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FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— ZENKER of OV C

REF: MIL-A-7355

1. Reference summarizes the first piece of evidence suggesting that ZENKER is somehow involved with the Czech IS. A second part of the jigsaw puzzle slipped into place when we received from LO a memo stating that a Czech agent named fm WOLLINGER was arrested in May of this year and that a house search disclosed a list bearing three abbreviations. One of these was the true name of ZENKER with the last two letters omitted; and LO unhesitatingly identified the name as ZENKER's.

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2. The third piece of the puzzle is contained in MIS-A-4175. The lengthy report on the commitment of V-11812(P) to set Operation WELLENREITER in motion was not forwarded because we decided to await the return of V-11812. Committed on the third of May of this year, he has never come back. The reason for his continued absence has, however, now become painfully apparent. V-12041 had trouble in getting V-11812 across the border; the passenger originally scheduled for the job, V-12015(P), ran into trouble and refused to make a second try. V-12041 thereupon went to ZENKER, whom he had first met exactly a month ago, on whom he had run no traces, and concerning the reliability of whom he had no evidence whatsoever. ZENKER recommended V-12044(P). Immediately (on 3 May 1951) V-12041 met V-12044(P), made an on-the-spot recruitment, and arranged for V-12044(P) to conduct V-11812 over the border that same day. At this point the significance of MIS-A-4175 becomes clear. The subject of that report, a confessed Czech agent now serving four years, had identified V-12044(P) as a Czech IS cut-out in April 1951. (Her instructions, before she left the CSR, included the statement that if she lost contact with her superiors, she could regain it via V-12044.)

3. Finally, all three operations in which ZENKER acted as tipper have gone sour.

a. V-12042(P) has no established tie to the Czech IS, but minor indications made us fear this possibility (see Case Officer's Comments in MIL-A-6992). A June report from LO to GV C states that V-12042(P) was arrested by German police on 25 May 1951 on suspicion of working for the

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Czech IS. GV C has replied that he was arrested on suspicion of smuggling, and has to date refused to drop V-12042. We feel, however, that the fact that he was recommended by ZENKER is sufficient to damn him; and we shall press the point.

b. V-12043(P) has been dropped, principally because he has moved to Aalen. He had, however, a prior record of working for MOP (see MCK-A-31380) in Czech operations. The fact that ZENKER introduced V-12043(P) to V-12041 makes him, V-12043(P), another double-agent suspect.

c. V-12044(P) has also been dropped. When GV C first submitted a request for traces on him 39 warned that it was suspected that he was working for the SNB in Vseruby. V-12044(F) managed to remain in GV C's graces for a time by admitting the contact with the SNB but claiming that it was undertaken at the suggestion of CIC Koetzting. In our tracing request (WGL-A-7124) we specifically asked for a CIC confirmation or denial of this statement. MGS-A-4555, written in reply, does not answer this question; it merely confirms that V-12044(F) did work for CIC.

d. In response to repeated requests from us for further information about the various ramifications of the ZENKER case, GV C has now submitted a report which is detailed in some respects but nevertheless unsatisfactory. It shows that there is a ZENKER Senior and a ZENKER Junior; that the father recommended V-12042(P); that the son was tipper or middle-man for V-12043(P) and V-12044(F). The ZENKERS, father and son, know the following persons:

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a. V-12041, known to both under an alias. (There is no doubt that V-12041 was almost exclusively responsible for the entire ZENKER case. As BV leader he was in charge of Operations V-12042(P), V-12043(P), V-12044(F), and WILLENBREITER. Unfortunately, V-12041 died on 5 September 1951 of a heart attack. One consequence of this fact is that further investigation of the ZENKER case has now become nearly impossible for ZIPPER.) V-12042(P), V-12043(P) and V-12044(F) all knew V-12041 under an alias.

b. V-12013 is an old friend of ZENKER Sr. and is known to him by true name. GV C claims that ZENKER Jr. has not met V-12013 and knows nothing about him, but it seems highly unlikely that the father would have kept the identity of V-12013 a secret from the son. (Dealing with ZENKER Sr., V-12041 and V-12013 presented themselves as representatives of a Sudeten German group interested in aiding compatriots and maintaining ties with the former homeland. There would seem to be little likelihood that the father swallowed this tale and even less that the son, who was told the same story by V-12041 later, believed it.) V-12042(P) knows V-12013 by true name and also knows that he is engaged in IS work. GV C has not yet determined whether V-12043(P) knows V-12013. V-12044(F) does not know V-12013.

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c. V-120h2 is important within the who-knows-whom framework because to date GV C has insisted on retaining him, on the grounds that he is clean. It is true that he is not known to V-120hh. But he is known to ZENKER Sr.; and if, as seems highly probable, ZENKER Jr. is a Czech agent, then we must assume that he has secured the identity of V-120h2 from his father.

5. We shall soon hold a full-dress conference with ZIPPER personnel concerned with this problem. Should ZIPPER be unable to pursue the case further, we shall request CIC investigation of both ZENKER and V-120hh(P). Prior to making such a request, we shall obtain from GV C all available identifying data for both ZENKERS.

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