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TO : Chief, NS
FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach
SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/ZIPPER

DATE: 2 April 1949

SPECIFIC— Walter SCHELLENBERG Memoires

1. During [] recent visit to POB, the status of the SCHELLENBERG Memoires was raised by him to ~~Walter HELLMUTH~~.

2. Contrary to previous expectations that ZIPPER could lay their hands on the original manuscripts which would permit us a quick look-see, we have now been informed ZIPPER cannot get their hands on the manuscript.

3. The following outline of the situation was reported:

- (a) Sven HELLMUTH arranged for the sale of the basic rights of the book to the Scherz Verlag in Switzerland. HELLMUTH continued his efforts to find publishers elsewhere, notably in the United States. After SCHELLENBERG's death, his wife withdrew the manuscript from HELLMUTH, presumably in order to attempt to peddle it herself. In this way it landed with Quick Magazine which now has it.
- (b) ZIPPER was made aware of the manuscript by THOMAS, who got a look at it at Quick. They promptly encouraged him to compete for the job of editing it. No dice. They have someone else in mind. Furthermore, according to Quick, the Swiss authorities are making difficulties which render it impossible for the time being for SCHERZ to release the book to Quick (that is, permit Quick to publish it). There the matter now stands.
- (c) An additional wrinkle is the team of BOST and SCHITZ OF LVS G.V., who have made some arrangement with Frau SCHELLENBERG according to which nothing can be published without their concurrence. We're not clear about the relationship between Frau SCHELLENBERG and these two. In any case, SCHITZ is the ZIPPER man in the picture, and ZIPPER feels safe from anything derogatory or objectionable which may be present in the original. SCHELLENBERG had no time for UTILITY, and there are some snappy remarks about him.

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4. NIPMAN's hopes on actually getting its hands on the manuscript lay with TALKWALD and this hope appears now to be gone, at least for the time being.

5. We could get a look at it easily by having KIJULP persuade a good American publisher to ask to have a look at it without any other necessary commitment. It would be of interest to learn the details of the anti-SECURITY remarks contained in the manuscript.

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