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TO : Chief, EE

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FROM : Chief of Base, Frankfurt

INFO: COS
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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/UPSWING/CART/LCIMP/PROVE

SPECIFIC— CARETINA

1. After concluding another operational meeting in Bonn on 19 October, [] took the opportunity to call on CARETINA. Following the suggestion of Identity-1, [] first called his home to ask about CARETINA's condition, spoke to his wife in his absence, and ended by offering to pick up the wife and take her with him to the hospital, since she had a number of small matters to settle with CARETINA.

2. Identity-1's wife explained that CARETINA had suffered a very large cardiac infarct, that the physician in charge of his case was now inclined to feel optimistic about his eventual recovery and return to normal if somewhat circumscribed activity, but that he still had fever and was by no means out of the woods. She and her husband had been taking care of CARETINA's wants and helping with personal matters, visiting him daily, and [] received the impression that she was genuinely concerned about him and had a real personal interest in caring for him. This interest certainly involves in part the hope that her husband will be able to profit from his joint journalistic enterprise with CARETINA and may also be conditioned by UPSWING aspects unknown to [] but is certainly rooted also in plain human sympathy. It might be noted that both Identity-1 and his wife use the formal mode of address with CARETINA though he knew both of them during the war.

3. [] had been warned to avoid upsetting CARETINA in any way, and could not have conducted any very significant conversation in any case in a small hospital room with three other patients present. He accordingly presented his gifts of fruit and flowers and spoke lightly and generally for about ten minutes before being shepherded away by Identity-1's wife. CARETINA seemed to be in good spirits and to be much more impatient with the need for undergoing a long and careful convalescence than concerned by the possibility of dying, though it was plain that the latter was at the back of his mind. He seemed principally disturbed by the fact that his heart attack might physically disqualify him for acceptance as an employee of UPSWING (he said "in den Staatsdienst") with full civil service status. (This was whispered aside made before the wife of Identity-1, who had paused in the corridor to speak with the physician, arrived at his bedside.) The rest of the conversation took place in the presence of Identity-1's wife and was innocuous, though

CARETINA remarked that he hoped [] and he would be able to have a longer and more satisfactory conversation with [] on the next visit. Otherwise CARETINA had no complaints or requests, except to ask [] to bring him some grapefruit juice which is not available in the hospital.

4. Although he fell in with the maneuvering of Identity-1's wife, [] was aware that his visit was being managed. This was clearly, however, not a matter of limiting his conversation with CARETINA but of removing him so as to permit private conversation with him on her part. [] therefore arranged to wait for her in the corridor, though CARETINA was given to understand that he was leaving. Emerging after a full half-hour, Identity-1's wife explained that she had had a number of small matters to discuss with CARETINA, family affairs and the like. [] is certain, however, that the matters under discussion related instead to such classified topics as, probably, the effect of CARETINA's present condition on his UPSWING activities and perhaps his status in the immediate future.

5. [] had little opportunity to get acquainted with the wife of Identity-1. A woman in her mid-forties, she is unremarkable in appearance and was probably never distinguished by good looks, but she does have poise, assurance, and considerable charm and gives the impression of being a strong and independent personality. [] does not doubt that she is fully witting of her husband's presumed intelligence activity and she is fully capable of participating in it. As to her background, [] gleaned only that she is originally from Danzig, grew up in Zoppot, and that she speaks both English and French with unknown facility but very adequate accent. As to her husband, she remarked only that he was on a business trip to Strassburg.

6. [] will continue to monitor and report CARETINA's progress and plans in the hope that the relationship may eventually be turned to account.

APPROVED: []

Encls.: Attachment A (Iden. List)

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Identity List

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