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1. WILCO PARA I REF.

2. STAENLE, WHOM WE SAW 12 JAN RE REF REFUSES IDENTIFY SOURCE(S). REPLY QUERY, SAID HOETTL WAS NOT SOURCE. FROM COMMENTS RE VIESENTHAL DRAW CONCLUSION THAT STAENLE USED HIM AS CHANNEL FOR CHECKING ON STORY BUT THAT HE NOT SOURCE. WHEN ASKED WHICH WESTERN INTEL SERVICE WOULD BE NOTIFYING FEDREP RE FACTS IN STORY, AS INDICATED IN ARTICLE, STAENLE SAID HAD NOT USED TERM "INTEL SERVICE", ONLY "SERVICE". WHEN ASKED GIVE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CHANNEL VIA WHICH MATERIAL OBTAINED, STAENLE SAID COULD NOT COMPLY AS WOULD ALLOW ANYONE THEN IDENTIFY SOURCE. STAENLE SAID THAT HIS SOURCES, WITH WHOM HE ESTABLISHED CONTACT AFTER SOMEONE'S INDISCRETION, CONSTITUTES A GROUP WITHIN THE UNIDENTIFIED SERVICE WHICH IS ACTING AGAINST MUELLER AND WAHLBACH WITH KNOWLEDGE OF SUPERIORS BUT THAT LATTER WOULD DISOWN GROUP IF THEIR EFFORTS AGAINST MUELLER, INCLUDING CONTINUING PLAN TO KIDNAP HIM, SHOULD FAIL AND RESULT IN FLAP.

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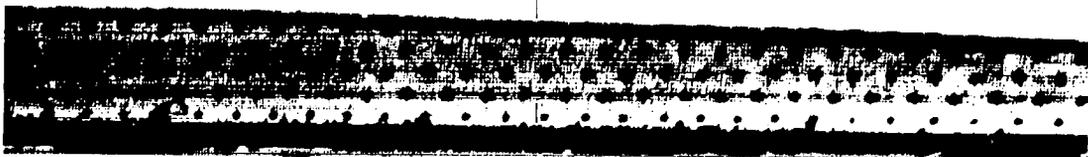
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3. STAENLE SAID THAT AFTER ARTICLE'S APPEARANCE WIESENTHAL REACTED NEGATIVELY TO SENTENCE QUESTIONING WIESENTHAL'S CLAIM TO HAVE LOCATED EICHMANN. STAENLE SAID THAT HIS CONTACTS HAVE TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS HOETTL WHO FINGERED EICHMANN FOR WIESENTHAL.

4. STAENLE SAID THAT HE ASKED HIS CONTACTS WHETHER HE COULD INCLUDE HOETTL IN ARTICLE AND THAT THEY APPEARED WELCOME INCLUSION, PARTICULARLY IF STATEMENTS RE HOETTL HAVE NEGATIVE CONNOTATIONS.

5. STAENLE CHECKED WITH WIESENTHAL RE ANGLE THAT SANITZER DIED VIENNA 1957. WIESENTHAL ADVISED HE NOT AT ALL SURE THAT THAT SANITZER IDENTICAL WITH GESTAPO SANITZER.

6. ACCORDING STAENLE, FEDREP HAS SO FAR NOT REACTED TO ARTICLE EXCEPT FOR CALL FROM MOLLAU OF BFV WHO ATTEMPTED PUMP STAENLE ON SOURCE AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OBTAINING FURTHER DETAILS BUT SAID NOTHING INDICATING HE QUESTIONS ARTICLE.

7. LOCAL RESONANCE QUITE MIXED, SOME PAPERS VIRTUALLY IGNORING STORY, OTHERS GIVING IT CONSIDERABLE SPACE. SURPRISINGLY, DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG REPLAYED ARTICLE ABOUT WEEK AFTERWARD WITHOUT ANY STATEMENTS TENDING PUT DOUBTS ON STORY.

8. STAENLE DOUBTS HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FALL-GUY FOR SOVIET PLOY IN SINO-SOVIET CONFLICT. TO CONTRARY, ACCORDING STAENLE, SOVIET EMBASSY BONN (THROUGH JOURNALIST BERNARD LESCRINIER) CASTING DOUBTS ON STORY'S ACCURACY BY ASSERTING DOCUMENTS EXIST PROVING MUELLER DIED ABOUT TWENTY MONTHS AGO. SOVIETS APPARENTLY NOT ATTEMPTING DENY STORY'S ASSERTION THAT MUELLER IN MOSCOW AFTER 1945.

9. STAENLE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN CHANCE CHECK FACTS AND DEPENDS ON HIS ASSESSMENT THAT CONTACTS GIVING HIM

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STRAIGHT DOPE. STRENLE SEES CONFIRMATION THIS BELIEF IN
VIRTUALLY NON-REACTION BY BLOC TO ARTICLE, PARTICULARLY EAST
GERMAN FAILURE DENY EXISTENCE VAILBACH.

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C/S COMMENT: *REQUESTED CLARIFY SEVERAL POINTS PROP ARTICLE.

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