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14 May 1952

MEMO FOR AECOB FILES

Subject: [] Comments on [] Memo of 6 May 1952,
regarding discussion with HAHN and RNPILLOW on 29 April.

1. Disagreement between [] on the one hand, and [] and [] on the other, arose concerning several of the points of view as expressed in [] memo, particularly the conclusions arrived at. These were brought out in a discussion which took place immediately after HAHN and RNPILLOW left, and [] feels these should be added here to help round out the picture and adjust a somewhat unfortunate impression which might be formed were [] notes in the files alone.

2. Regarding Para 1: The fact that the contacts are four years old and cannot be checked upon was not "brought out;" we have always known it. There is a possible way to check on one of the contacts, although the way may not be desirable.

3. The only facts brought out by HAHN which were not known to [] were the details of the BROADWAY contact. [] knew the contact had been made, but HAHN assured us it had been broken and was always reluctant to give the full details.

4. HAHN no longer considers SKOBE a member of his group.

5. There is no indication that HAHN gave the British the VALDEMAR contacts "at a great disadvantage to himself." (See 9.b. below.)

6. We do not know that the book on which the signal plan was based was lost by VALDEMAR. We do know that his crystals were lost, and that the new ones he received probably were delivered by British agents.

7. As HAHN told [] the next day, about a month after he gave the BROADWAY man the signal plan, SKOBE wrote again saying that he wished to know how to get in touch with VALDEMAR so that

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the British could get him financial assistance. HAHN wrote back saying that he was not able to furnish that information (since he had by then broken with TILBURY, his channel of info from VALDEMAR).

8. The fact that RNPILLOW told us completely voluntarily about the contact with his uncle is in itself indicative (para 3).

9. Re para 5 (a): The word "blown" as used here means that the agencies listed know that HAHN has been concerned with attempts from Sweden to penetrate Latvia, and knew of his potential contact with VALDEMAR. (Whether the TIEBARS know of this is not certain.) "Blown" cannot be interpreted here to mean that his present connections are known. HAHN was, of course, the contact man for the group in these affairs; it was set up that way so as not to expose RNPILLOW, who would have the actual contact with the agents.

(b) "Poor judgement," as is indicated, merely means that he got nothing out of his donation to the British. What he wanted was not money, but an assurance that his plan was being used to benefit VALDEMAR. His present sorrow is due to the fact that he never got that assurance. In retrospect, it must be admitted that probably his judgement was much better at that time than when he broke with the British to work with us, since we must presume that the British made advantageous use of his plan.

(d) We disagree. Regardless of signal plans, we control the channel of communications and frequencies. In addition, HAHN could never use a threat of this sort because he would fear the possible consequences of trying to threaten the US. He could not know what counter-measures we would take against him or his family.

(c) HAHN is probably known to the RIS (although we have no proof) as being previously engaged in attempts to penetrate Latvia. We have no indications that his present connections are known to the RIS.

10. Re para 6, I have never known any conscientious person who was sure his plan would succeed. HAHN, according to CARRIAGE, is hypercritical of himself.

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11. It is unclear whether the statement in para 6, that HAHN and RNPILLOW agree the RIS may have become knowledgeable of their participation with DYCLAIM and of the names of the agents, is based on para 5.c. or on something else.

12. Re para 6, CAMUSO-3 was recruited before Guard Company spotting was started. CATTURA's contact with DYCLAIM does not involve the CAMUSOs. We have no ~~positive~~ basis for the conclusion that CATTURA has indicated the "nature of his cooperation and contact with DYCLAIM" to JANUMS, even assuming that he mentioned the Guard Company deal to JANUMS. We have no contact with JANUMS, even through CATTURA; if JANUMS made such a statement in London, ZIPPER is probably the party concerned.

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