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Conversation with Alan James

SUBJECT: NAUMANN Connection with Soldaten Zeitung

1. James asked if we were interested in information he occasionally received pertaining to Nazi resurgence and/or development on the far right.  indicated a low priority interest and was given the following.

2. According to James, editor-in-chief of the Soldaten Zeitung, Arno Werner UHLIG, claims he was fired on 1 April, about a month after refusing to cooperate with Werner NAUMANN. UHLIG claims to have been approached by NAUMANN several months ago with the line—"let's get together and do things my way, if you want to keep your job." (UHLIG says he worked for NAUMANN in the Propaganda Ministry after he lost his arm in WW II.) He disregarded NAUMANN. UHLIG alleged NAUMANN then influenced the owners to fire him.

3. Soldaten Zeitung, according to UHLIG, is published by SCHILDVERLAG C.I. whose owners (four) have long Nazi records and were active in HIAG. UHLIG notes that the Soldaten Zeitung was losing circulation because of its strong pro-West attitude, and that since he left in April the tone of the paper has changed...now being less friendly and less outspokenly pro-EDC and West.

4. UHLIG on 27 July 54 asked Bundesminister Franz Joseph STRAUSS (a close friend) to consider his situation. Attached is a summary of the UHLIG case and his statement to KAUFMANN of the ADK which KAUFMANN passed to James. James has not made this matter the subject of a report, but may in the future incorporate it into a compilation report on the resurgence of reactionary elements in the FEDREP.

5. Does 801 think this is material for an ECLA?

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