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TO: WASHF INFO: KARL CITE: MUNI

RE WASH 1807 (OUT 79323).

1. ON MUNICH VISIT 9-11 MAY VON MENDE OFFERED HIS SERVICES AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO US. [] ELIMINATED FROM TALKS AT OUTSET. PROPOSES TO MOVE TO MUNICH WITH WIFE, TWO CHILDREN, AND TAKE POST AT UNIVERSITY HERE, ON OFFICIAL INVITATION OF LATTER. BRITISH AWARE IN GENERAL HIS WISHES TO RESUME UNIVERSITY WORK, AND WOULD ACCEDE TO HIS REQUEST FOR RELEASE, ACCORDING TO MENDE. MENDE AND [] VISITED GERLACH, RECTOR OF MUNICH UNIVERSITY, WHO DEFINITELY INTERESTED AND READY TO ARRANGE INVITATION. GERLACH WAS PREVIOUSLY INFORMED ONCE THAT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WISH TO FACILITATE RESEARCH BY MENDE IN FIELD OF OBVIOUSLY GREAT INTEREST.

2. EXACT REASON MENDE WISHES TO LEAVE BRITISH IS IMPOSSIBILITY TO PLAN EITHER INTELLIGENCE OR ACADEMIC CAREER UNDER THEIR SPONSORSHIP. ISOLATED IN BRACKWEDE/BIELEFELD, HE IS PAINFULLY AWARE HIS INDIGENOUS STATUS AND ABSENCE LONG RANGE PLANS HIS FUTURE USE. WOULD ACCEPT EQUALLY TRANSITORY STATUS WITH AIS, IF HE ABLE TO PLAN UNIVERSITY CAREER AND UNDERTAKE OWN RESEARCH, BUT OFFERS UNRESTRICTED SERVICES ANYWHERE ON CAREER BASIS IF PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL SECURITY OF FAMILY ASSURED. AGREES WITHOUT RESERVATION TO FOLLOW OUR OPERATIONAL DECISIONS, POLICIES, GENERAL AND SPECIFIC REQUESTS SAME COMPENSATION AS GIVEN BY BRITISH, I.E., 475 DM PER MONTH, LODGING, RATIONS FOR FAMILY AND VOLKSWAGEN ON A LOAN.

3. AS STUDENT OF RUSSIAN NATIONAL MINORITIES. MENDE IN CONTACT

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WITH MAJORITY OF LEADERS OF ENIGRE UKRAINIANS, WHITE RUTHENIANS, GEORGIANS, ARMENIANS, AZERBAIDZHANERS, NORTH CAUCASIANS, TURKESTANDERS, VOLGA AND CRIMENA TARTARS, KALMIUKS, LATVIANS, ESTHONIANS. IS KNOWN FAVORABLY TO LITHUANIANS, WITH WHOM HE NOT IN CONTACT. WE CONSIDER MENDE AN ACADEMIC AUTHORITY ON AREAS THESE NATIONALITIES, WITH BROAD EXPERIENCE GIS EFFORTS THIS FIELD AND CURRENT KNOWLEDGE POST WAR DEVELOPMENTS, PERSONALITIES IN EMIGRATIONS. PROBABLY COULD EXERT GREAT PERSONAL INFLUENCE OVER RUSSIAN ENIGRE NATIONAL GROUPS. WE PROPOSE TO RECRUIT MENDE FOR SIX MONTHS AS ADVISOR IN HIS FIELD AND IN THE COLLECTION AND ORGANIZATION OF OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. DURING THIS TIME HE WOULD ESTABLISH ACADEMIC POSITION, INDEPENDENT OVERT STUDENT GROUP, LIBRARY WITHIN UNIVERSITY, AND DENY AFFILIATION WITH ANY I.S. HE COULD ALSO BE KEPT APART FROM ALL MOB OPERATIONS. DECISION AFTER SIX MONTHS ON EXTENT, NATURE OF HIS FUTURE USE WOULD RESULT FROM OUR GRADUAL ASSESSMENT MENDE'S POTENTIALITIES DURING THIS TIME.

4. WE INFORMED MENDE WE FAVORABLY DISPOSED HIS RECRUITMENT BUT THAT DECISION WOULD NOT FOLLOW BEFORE 15 JUNE.

5. WE POUCHING FORM 51-67, DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECT, VARIOUS MEMORANDA BY MENDE, DETAILS. PENDING YOUR APPROVAL, MAY WE TELL GERLACH TO PROCEED WITH UNIVERSITY ENQUIRIES, ARRANGEMENTS?

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