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TO INFO	Chief, IO (Attn: <input type="checkbox"/> EE, COS/G	<input type="checkbox"/>	HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 200-124-39/3
FROM	Chief of Base, Munich <i>msw</i>	DATE 25 February 1959	
SUBJECT	OPPORIC/QKACTIVE/Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Make Identity Witting	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
ACTION REQUIRED	Please consider <input type="checkbox"/> request to make Identity witting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	

1. has written the following memorandum of request to make Identity witting. We have discussed with as much of the reasons as we are aware of for Identity's not having been made witting prior to this time and we have advised him that there is a good chance that his request may not be granted. On the other hand, in our dealings with PBCHORD on matters pertaining to BGCALLUS we continue to be plagued by an endless succession of incidents which require that Identity be consulted, but under these extremely difficult circumstances where we cannot be above-board with him because of his formal lack of wittingness of the connection between QKACTIVE and KUBARK. This much of argument is incontrovertible: the problems created by Identity's lack of wittingness are most exasperating and constitute a genuine stumbling block in our efforts to deal with PBCHORD on security matters pertaining to BGCALLUS. memorandum follows:

18 February 1959

"SUBJECT: Identity

I am only generally familiar with the file on the above subject and with the questionable information existing regarding him. Both of my predecessors felt that it would be unwise to make Identity witting of KUBARK interest in QKACTIVE.

In spite of the above, and based both on my personal knowledge of Identity, interviews conducted regarding him here locally, and further based on my evaluation of my predecessors' opinion of him, it is my firm recommendation that we be allowed to make Identity fully witting. From the practical point of view, it would be childish to assume that he is not already fully or practically fully witting of KUBARK interest in the project. He is a former Intelligence officer, has been engaged off and on in intelligence-type activity, and has a wide circle of friends in the intelligence community throughout Europe. In addition, the man is personally inquisitive and possesses enough native intelligence to have satisfied himself regarding the sponsorship of the project.

In addition to the above, it is virtually impossible from the practical point of view to operate efficiently as a Security Officer of PBCHORD having jurisdiction over BGCALLUS without dealing with Identity. Harold D. Yergens of BGCALLUS delegates all administrative responsibility and much of the day-to-day activity to Identity. All contacts regarding personnel, etc., are had with Identity and it becomes not only embarrassing but virtually impossible to avoid discussions with him which touch on the nature of the project. The position as it now stands gives Identity a tremendous advantage in that he has access to a certain amount of information forwarded to him through Harold D. Yergens with or without our approval while we have no direct control over him since he has never formally been made witting. It is my opinion that such control could be exercised if in fact he were made formally witting and cautioned regarding the security implications involved in his position and regarding the duties or the obligations he has in respect to the knowledge he possesses.

Much of the strong sentiment expressed by my predecessors was the result of personal animosity existing between them and Identity. This

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infers no error of commission or intent on the part of any of the individuals involved. It is merely the reflection of a fact ascertained through my own personal observation and through interviews with many of the people still remaining here who have the same definite impression.

As mentioned above, I have only a general knowledge of the information existing regarding Identity and the reasons for not making him witting. As I recall, the primary question is one of association. In the absence of any additional substantial derogatory information, I would like to request at this time that Headquarters review the above information in the light of the details furnished herewith and reconsider the decision not to make Identity witting. In view of the items cited above, it is my personal opinion that this decision should be rescinded and that permission should be granted to make Identity fully witting of KUBARK interest in the project.

End of Memo)

Approved

Attachment: Identity Sheet

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