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1. [ ] CALLED ON [ ] 18 JAN RE BRITISH ARREST OF NAUMANN CIRCLE. HE ASKED IF AMERICANS KNEW REASON FOR KIRKPATRICK ACTION SINCE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WAHNERHEIDE COULD NOT OFFER ANY EXPLANATION. ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE ARRESTS, KEITH RANDELL, DIRECTOR BRITISH SECURITY GERMANY, DISCUSSED WITH [ ] SOME 120 NEO-NAZIS INCLUDING THOSE ARRESTED AND DECIDED THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR IMMEDIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ANY OF THEM. [ ] HAS EXCELLENT PENETRATION AGENT IN NAUMANN CIRCLE AND IS FULLY INFORMED OF THEIR ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE FAR FROM BEING COORDINATED AT THIS STAGE.

2. IN ABSENCE OF TRUE MOTIVE FOR BRITISH ACTION GERMAN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES SPECULATING ON FOLLOWING BRITISH MOTIVES:

- A. PERSONAL AMBITION OF KIRKPATRICK TO BOLSTER HIS FUTURE POSITION.
- B. BRITISH WISHED TO COUNTERACT PENTAGON DECISION WITH EISENHOWER APPROVAL OF RELEASING MOST BIG AND SMALL NAZI WAR CRIMINALS.
- C. BRITISH WANTED TO GRASP INITIATIVE AS RESULT OF ALLEGEDLY

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UNSUCCESSFUL TALKS BETWEEN CHURCHILL AND EISENHOWER.

D. BRITISH WISHED TO FORESTALL ANY AMERICAN INTENTIONS OF SPONSORING GERMAN NATIONAL ARMY IN CASE OF NON-RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTUALS.

3. KIRKPATRICK ACTION CONSIDERED BY GERMANS AS DISCREDIT TO GERMAN SECURITY SERVICES. NEWS BROKE WHILE ALL LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS IN SESSION IN BONN TO WHOM [ ] WAS ABLE TO GIVE SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION RE BFV COVERAGE OF NEO-NAZIS. LEHR, LENZ, [ ] URGING CHANCELLOR TO WRITE LETTER TO KIRKPATRICK ASKING FOR EXPLANATION. IT IS BELIEVED CHANCELLOR DID NOT FULLY REALIZE CONSEQUENCES WHEN INFORMED BY BRITISH WHILE ARRESTS WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY. ADENAUER, REBER, FRANCOIS-PONCET INFORMED OF ARRESTS SIMULTANEOUSLY BY THREE DIFFERENT BRITISH OFFICERS.

4. GIST OF ABOVE PASSED TO REBER.

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