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DATE: 27 June 1949

TO : []
FROM : []
SUBJECT: Donald B. PEARSALL - District Sub-Agent - KMBELLE Project.
REF : HEIDG-842

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1. Reference is made to the above cable requesting initiation of a Home Office investigation of the above subject whom we wish to employ as a District Sub-Agent under the KMBELLE Project—a proposed distribution net operating within the general sphere of the QKFENCE Program.

2. The following information is enclosed:

a. Application submitted by subject. Subject's photograph will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

b. Memorandum from [], dated 16 June 1949, regarding subject.

3. As indicated in []'s memorandum the subject, if cleared for employment, will be engaged in the clandestine distribution of material produced by the editorial organization of the QKFENCE Program. The proposed assignment is in accordance with the prior basic planning for QKFENCE and I am in agreement with the outline of duties and the recommended salary.

4. A field investigation of the subject has already been initiated and the results will be transmitted to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, it will be appreciated if you will proceed with your home office investigation on the basis of the information contained in this memorandum.

5. Because of his connection with HBCAPON in an agent capacity, it is assumed that OGIVE will have the file on this subject.

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To: ()
From: ()
Subject: Donald B. Pearsall.

1. Subject was a member of the courier chain formerly operated by one of HBCAPON's local representatives. His questionnaire was filled out by ()

2. Subject's present cover occupation is salesman and buyer of office supplies and stationery for an actual firm that is owned and operated by his wife.

3. Subject is recommended for employment as a District Sub-Agent inside the Soviet Zone for District No. 4 of the KMBELLE chain (covering most of Thuringia). His employment under the conditions outlined in my memorandum, subject "KMBELLE Project, Operational Proposal", dated 16 May 1949, is recommended.

4. HBCAPON should have a file on subject. In addition, subject's questionnaire offers two special clues, namely, his registration with the U.S. Consulate in Berlin (Question No. 15-c) and his cousin in the United States (Question No. 21-b).

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To be filled out in duplicate
Attach photograph

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APPLICATION

INSTRUCTION: Fill out this form in duplicate and attach a photograph to each copy. List your name, date when it was taken, on the reverse side of the picture. Every question must be answered fully and correctly. Use separate sheets if there is not enough space in the questionnaire and apply the number of the question to them. Please type the answers, or write clearly with ink (proper names should be printed in block letters). Your application will be considered confidential but certain information will be checked; therefore, give complete and correct information.

1. Name : (Sur- and firstname, maiden name, author- or artist name, nickname, possible changes of name with date and reason of change.)

Donald B. Pearsall

2. Present address : (House- and Apartment number, Telephone etc.)

Berlin-Friedenau, Lefevre Strasse #22

3. Date of Birth, Place of Birth and Country :

18 October 1920, Berlin, Germany

4. Marital Status : (Single, married, widowed, divorced; and number of children and their age.)

Married; two children - four and six years old.

5. Subsistence : (Do you live entirely or partly on your income? From which members of your family do you receive assistance or which ones are supported by you? With whom, of these persons, do you live in the same household?)

Depends entirely upon earning his living. Supports his mother in Berlin.

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6. Citizenship : (If you did not have your present citizenship since birth, give complete information on former citizenships and date and reason of change of same.)

German
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7. Identification Cards : (List all your legal personal-documents with name, number, date and office of execution.)

Identity card issued by Police Headquarters, Berlin, dated 30 July 1946.
#178/12153/46; also identity card issued in Hannover (British Zone).
#AV 919258 GAB.

8. Description : a) Height : 178 centimeters . b) Weight : 64 kilograms .
c) Color of Hair : light blond . . . d) Color of Eyes : blue
e) Scars, Marks or Deformities : . . scar behind left ear
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9. Education : (List all schools you attended, the years of attendance, certificates, diplomas, etc.)

1927-1935 - public school
1935-1938 - administrative business school
1939 - communications school of the German Navy
1944-1945 - navigation school of the German Navy (navigator's diploma)

10. Foreign Languages : (Which foreign languages do you speak - write - read? How well acquainted are you with this language and when and where did you learn same?)

None
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11. Present employment : (Employer and his address, kind of work you are doing, since when, and why do you want to change your position?)

Confidential assignments since June 1948.
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12. Former employment : (During the last 10 years, list details as in No. 11, and if employed in Military Service, give last employment before the war.)

1935-1938 - Apprentice and clerk in law offices of Dr. Weidlich,

Moser Von Filseck, Dr. Lauer - all in Berlin.

1938-1945 - Service in the German Navy.

1945-1948 - Senior employee in the central administration of Public Health for the Soviet Zone. (Fired because he refused to join the Communist organizations.)

13. Military Service : (Including enforced domestic employment, war-obligations etc.; if voluntary or ordered, date of employment or service, name of unit, highest rank, military honors, wounds, imprisonment, by which army and in which camps.)

1938-1939 - Drafted for the labor service.

