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FROM	Chief of Base, Munich <i>msu</i>	DATE	6 March 1959
SUBJECT	DTDORIC/OKACTIVE/Operations "Rettet die Freiheit"	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
ACTION REQUIRED	None. For your information	<input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING	
REFERENCE(S)	<p>1. On 3 February 1959 <input type="checkbox"/> presented to Munich Base CAM 9-59 on the subject of Rettet die Freiheit. <input type="checkbox"/> observed that <input type="checkbox"/> had asked him to obtain whatever information he could about the new organization, Rettet die Freiheit which had been formed in Cologne and was very similar to the Bund der Freiheit.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> checked with his contacts and found the following which will be of interest to BGACTRESS:</p> <p>"RETTET die FREIHEIT: <input type="checkbox"/> asked WINTERSTEIN about this organization on the basis of an informal request for information from <input type="checkbox"/> WINTERSTEIN had the following to say: The organization was really the brainchild of Defense Minister STRAUSS and was causing a considerable amount of excitement in Bonn because it had been launched completely without proper coordination and proper official approval. WINTERSTEIN said that both the CDU and the SPD were against the organization in general and somewhat offended by the manner of its birth. WINTERSTEIN said that UPSWING had no advance knowledge of the plans to start the organization and that he thought the present criticism it was receiving would completely limit the possible effectiveness of the organization and possibly result in its early demise. WINTERSTEIN said there also was a general fear that it was not a good thing for Defense Minister STRAUSS to have, in effect, a propaganda outlet against the East more or less under his direct control. (Comment: At a subsequent meeting with WINTERSTEIN, the latter said that the organization had subsequently come under considerable public attack and he did not believe the prospects for the continuation of the organization were very good."</p>		
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