen, where her children were formally accepted into the Federal Republic. On 17 January they were transferred to the Landesdurchgangslager located at Sedanstr 60, ULM-DONAU. Upon arrival there they resumed their processing, which included further screening by the German authorities and the CIC.

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Shortly after her arrival at ULM Subject was advised that her eligibility for financial benefits as a Spaetheinkehrer was in doubt because of her conviction for war crimes. She was told that a final decision would be made on 18 March 1957. In spite of this she was awarded the sum of 6480 DMW, of which 6000 DMW was deposited in her name in a blocked account at the Stadtparkasse, Hafenbadstr 1, ULM-Donau. Her account book bore an endorsement prohibiting withdrawals prior to 18 March 1957. Additionally she was issued a Spaetheinkehrer's Bescheinigung which bears number U-8754.

- b. Lager Experiences. As is known, life in a lager leaves much to be desired. The prolonged stay of Subject and family at the ULM-Lager had a detrimental effect on the morale of all concerned. Numerous problems, all new to Subject as a Mother, mainly the care and welfare of her children, arose. This, coupled with other conditions, deepened Subject's animosities for W. Germany, in comparison with her life under the Nazi regime, when as a party and SS member she held a privileged position.
- c. Subject's Correspondence.
- (i) With Berlin Officer. Subject started corresponding with the Berlin Officer from ULM on 20 January. The first letter furnished her address. This was followed shortly thereafter with a request for the Berlin Officer to visit her.
- (ii) To Richard KRAJEWSKI. A few days after her arrival at the ULM Lager, Subject wrote a letter addressed directly to K at the Warsaw address he furnished. Subject included her current address and comments regarding her progress in settling in W. Germany. She claims that she did not put a return address on the outside of the envelope. Failing to hear from K in a period of two weeks, she again wrote him, referring to her unanswered letter, and again including her current address. Up to 21 February no reply had been received to either letter.

NOTE: It is realized that the correspondence with K started in a manner other than that originally agreed upon. Subject claims that she realizes this, but justifies her action by stating that being depressed and anxious to hear or see him again, she wrote her first letter, hoping that he would react. She now realizes that if he were bonafide, she certainly could have compromised him through such open correspondence.

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- (iii) From Antonie WEIGELT. On or about 16 February 1957, Subject received a letter from one Antonie WEIGELT, whose address is Lager Wentorf, bei Hamburg, HL. B/90. This letter was postmarked Hamburg, 14 February 1957, 1400 hours. As far as Subject knows WEIGELT had no way of obtaining her address except through German Refugee Authorities, Bishop Heckel or possibly indirectly through the UB, following Subject's letter to KRAJEWSKI.

Subject described WEIGELT as born ca 1905, a person considered to be a prisoner-opitsel at Grudziadz and Fordon Prisons, whom she thought was a Pole because of the fact that W spoke only Polish in prison. It was apparent to Subject that W had some type of medical education, other than that of a regular nurse, as she always stressed her knowledge of medicine, which in actual fact was fairly comprehensive.

NOTE: WEIGELT processed through the American Refugee Center, 31 Manteuffel Str o/a 26 January 1957. Her Personal Record Sheet indicated her last address in Poland as Ul. Ukryta Osmiasoi, Wroclaw. Basic personalia contained in the record included her DOB - 3 March 1901; POB - Briesen, Lower Silesia, born SLAWINSKI.

It is conceivable that the UB could be attempting to reach Subject through WEIGELT. Subject has no desire to acknowledge W's letter at this time.

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