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SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC - The Schellenberg Memoires

1. As the result of a series of interviews with BERDAHL at Pullach and with [] here, I can now shed a little light upon this mysterious manuscript.

2. As you may recall, we first ran across news of it when we began looking into the affairs of Sven HINREN. He had the manuscript, and the primary purpose of his trip to the United States in 1951 was to peddle it to an American publisher. This venture was unsuccessful. When SHELLENBERG died in Turin last spring, his widow apparently withdrew the manuscript from HINREN. It next turned up in the offices of Quick Magazine in Munich, where Jürgen THORWALD had a look at it and passed the word on to ZIPPER, who, in turn, got the wind up because of some allegedly derogatory references to UTILITY.

3. THORWALD made several efforts to get the assignment to edit the memoirs, none of which was successful. There have been several other candidates, but Quick has made no commitments. One of the reasons for this is that Quick cannot release the manuscript without the concurrence of the Scherz Verlag in Zurich, and Scherz has indicated that they could not do so because of a restraining order from the Swiss authorities.

4. When BERDAHL told me this story, which he had from THORWALD, I was disinclined to believe it, since neither [] nor any other Swiss authority has the legal power to prevent anyone from publishing anything he wants to. When I asked [] about it, however, he admitted that Scherz had been advised that publication of the memoirs would be considered contrary to Swiss interests. This is because of Swiss disinclination to have another unveiling of the controversial World War II SHELLENBERG-MASSON relationship. Scherz is not bound by law to comply, but they have apparently chosen to do so.

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