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INFO.	CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY - MLB		NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
FROM	CHIEF OF BASE, BONN		ONLY QUALIFIED HEADQUARTERS DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING	
			ABSTRACT	
			MICROFILM	
SUBJECT	THEO SAEVECKE OPERATIONAL CART			

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

REF - A. DIR-21710
B. EGNA-24995, 28 DEC 62

ACTION-FYI

1. BONN'S FILES ON SAEVECKE ARE FAR FROM COMPLETE, ACCORDINGLY A FULL EVALUATION OF THE CASE INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF OLD FILE HOLDINGS IS NOT POSSIBLE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, UNDERTAKE TO SUMMARIZE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY ARE KNOWN TO US.

2. REFERENCE B REPORTED THAT SAEVECKE, IN ADDITION TO OTHER SG OFFICIALS, WAS CONSIDERING RESIGNING HIS POSITION WITH THE SG BECAUSE OF THE VARIOUS RAMIFICATIONS OF THE 'SPIEGEL AFFAIR'. THESE PROVED, FOR THE MOST PART, TO BE EMPTY THREATS RESULTING FROM TEMPORARY EMOTIONAL STRAIN. HOWEVER, IN SAEVECKE'S CASE THE DESIRE TO LEAVE THE SG WAS CLEARLY GENUINE. HE HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH DIRECTING THE SG ROLE IN THE 'SPIEGEL AFFAIR' AND HE APPARENTLY REALIZED THAT THIS WOULD MOST LIKELY CAUSE HIS SS PAST TO BE BROUGHT BACK INTO FOCUS. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE 'SPIEGEL AFFAIR' WAS AT ITS HEIGHT GERMAN TV PRODUCED A PROGRAM CONCERNING THE BKA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE SG. THE PROGRAM INCLUDED INTERVIEWS WITH PRESIDENT DULLEIN AND WITH CARAVEL. AMONG OTHER THINGS DULLEIN WAS ASKED BY THE TV REPORTER WHETHER THE SG STAFF CONTAINED ANY FORMER SS OFFICIALS. HE REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. ALREADY IN NOVEMBER 1962 BEFORE DR. BRUECKNER'S RETURN FROM HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP SAEVECKE TOLD US THAT HE WAS DETERMINED TO LEAVE THE SG. BY 7 JANUARY 1963 SAEVECKE ANNOUNCED THAT HIS TRANSFER TO THE BKA WIESBADEN HAD BEEN APPROVED AND WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ON 15 FEBRUARY. HE WAS TO BE PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE SECTION IN THE BKA DEALING WITH CAPITAL CRIMES.

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3. ON 10 JANUARY WE RECEIVED BY INTER-STATION MEMORANDUM FROM BOB A LETTER INTERCEPT FROM THE ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE EX DEPORTATI POLITICI NEI CAMPI NAZISTI IN MILAN TO THE KOMITEE DER ANTIFASCHISTISCHEN WIDERSTANDSKAEMPFER IN EAST BERLIN. THE LETTER, DATED 13 DECEMBER 1962, WAS IN RESPONSE TO AN URGENT REQUEST BY THE LATTER ORGANIZATION FOR INFORMATION ON SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN ITALY DURING WORLD WAR II, IT CONTAINED A THREE-AND-ONE-HALF PAGE SUMMARY OF HIS ACTIVITIES. WITHOUT INDICATING THE NATURE OF THE SOURCE WE INFORMED BOTH DR. BRUECKNER AND SAEVECKE THAT WE HAD LEARNED THAT THE EAST ZONE AUTHORITIES WERE COLLECTING INFORMATION ON SAEVECKE'S SS BACKGROUND WHICH WE SUSPECTED WAS IN PREPARATION FOR A PROPAGANDA BLAST. THE DEATH OF FDP BUNDESTAG DELEGATE WOLFGANG DOERING APPARENTLY PROVIDED THE EAST ZONE INFORMATION MEDIA WITH A USEFUL PEG FOR THE BLAST. ON 18 AND 19 JANUARY 1963 THE EAST ZONE PRESS AND RADIO CARRIED STORIES CONCERNING SAEVECKE'S SS BACKGROUND, HIS ROLE IN THE 'SPIEGEL AFFAIR' AND IMPLIED THAT SAEVECKE HAD BROUGHT ABOUT DOERING'S DEATH BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S OPPOSITION TO THE ACTION AGAINST 'DER SPIEGEL'. AMONG OTHER THINGS THE ARTICLES ALSO ATTACKED THE SG AS AN ORGANIZATION STAFFED WITH FORMER SS TYPES, ONE OF THE EXAMPLES LISTED WAS JOACHIM KAINZIK. /COMMENT-KAINZIK DIED NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO./ WE UNDERSTAND FROM SAEVECKE THAT HE WAS ALSO ATTACKED IN A VVN RELEASE TO THE WESTERN PRESS A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE EAST ZONE ATTACK. ON 19 FEBRUARY THE RECENT RASH OF PUBLICITY CONCERNING SAEVECKE BEGAN TO ERUPT IN THE GFR PRESS.

4. PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE ARE BASED UPON OUR OWN DIRECT OBSERVATIONS. WE WILL NOW FILL SOME OF THE GAPS WITH REMARKS MADE BY DR. BRUECKNER IN A RECENT CONVERSATION. BRUECKNER STATED THAT SOME TIME LAST AUTUMN UPTELE INFORMED THE SG THAT A QUICK REPORTER WAS COLLECTING INFORMATION ON THE WARTIME ACTIVITIES OF FORMER SS GENERAL WALTER RAUFF AND WAS CONCERNING HIMSELF PARTICULARLY WITH RAUFF'S ROLE IN THE MISTREATMENT OF JEWS IN TUNISIA DURING WORLD WAR II. UPTELE POINTED OUT THAT, SINCE SAEVECKE WAS STATIONED IN TUNISIA AT THE SAME TIME HE MIGHT ALSO COME UNDER ATTACK. THE QUICK REPORTER SUBSEQUENTLY TRAVELED TO TUNISIA TO COLLECT INFORMATION. AMONG OTHER PERSONS HE INTERVIEWED A FORMER INTERPRETER OF THE GERMANS WHO FURNISHED CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ON BOTH RAUFF AND SAEVECKE, AMONG OTHERS. BRUECKNER CLAIMS THAT SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT THE REPORTER DEVELOPED ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION OR ANY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE AGAINST SAEVECKE. WHEN THE LATTER'S NAME APPEARED IN THE PRESS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 'SPIEGEL AFFAIR' THE REPORTER SUSPECTED HIM OF BEING IDENTICAL WITH THE FORMER SS OFFICIAL WHO HAD SERVED IN TUNISIA. FINALLY, IN EARLY FEBRUARY THE SAME QUICK REPORTER /NOT IDENTIFIED BY BRUECKNER/ APPROACHED SAEVECKE IN HIS HOME AND REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW. /COMMENT-BY THIS TIME THE EAST ZONE PRESS ATTACK HAD ALREADY OCCURRED./ SAEVECKE WAS POLITE TO THE REPORTER AND COOPERATED FULLY IN ANSWERING HIS QUESTIONS. AMONG OTHER THINGS HE TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS NO LONGER WITH THE SG BUT HAD, IN THE MEANTIME, TRANSFERRED TO THE BKA IN WIESBADEN. THIS CAUSED THE REPORTER TO SUSPECT THAT THE TRANSFER WAS PART OF A DISCIPLINARY ACTION POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH HIS WARTIME ACTIVITIES IN TUNISIA AND HE THEN APPROACHED THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WITH A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND THAT POINT. SIMULTANEOUSLY THE STORY SPREAD THROUGH THE ENTIRE PRESS CORPS AND THE SPD, STILL SUFFERING EMBARRASSMENT FROM THE INVOLVEMENT OF SOME OF ITS KEY PERSONALITIES IN THE 'SPIEGEL AFFAIR', USED THE CASE AS AMMUNITION FOR RETALIATION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

5. DR. BRUECKNER STATES THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, NO NEW EVIDENCE AGAINST SAEVECKE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND SAEVECKE STEADFASTLY DENIES HAVING CONCEALED PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS BACKGROUND. IT IS, OF COURSE, CLEAR THAT SAEVECKE'S TRANSFER WAS ACCOMPLISHED BECAUSE THIS WOULD AFFORD HIM A BETTER CHANCE TO ESCAPE THE PUBLIC EYE.

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6. IF ONE ASSUMES THAT SAEVECKE IS A SOVIET BLOC AGENT IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE WHAT THE EAST HOPED TO GAIN BY THE PROPAGANDA ATTACK AGAINST HIM. AS WE RECALL THE ONLY FACTORS SUPPORTING THE SUSPICION THAT HE IS AN EASTERN AGENT ARE HIS SS BACKGROUND AND HIS PAST ACQUAINTANCE WITH SUCH PERSONALITIES AS ALBERT, UJDROWSY, AND UJDRUM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEADQUARTERS' COMMENT ON THIS POINT PLUS A SUMMARY OF SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN TUNISIA AS REFLECTED IN HEADQUARTERS' FILES. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT REFLECTED IN OUR HOLDINGS.

7. WE ARE POUCHING THE CALLIKAK INTERCEPT MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3 PLUS A SELECTION OF PRESS CLIPPINGS.

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