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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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THE MAN WHO PROBABLY KNOWS WHAT BECAME OF
HEINRICH (GESTAPO) MUELLER

1. According to Michael GOLENIEWSKI (when he was still reliable source) one Jakob LOELLGEN, born 17 March 1897 [] had been recruited by the RIS in 1943 when he was Chief of the Gestapo in Danzig. This had been done on the basis that he had embezzled money. The recruitment led to the recruitment of Heinrich MUELLER, Chief of the Gestapo, by the RIS leader ABAKUMOW. ABAKUMOW was then running a huge RIS operation designed to penetrate the Nazi stay-behind network and operate it as a "trust". According to GOLENIEWSKI, ABAKUMOW was very successful in this undertaking, even succeeding in recruiting Otto SKORZENY as a witting collaborator.

2. Investigation revealed that Jakob LOELLGEN had returned to West Germany, (Trier) soon after the war and had resumed his police career, achieving the position of Chief of Police of Trier and retiring

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on a pension in 1957. He had been a source for the BND and also set up a detective agency.

3. GOLENIEWSKI further said that about 1947 one Johannes KASSNER born KASZUBOWSKI 5 October 1902, had been recruited by the Polish Service on behalf of the RIS with the help of LOELLGEN, for whom he worked to serve in ABAKUMOW's "trust" operation. KASSNER had achieved such a good professional reputation as a police officer that by 1949 he was being considered as a candidate to take a top job, perhaps the top job, in the BfV. KASSNER was then being run by a Polish officer named ROGULSKI. ABAKUMOW, who had his own candidate for the BfV job in place in West Germany, had KASSNER lured into East Berlin and arrested and jailed to get him out of the way. ROGULSKI thereupon gave up his clandestine work in a huff and went into the Polish diplomatic service. About 1959 KASSNER was released and returned to West Germany. In the interim ABAKUMOW's scheme to put his own man* in the BfV had failed and he himself had been liquidated.

4. Investigation showed that KASSNER had, in fact been in West Germany and had disappeared and reappeared about as GOLENIEWSKI had stated. As of 1959 the BfV was carrying KASSNER as a suspicious character on its warning list. KASSNER was in LOELLGEN'S detective agency in 1950, but could hardly have achieved any great reputation.

5. Further investigation by the BND in 1961 disclosed that one

* Possibly Friedrich Wilhelm HEINZ

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Hans Joachim LEYER, born 2 November 1908, had been the deputy to LOELLGEN in Danzig and was a BfV source. LEYER had made contact with LOELLGEN and KASSNER and was collaborating with them in "detective" work in the Trier and Cologne areas.

6. Up to mid-July, 1961 the BND, which was receiving the information provided by GOLENIEWSKI from us, had shown a lively interest in this trio of Russian agents. The BND, was however, pre-occupied with the FELFE investigation and hinted that there was not enough evidence to arrange for a round-up of LOELLGEN, KASSNER, and LEYER, not to mention one Alarich BROSS, born 23 March, 1904, another special BND connection who was also involved with these three men. The file ends at that point, evidently because no further action was taken by the BND.

7. Clearly, LOELLGEN did something which caused the RIS to repose great confidence in him. Otherwise they would never have let him go back to West Germany. Clearly also, LOELLGEN must have an interesting tale to tell about what happened to Heinrich MUELLER and how the RIS operation to penetrate the Nazi stay-behind operation fared. These are all matters of considerable importance in the assessment of what has been going on in West Germany. Can any way be found to get LOELLGEN to talk before it is too late, if it is not already too late?

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