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FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach

SUBJECT: ~~osuma~~— Operational

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1. Subject was interviewed on 26 March 1953 at Sella, Germany, for security evaluation to verify bona fides and determine motivation. Subject is one of the eleven candidates suggested by ZIPPER for the Lcflutter course to be conducted in the US for ZIPPER personnel.

2. Subject, who has been with the organization since 1946, is presently employed in a CI-CB capacity in Austria, where he runs a number of agents. Most of these agents are officials of the Austrian criminal police. Subject also runs a few agents in the satellites, notably a customs official in Hungary and an official of the Ministry of Interior in Yugoslavia. Subject, who is an Austrian by birth, joined the Nazi party in Austria in 1935 and was obviously quite active in the party, prior to Anschluss as well as after. From 1937 to 1938 he served in the Austrian army. After Anschluss he applied to join the SS but was turned down for an unknown reason. He volunteered for the German army in 1939 and served with an artillery unit until September 1940, when he was transferred to the Abwehr. He remained in the Abwehr until the end of the war. He speaks fluent Czech and Slovak and was therefore assigned as Abwehr liaison officer with the then independent Slovak army. After the invasion of Russia, Subject spent a couple of years on the Leningrad front where he was mostly engaged in combating the partisans in that area. In 1943 he was appointed Abwehr officer in the Vlasov army, and he remained in that assignment until the end of the war. His German personal history statement states that he participated in the 20 July plot against Hitler, but this is actually an exaggeration. Subject admits that this has been entered in his records only to "balance" the fact that he had engaged in activities against the Austrian state prior to Anschluss. Subject was recruited into the organization by Dr. KLAUSNER, with whom he served in the Abwehr. In the beginning Subject alleged that he was in charge of all Austrian operations but later on he was placed under the operational supervision of MALLNER, with whom he seems to be conducting a little private war.

3. During the entire testing Subject was very cooperative and showed a great deal of interest in the Lcflutter. It was evident from the very beginning that he was eager to make a very sincere impression on this examiner; however, in view of the test results Subject's sincerity is very doubtful. During the pre-testing interview Subject discussed at great length the different accusations that have been made against him from time to time, and stated that he was convinced that they all originated from his former friend and classmate, Willy HOETTL. Subject

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was unable to explain, however, why HOETTL should want to slander him. All these attacks evidently had had a rather harassing effect on Subject, and the possibility therefore seemed to exist that he had developed a persecution complex that might express itself in his fluttergrams. During the testing, however, it was established that this was not the case, and it must, therefore, be assumed that the reactions present on the charts are caused by deception and not by any emotional or mental instability.

4. Personal history facts as known by us concerning Subject appear to be true. In this connection Subject was asked the question: "Are you presently using a cover name in any activities against the Americans?" This question seemed to cause a slight but consistent reaction. No admissions were made.

5. During the testing the following questions were asked:

"Have you told me the full extent of your relations with PONGER and VERBER?"

Yes. Reaction. In this connection Subject states that last fall when driving from Salzburg to Munich he ran into Willy HOETTL at the Autobahn border check point. HOETTL was with a person whom he introduced as PRAGER. Subject noted the license plate of the car that PRAGER was driving, and later on found out that the car belonged to an American by the name of PONGER. Subject claims that this was his only contact with PONGER and VERBER. His reaction to that particular question bears all the trademarks of important deception.

"Have you told me the full extent of your relations with Kurt WESSELY?" Yes.

Subject first stated that he had broken all contact with WESSELY, but when pressed further admitted that at the present he was using WESSELY through a cut-out on one specific assignment which he had received from Dr. KLAUSNER, namely a survey of Austrian railroads. Even after this admission there was a pronounced and consistent reaction to the question.

"Do you consider Kurt KNOLL Jr. a Soviet espionage agent?" No. Reaction.

Subject states that he knows that KNOLL Jr. has strong Communist sympathies, but does not believe that he is engaged in any active work for the Soviets. This is obviously another lie.

