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8 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Re. HARKUSCHA, Georg

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCES METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

On 8 August 1962 Leon BARAT, Deputy Institute Adviser, informed me that Subject had informed him that approximately one month ago he had been contacted by a person who stated that he had been "at the Soviet Embassy" and had a letter from his (Subject's) brother which he should read and return, which Subject did.

Recently Subject discovered a letter from his brother in his mailbox which bore German stamps but without cancellation. The letter indicated that Subject's brother would be traveling with a Soviet delegation in Italy from 22 August to 2 September 1962, and proposed that Subject meet him there. The letter set forth the following itinerary:

- 22-24 August - Naples
- 24-26 " - Rome
- 27-29 " - Florence
- 29-31 " - Venice
- 1- 2 September - Milan
- 2 " - by plane to USSR

Harkuscha asked Barat's counsel. Barat said he would check.

I advised Barat to inform Subject that he could expect another contact for the purpose of discovering whether Subject proposes to meet his brother and where; however, that he should disclaim any interest. I advised Barat that any possible operational interest in exploiting the meeting on our side (as in 1956 - under similar circumstances) were, in my opinion, far offset by the risks involved for ACL and that from Subject's personal standpoint, he only jeopardized his position as a resident in Germany, his chances of going to the U.S., etc., by becoming so involved; that refusal to act would result in less jeopardy to his brother. I expressed the opinion that although the Soviets would attempt to indicate to Subject that "all would not go well with the brother" if Subject did not cooperate, the fact that Subject does not cooperate does not in fact place any onus on the brother (since the matter is not within the brother's control) and the Soviets only attempt to convince their target that this is the case.

NOTE: I had asked Barat to refer Subject to me. However, Subject is away today and I am on vacation beginning tomorrow (9 August) until 21 August 1962. I do not intend reporting this matter to the LfV.

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