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5 March 1952

Chief of Station, Vienna

Attention:

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Sanitzer Case - Walter PROCH

Ref: NASA-419, NAVA-8687

1. We were not able to carry out the planned interrogation of Walter PROCH (NAVA-8687), former SS man and member of the Gestapo, who allegedly received a message from Sanitzer sometime in 1951 (NASA-419).

2. In January 1952, PROCH was sentenced to six years imprisonment for war crimes by the Landesgericht, Vienna I. We have gone through the records of this trial, which we obtained through and find nothing to indicate that PROCH was connected with the Sanitzer group in Vienna. PROCH served as a Kriminalbeamter in Vienna III from October 1943 to the end of the war and, although his duties are not clear from the records (the trial was largely concerned with atrocities perpetrated in Poland), he appears to have been engaged in pure police work only. It is not likely that PROCH's past experience and abilities as a sports instructor and border guard would have interested Sanitzer.

3. The rumor that PROCH had heard from Sanitzer may be a fabrication (following the sensational newspaper articles) or may be a distorted version of some comment PROCH could easily have made upon hearing that Sanitzer was again at large. We have considered the possibility of interrogating PROCH's wife Helene, who reported the alleged contact with Sanitzer, but now believe that this interrogation be given the lowest priority until further information becomes available.

4. The court records did contain one interesting lead. Original testimony forwarded by various Polish courts was translated in the office of one Dr. Maximilian MACHALSKI, Wien I, Wiesingerstrasse 3, a "gerichtlich beeideter Dolmetsch der polnischen Sprache," whose letterhead and official stamps carried a Polish translation of the foregoing legitimation and the following Polish bank references: Warszawa Bank, PKO. KTO 33 205. The man

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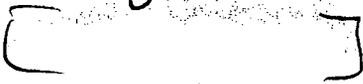
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may have connections with Polish business representatives in Vienna, as well as with the Polish political representation. We have started traces on MACHALSKI and would be pleased to receive any information on him contained in Headquarters files.



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