"Has Kurt KNOLL Jr. ever worked for you?" No. Reaction. Another lie. Subject admits that he often receives information from Prof. Kurt KNOLL Sr., but denies that he has ever used the son for any intelligence assignments. Kurt KNOLL Jr., according to Subject, is presently in London where he is working for the Austrian Tourist Office.

"Do you have a secret plan to betray us?" No. Reaction.

"Are you an espionage agent of the Russians, Czechs, or other Communists?" No.

To this key question Subject reacts consistently. I do not believe that this should be considered as an indication that Subject actually is a Soviet espionage agent, since a lie of this magnitude would probably cause a much greater reaction from a person like Subject who is a very good reactor. But the reaction might indicate that he has engaged in some sort of double dealing, and obviously does indicate that he is hiding something from us.

"Did you work for the Soviet or any other Communist IS during the war?" No. No significant reaction.

"Have you ever used torture in an interrogation?" No. Slight reaction.

"Did you ever participate in any persecution of the Jews?" No. No significant reaction. In this connection Subject stated that during the period of the pogroms in Austria, Subject had the task of inspecting the houses of the richer Jews and taking inventory of their possessions. This, however, he did not consider persecution.

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"Do you now receive money from anyone outside the organization?" No. Reaction. No admissions.

"Have you ever sold intelligence information to the Soviets?" No. No significant reaction.

"Would you like to see the Nazis return to power?" No. Slight reaction.

"Before the Anschluss did you work actively for the Nazis in Austria?" No. Reaction.

"Since 1945 have you committed any major crimes?" No. No significant reaction.

"Have you told me the truth about your participation in the 20 July plot on Hitler's life?" Yes. Slight reaction. Subject is probably still hiding something from us on that particular question. Subject gives the following account of his "participation" in the plot:

In the beginning of July 1944 he was approached by a fellow Abwehr officer, a Major SCHRADER, who made some slight hints to Subject that an anti-Hitler plot was being organized. Subject states that he did not commit himself in any way, and SCHRADER dropped the subject. A few days later when Subject was Officer of the Day two men from the Geheime Feldpolizei brought a package containing some explosives up to Subject's office and reported that they had seen someone attempting to hide this package under some leaves behind some bushes. The men had not been able to apprehend the person but had found the package under the leaves. Later on during the day Major SCHRADER came to Subject's office, and Subject then turned the explosives over to him. This, allegedly, is the extent of Subject's participation in the plot.

"Have you told me any lies in our conversation today?" No. Reaction.

"Is there a secret in your life that might open you to blackmail?" No. No significant reaction.

"Have you ever suffered from any mental disorders?" No. No significant reaction.

"Are you addicted to any drugs or narcotics?" No. No significant reaction.

"Have you engaged in any homosexual activities in your adult life?" No. No significant reaction.

6. Subject struck this examiner as being a man of average intelligence with a decidedly opportunistic viewpoint. He has an extensive background in intelligence but does not seem to be intelligent enough to be a top-flight intelligence officer or interrogator. In many respects he appears to be rather naive and immature. Politically he stands quite a bit to the right of center, and his viewpoints are more or less those of a convinced Nazi. This should not be construed to mean that he wants the Nazi party to return to power, rather that he seems to have that typically German longing for a firm hand to control the state. During the conversation he repeatedly complained about the lack of authority that GIC personnel had to operate under, expressing a desire to see a super powerful intelligence agency established. He has a pronounced tendency to brag about his exploits, and obviously is very satisfied with his own talents and capabilities. He is at present involved in a number of feuds with fellow intelligence officers, that are probably caused by his rather egotistic attitude. He is a big, pretty imposing man with a certain amount of charm, and initially makes a very pleasant impression. Gradually, however, this impression is impaired by his bragging and egotistical statements.

7. Subject speaks fluent German, Czech, and Slovak. He has a fair knowledge of English and Russian.

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