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SUBJECT

Liaison CAVATA  
Personal Request from CAVATA/16

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ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

1. During a meeting with CAVATA/16 on 12 August just prior to his departure on a four week vacation, he made a personal request for background information on behalf of his daughter, who is preparing a doctoral thesis. She just passed her first law exams and is now a Referendar. As soon as she returns from vacation with her parents, she plans to sit down and prepare her thesis. The title of her dissertation is "A Comparative Study of the Legal Interpretation of a State Secret". This study has been directed by her law professor, who is assisting the German Government in preparing a revised law on treason and espionage.

2. CAVATA/16's specific request is bibliographic data and background information on significant U.S. legal interpretation of what is a "State Secret". Important court cases involving violation of espionage laws and revelation of classified information are of particular interest, as well as similar comparative studies already made in the U.S. Furthermore, C/16's daughter would like to have addresses of institutes or universities in the U.S. with whom she could correspond on this subject.

3. It is certainly in the interest of our liaison relations with CAVATA and C/16 personally that we make an effort to comply with his request. We would appreciate it, if Headquarters would look into this matter and contact the appropriate Headquarters' staff, and other Government offices. C/16 indicated that he has made a similar request to the SMOTH and [ ] liaison officers. His daughter is also collecting information on the "official" legal interpretation of state secrets in the Soviet Union. Headquarters is perhaps also aware of an institute in the US., which might have background on this subject and to whom C/16's daughter can write.

4. We would appreciate a response from Headquarters by 15 September 1966, when C/16 and his family return from vacation.

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