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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR INFO

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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE (AFL)

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO REF MEETING WITH MOD, STATION OFFICER
 CONTACTED THE ARBEITSKREIS FUER LANDESVERTEIDIGUNG
(AFL) MENTIONED IN PARA 6-A OF REF. USING EMBASSY COVER HE
MET FOR ONE HOUR WITH HORST-FERDINAND (MUELLER-GOLTZ), WHO IS A
RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER AND RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCAL BONN
ACTIVITIES. INFO OBTAINED IS REPORTED IN PARAS BELOW.

2. AFL WAS FOUNDED ON 13 DEC 1966 IN BONN. IT IS A NON-
PARTY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO GERMAN UNITY AND FREEDOM
THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS AND SELF-DETERMINATION. AFL FURTHER-
MORE SUPPORTS EUROPEAN UNITY AND THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.
THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND PRINTED WORK THE AFL ATTEMPTS TO
COVER ALL ASPECTS OF FOREIGN, DOMESTIC AND ECONOMIC SECURITY.
THE GOALS OF THE AFL ARE CARRIED OUT THROUGH PUBLICATIONS,
SEMINARS AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

3. THE AFL HAS ABOUT 450 DUES PAYING MEMBERS FROM ALL
PARTIES, REGIONS AND PROFESSIONS, BUT THE MAJORITY (56 PER
CENT) ARE FROM THE LARGEST PROVINCE, NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA.
A FEW ARE FROM NORTH GERMANY AND BERLIN. HALF OF THE MEMBERS
ARE UNDER 40 YEARS OF AGE AND EFFORTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY
TO ATTRACT A LARGER NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG VOTERS. AT
PRESENT 28 PER CENT ARE YOUTH, 18 PER CENT MILITARY, BORDER
GUARDS AND POLICE, 10 PER CENT CIVIL SERVANTS, 8 PER CENT
TEACHERS AND PROFESSORS.

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4. ANNUAL DUES ARE DM 60 FOR FULL MEMBERS AND DM 20 FOR STUDENTS AND DRAFTEES.

5. THE AFL DISTRIBUTES VIA MAIL ABOUT 1,000 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS A MONTH AND HELD 60 SEMINARS ON DEFENSE SUBJECTS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1982. MUELLER-GOLTZ (MG) GAVE US SAMPLES OF MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED, WHICH INCLUDED MOD PUBLICATIONS, NATO INFORMATION SHEETS, U.S. EMBASSY ICA MATERIAL AND A PAMPHLET BY CONGRESSMAN LES ASPIN ENTITLED "JUDGE NOT BY NUMBERS ALONE: U.S. MILITARY POSTURE" PUBLISHED BY THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND DISTRIBUTED BY ICA.

6. MG ASKED C/O TO RETURN FOR A FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE AFL BUSINESS MANAGER, KARL-HEINZ ((MARBACH)), AND THE CHAIRMAN, HANS ((PETERS)).

7. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT MG WAS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING WHEN HE HEARD C/O WAS FROM U.S. EMBASSY. HE STATED FRANKLY THAT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO THE LONG TERM CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER OF AFL, FNU GRUENTHAL, WAS VOTED OUT OF OFFICE AND REPLACED BY HANS PETERS. GRUENTHAL IS A FULL TIME CIVIL SERVANT EMPLOYED BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND HAD DOMINATED THE ORGANIZATION FOR YEARS. GRUENTHAL HAS SINCE FOUNDED A NEW ORGANIZATION, WHICH INCLUDES ORGANIZING TRAVEL GROUPS FOR TRIPS ABROAD, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA. GRUENTHAL IS A VERY CONSERVATIVE CDU MEMBER. SINCE HIS DEPARTURE, AFL HAS LOST SOME OF ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND AT PRESENT IS IN PROCESS OF TRYING TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS. MG SAID THAT DEFENSE MINISTER WOERNER IS A DUES PAYING MEMBER. THEY HAVE ORGANIZED SEMINARS IN WHICH NUMEROUS HIGH-RANKING DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS SPOKEN AND HAVE GOOD CONTACTS TO CDU, SPD AND FDT. THEY COOPERATE WITH, BUT ARE NOT FINANCED BY ANY PARTY. MG CONFIDED THAT AT PRESENT, THE AFL IS DESPERATELY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING, BECAUSE THE POLITICAL PARTIES ARE PRE-OCCUPIED WITH THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND THE FEDERAL GOVT HAS REDUCED SUBSIDIES FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS. THIS INCLUDES TRAVEL MONEY TO ATTEND SEMINARS OF THE KIND SPONSORED BY AFL. MG ALSO STATED THAT THE AFL COULD USE GOOD NEW MATERIAL ON THE NATO INF ISSUE.

8. INITIAL MEETING WAS CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT THAT C/O WOULD RETURN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, WHICH WOULD BE ATTENDED

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BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER, MARBACH, AND POSSIBLY THE CHAIRMAN, PETERS. BOTH ARE RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS WITH WWII EXPERIENCE.

9. WHEN CASE OFFICER RETURNED TO STATION, HE CHECKED IN INDEX AND NOTED WITH INTEREST THAT KARL HEINZ MARBACH IS SUBJECT [] WE HAVE NUMEROUS REFERENCES ON MICROFICHE, BUT NO DETAILS. C/O RECALLS THAT MARBACH PROBABLY IS IDENTICAL WITH FORMER BERLIN BASE CA ASSET, WHO WORKED EXTENSIVELY IN 1950S WITH BERLIN BASE IN OPERATIONS TARGETTED AGAINST EAST GERMANY. REQUEST HQS PULL HIS FILE AND DETERMINE, WHAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WAS WITH PNEXCEL, WHEN WAS HE TERMINATED AND, IF SO, WHY. WE ASSUME THAT HE WAS DROPPED WHEN MOST OF BERLIN CA CASES WERE TURNED OVER TO THE GERMANS IN LATE 1950S.

10. THERE ARE NO IDENTIFIABLE TRACES ON PETERS OR MUELLER-GOLTZ.

11. FILE: 200-126-129; [] INDEX ((MUELLER-GOLTZ)) AND HANS ((PETERS)). DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82. ALL SECRET.

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