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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M

DATE: 24 September 1951

FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Alfred O. PISTERER

1. In June, the 7327/20 MIS Detachment located in Munich turned over the attachment to [] Subject had come to them professing to have intelligence assets which he desired to peddle. The notation at the bottom of the 5 page memo signed by subject caused us to request clarification from MIS. They stated that they had had no previous contact with subject but that he had independently contacted Firm TERRAMAR and somehow associated TERRAMAR with MIS. They have no contact with TERRAMAR.

2. Because of subject's contact with TERRAMAR, we checked with ZIPPER. They replied, after an inordinate amount of foot-dragging, that subject was a personal acquaintance of Peter STUDERMAYER. The leader of GV C, V-12053, was also able to recall that subject had been considered for employment during 1948 but the plan was discarded when subject failed to display any intelligence potential.

3. We have the following information in POB files on the various individuals mentioned in the attachment:

FINKE, August

Possibly identical with Otto FINK who, together with SS General ROESNER is listed in MGLA-4713 as an employee of STUDERMAYER. (Unconfirmed) ZIPPER has no trace of ROESNER although we note that ROESNER is an alias formerly used by STUDERMAYER (MGLA-4690).

ROEMER, (Prof. Dr.)
aka ROEMER

Probably identical with Prof. ROEMER mentioned in MGKW-5913 as the principal German scientist working in explosive research laboratory in Belgrade.

BERNHARD, (Mr) fnu

We have a memo in the old 7821 Composite Group files stating that one Lt. Col. MERTZ of the US Army was in Madrid in 1948 where he unofficially contacted German Major General BERNHARD re possible purchases of food in Spain for the US Army, Germany. The US Embassy in Madrid warned MERTZ against doing business with BERNHARD.

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KUHLMANN, Mr. fnu

Mentioned on page 5 of subject's letter. Is identical with Rudolf KULLMAN (V-11742) who was dropped on 1 June 1949.

4. In discussing subject with ZIPPER, they mentioned that STUDERMAYER had been unable to get a visa for his proposed travel to the Middle East. Furthermore his own business has been occupying so much of his time that he has had little left to devote to his intelligence activities. For these reasons, ZIPPER dropped him effective 16 June 1951. We are certainly not convinced that this ends the long association between STUDERMAYER and ZIPPER or ZIPPER's interest in exploiting his developing business contacts in the Middle East, if and when ZIPPER receives a charter or funds for such operations. Also there is a possibility that ZIPPER has a financial interest in STUDERMAYER's firm although we have no evidence of this. We intend to request a CIS telephone intercept on Firm TERRAMAR, in an attempt to determine whether ZIPPER remains in contact with STUDERMAYER, and any information concerning their continuing association.

5. If there is any interest in subject we can arrange to contact him or have him contacted, through MIS.

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