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CAISSON 19

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3020
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2008

RE: MGB-A-7920; WASHF-32472; MGK-W-7963

1. In order to carry out the recommendations as suggested in MGB-A-7920 and approved with some limitations in WASHF-32472 and MGK-W-7963, the undersigned visited CAISSON 19 after having been briefed by []

2. CAISSON 19 offered no objections to the proposed assignment and agreed to come to Munich in order to initiate a search for []

3. CAISSON 19 arrived in Munich on 20 March 1951 and immediately contacted the undersigned. The latter then briefed CAISSON 19 on [] background, habits, disappearance and HASELGRUBER's contacts in the Munich area. Needless to say nothing was mentioned about [] sojourn in the United States. As things stand now CAISSON 19 knows of [] defection to the Americans in May 1950, his stay with them until 23 September 1950, and of his former close ties with the HASELGRUBER's complex. It is not intended to have CAISSON 19 establish liaison with [] or to have him undertake any steps which would lead to the crossing of lines with the Vienna plan discussed in MGKW-3069.

4. Since [] disappeared without leaving a single trace CAISSON 19 will find it extremely difficult to break the ice. After some deliberation and a careful study of the [] file, CAISSON 19 was advised to get a line on one Sigmund GETTER. It appears that GETTER is HASELGRUBER's representative in Munich and formerly took an active part in the []-HASELGRUBER-[] HEIN shady transactions (for a detailed account of these transactions see [] report as attached to MGB-A-6939, paragraph 3). It may be assumed, although no evidence is at hand, that [] knew GETTER at least by name since the latter received all of HASELGRUBER's documents relating to Wismuth's orders from HEIN in Berlin and then forwarded them by courier to Vienna (See MGB-A-6939). Furthermore according to [] (See MGB-A-7018) GETTER at one time possessed blank interzonal passes bearing official stamp and

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number of a United States office in Dachau. These interzonal passes were allegedly always at the disposal of members of the HASELGRUBER firm traveling from West Germany to Berlin. It is not unreasonable to assume that [] approached GETTER with a request to provide him with some sort of documents which might have enabled him to leave Munich for Austria or Switzerland. Although this is but a very slim lead based on assumptions rather than on fact, we nevertheless feel justified in following it up. One fact seems to be certain. [] needed documents to leave Germany and any such documents could have been obtainable on the black-market only. After checking on GETTER, CAISSON 19 will also attempt to ascertain any other methods by which a man like [] could have obtained documents in Munich.

5. CAISSON 19 was given DM 250 which should cover his expenses for at least one week. He was instructed to give us a detailed account of all the expenses incurred by him while in Munich. We intend to spend at least DM 250 weekly and will continue these payments for at least 2-3 weeks. At the end of this period we should be able to tell whether or not CAISSON's 19 scouting is worthwhile and should be kept up. We will keep you au courant of all the developments and of all the leads uncovered.

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