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1. Attached is a report dated 1 May 1951 originated by ZIPFER containing the latest accurate information on the post-war activities of subject.

2. There are also reports of undetermined reliability which indicate that subject is the personal representative of Otto Skorzeny in a covert German organization of Neo-Nazi character. This organization reportedly draws some of its support from the Gesellschaft für Osthandel (GEO), a Communist front organization.

3. These reports do not reflect KUBARK conclusions concerning the Naumann case, but are forwarded for your information. Headquarters considers them of importance in refuting contentions as per reference 1.

Attachment

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1 May 1951

Dr. Werner NAUMANN

1. Two of ZIPPER's case officers have recently established contact with subject, who has had an interesting past and may well have an interesting future.

2. He was, as you know, State Secretary in the GOEBBELS Ministry at the end of the war and commanded the ultimate defense of HITLER's bunker in Berlin. His subsequent fate is related by the case officers as follows:

3. NAUMANN escaped from Berlin during the battle but was taken prisoner by the Russians on the Elbe. After four weeks' imprisonment, he escaped without having been identified. He fled into the East Zone, where he lived for a year learning the Masons' trade. He was about to join the SED and become chairman of a commission for the liquidation of private property in the summer of 1946 but fled, instead, into the West Zone, where he passed his examinations as Mason. He worked as a mason for a large industrial concern in the Ruhr until February 1950.

4. In the summer of 1949, NAUMANN established contact with a former member of the German Foreign Office, Legationsrat Dr. Inu TODENHOEFER, of Tuebingen. Dr. TODENHOEFER, during the war, was the Foreign Office's liaison officer to the GOEBBELS Ministry and therefore well acquainted with NAUMANN. He now has good connections to the French Intelligence Service, to the local French authorities in Calw and Tuebingen, to CDU and SPD politicians, and to many former members of the old Foreign Office. Through these connections he was able to achieve NAUMANN's legalization. The latter spent a day in the French transit camp at Tuttlingen and was then released after five years' imprisonment with pertinent documents. Through Dr. TODENHOEFER's connections to the political parties and the press, particularly Echo der Woche and Der Spiegel, NAUMANN's coverage vis-a-vis the German authorities was also secured. Denazification proceedings, initiated in Tuebingen, have been interrupted by NAUMANN's subsequent removal to the British Zone.

5. In March of 1950, NAUMANN had a number of conversations with representatives of the French occupation authorities, partly in respect to his legalization, but more particularly about the struggle against Bolshevism, the enlistment of the Western German potential in this struggle, and Dr. NAUMANN's experiences in anti-Soviet activity in the Propaganda Ministry during the war. The French representatives were all officers, and, without exception, followers of de Gaulle. In return for legalization, the French proposed to NAUMANN that he cooperate closely with them in the

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propaganda field in the struggle against Bolshevism and for a European Union under French domination. As inducement, they offered him suitable economic security and housing facilities in the French Zone.

6. NAUMANN Had no intention of going along with this proposal and consequently attempted to find a position in the American Zone. It was while he was thus engaged that he met fnu LUCHT, a former leader of the Foreign Division of the Propaganda Ministry. LUCHT lives in Buederich, Moerickestr. 33, and carries on from there an import-export business, primarily with Belgium. His wife is a Belgian with a collaborationist background. LUCHT offered NAUMANN a position in his business as manager. NAUMANN accepted and has held the position up to the present time. Toward the end of 1950, NAUMANN moved to Buederich and into LUCHT's home. The latter has assisted him in his further legalization in the British Zone. The denazification proceedings were transferred from Tuebingen to Duesseldorf. NAUMANN hopes, with the assistance of the lawyer, fnu ACHENBACH, also a former member of the Foreign Office, to overcome this problem through the necessary postponements.

7. Aside from his present business activity with LUCHT NAUMANN is now quite obviously developing a number of political interests, concentrated at present on the establishment of personal connections to various political factions. Thus he early established a connection with GUDERIAN, with whom he still corresponds. In recent months NAUMANN has been writing political editorials for Das Gewissen, official organ of the Deutsche Union, from which it is reasonable to assume that he is in touch with von STAUFFENBERG, the leader of the Deutsche Union. He further supported the efforts of Princess YSENBURG in the Landsberg case. Through Dr. ACHENBACH he has connections to the FDP in Land North Rhine Westphalia. Other connections include Arno BRECKER, the former Gauleiter of Hamburg, KAUFFMANN. He has been sought out by Freiherr von STEIN, a personality close to GUDERIAN, but has rejected this association, just as he has also refused to have anything to do with the BRUDERSCHAFT. He was visited by SKORZENY on 27 February 1951, but this visit had to do primarily with economic matters, since SKORZENY was interested in negotiating in behalf of Spanish importers through NAUMANN for the provision of various raw materials.

8. According to his own statements, orally and in writing, NAUMANN is solidly anti-Communist but disapproves of the political methods now being employed by the West in this struggle, and considers the attitude of the Federal Government weak and psychologically incorrect.

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