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SUBJECT: Heidelberg-Frankfurt radio link

TO: Heidelberg "T-2000"
ATTN: []

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1. It has come to the attention of this office that []'s communication people in the field have established, at your request, a communication link between Heidelberg and Frankfurt primarily to assist your control of the PATPHONE operation.

2. There is absolutely no objection to this step on your part since we consider it most necessary that you do have close communications with []. However, the fact that neither this office nor the Rome Office communications people were advised in advance of this intended step caused a certain amount of embarrassment when it finally did come to their and our attention.

3. The arrangement as it stands has been approved, but it would be appreciated if, in the future, such matters were brought to the attention of the appropriate Rome Office authorities in advance. A number of sensitive problems are involved in such an action including that of cryptographic security, and the communications people in particular like to be advised of such plans so they can render full and intelligent cooperation to the field.

4. In general, the Rome Office has sought not to require from you unnecessary reports at this stage of your operation, fully recognizing that, with your small staff, time spent in reporting is time taken away from operations or essential administrative work. However, you will appreciate that the MACOM office would prefer receiving its information on your activities from you rather than through other sources. As your staff enlarges, I am sure you will find the reporting problem much less burdensome than it may have been up to now.

JEB/njh

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