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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Richard Helms, Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT : Query to Director on Theodor SAEVECKE.

REFERENCE : BONN 1828 (IN 25573)

1. A former agent of the German Mission, Theodor SAEVECKE, is now an official of the Security Group of the West German Criminal Police Office, Bonn, in charge of anti-Communist investigations. During the last two years of World War II SAEVECKE was the chief of the SS and SD Aussenkommando in Milan, Italy. At war's end he was interned for a while by the Allies but no charges were brought against him and he was released. Subsequently he was recruited and run by [USG Person] as a CE investigator in Berlin.

2. Recently SAEVECKE has been suspended from his position in the Security Group because some Italians, including Monsignor Don Bicchieri, who was a church official in Milan, have denounced him for mistreatment of political prisoners in Italy.

3. SAEVECKE is now a liaison contact of [USG Person] in Bonn and has appealed to [him] for help. He claims that American and British investigators cleared him after the war and that Mr. Dulles was aware of his activities there. We are checking war crimes records and interrogation reports and would like any information the Director may recall. It is possible that SAEVECKE was mixed up in the surrender of German Forces in Northern Italy. We have not yet decided whether we should intervene on SAEVECKE's behalf.

Nothing !!

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