1939 - Volunteered for the German Navy, Cadre Stralsund, Naval Communications School in Fensburg.

1939-1943 - Assigned to the Torpedo and Speed Boat Command.

1943-1944 - Communications service in the Commandantura in Stralsund.

1944 - Artillery training on the "Trauter".

1944-1945 - Naval navigation school in Gotenhafen (Gdynia).

Was decorated with the War Service Cross, 2nd Class, with swords. British captivity in hospital at Neumunster (Holstein).

14. Political Activities and Affiliations :

a) Before 1933 : (Have you been affiliated with any party, which one? Did you have any rank or position? Did you have any further practice?)

No

b) 1933 - 1945 : (Have you been a member of the National Socialist Party or of any associated organization? Which one, when joined, in which group or other section, what number of membership? Did you have any position in any of these organizations, paid or honorary, or any other public position? Have you been persecuted, punished or reviled during this time for your political or religious beliefs or for your conception of the world? List all details, possible prison numbers, court files etc. and references.)

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c) Are you denazified or are you expecting such a proceeding? (If so, give denazification court and file number. If denazification is completed, give date and result of your proceeding.)

No

d) Are you victim of "Fascism" or of the "Nuernberger Law"? Are you legal confessed? (If so, give name and address of confessing office or organization, date and file number.)

No

e) Since the end of the war, with which political party, trade union, youth organization or women club or any other political, professional, philanthropic, or similar organization or club are you affiliated with at the present time or any other time since May 1945? have you any rank or position, paid or honorary, in such organizations? Which one? Do you hold any public office such as state, district council or economic board. If so, where, since when and in what position?)

No

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15. Knowledge of home and foreign countries :

a) In which german cities (Except the ones already mentioned in question 9, 12, 13 and your present residence) did you reside, when, and how long)

None

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b) In which foreign countries have you lived and visited? (List, chronologically, all residences in foreign countries, where, how long, when and for what reason have you been there.)

1940-1943 in Holland, Belgium, France, in connection with my military service.

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c) Do you want to emigrate and are you registered for this purpose at any consulate or other office or organization? (If so, give name of the country you want to emigrate to, name and address of office where you are registered and registration number, also approximate time of departure, if known.)

Yes, to the USA - registered at the U.S. Consulate in Berlin.

16. Previous convictions : (Are you previously convicted by any court, except possible proceedings, mentioned in question 14 b. If so, when, by which court, why, and what is the result of such possible trials?)

No

17. Habits : (What do you do with your leisure time?)

Historical literature.

18. Special Knowledges : (List all professional, artistic or scientific knowledge which you did not mention in question 9, 10, 11, 12. For example : Typewriting, shorthand, driving, photography, drawing, painting, special scientific studies.)

Typing, shorthand, teletype.

19. Publications : (Which books, magazines etc. did you write, when and where published, under what name? With which newspapers or magazines are you working regulary and in which position?)

None

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20. Condition of your application :

- a) What kind of position do you desire, or what kind are you willing to accept?
 . . . District sub-agent in the Soviet Zone
- b) What is the salary you claim, respectively your other conditions?
 . . . Salary DM 200, expenses DM 150.
- c) How soon would you be able to start in this position?
 . . . Immediately
- d) Are you interested in a full time job or in a part time job? (How much time do you have; at what hours would you be available? Are you interested in odd jobs?)

- e) Would you take a job in another town? (If so, where, how long and under what conditions? For example: can you leave by yourself or do you have to be accompanied by someone?)
 . . . Yes, if required in line of duty - if possible, with wife and two children.

21. References : (Give five persons as reference, who are not related to you and are living in the American Zone of Germany, in the American Sector of Berlin or in the United States. They should have known you for sometime, so they can give sufficient information about you, your qualifications, habits etc.)

- a) Name : . Dr. Rudolf Meyer
 Address : . Berlin-Friedenau, Cosima Platz #8
 Occupation : . Senior civil servant,
 Since when acquainted : . Professional acquaintance since 1945.
 How acquainted : . Professional acquaintance,
- b) Name : . Mrs. Ilse Beckmann, nee Kapitza,
 Address : . 301 Morris Avenue, Springfield, N.J.
 Occupation : . Housewife
 Since when acquainted : . 1925
 How acquainted : Cousin

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c) Name :
Address :
Occupation :
Since when acquainted :
How acquainted :

d) Name :
Address :
Occupation :
Since when acquainted :
How acquainted :

e) Name :
Address :
Occupation :
Since when acquainted :
How acquainted :

22. Other : (State additional facts not mentioned in the foregoing answers,
which in your opinion are necessary to properly evaluate your app-
lication, such as physical handicaps, likes and dislikes, etc.,
which will influence your work.)

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I CERTIFY with my signature that the foregoing information is true and complete
to the best of my knowledge.

Place and Date :

Signature : /s/ Donald B. Pearsall

Special Attention :

Attach only those copies of certificates, publications, and other docu-