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Meeting Arrangements

By previous arrangement AEBRIEF was picked up at the corner of 16th &  at 1500 10 Feb 1954 in a company vehicle. Meeting lasted until 1845 when agent was dropped off in front of his hotel.

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Next meeting was set for 1330 11 Feb 1954, agent to be picked up at the corner of 17th & K Streets.

The purpose of the meeting was to take AEBRIEF on an apartment hunting tour. The advisability of having him participate in this and thus allowing him a degree of choice had been discussed with C/DOB. It had been agreed that while telling him to move into an apartment of our choice would help maintain the existing control atmosphere, it was more desirable to start immediately facing him with some of the problems of American life.

The C.O. had screened a list of apartments advertised in the newspapers in the \$70 - 90 class. It had been determined previously that agent, his wife and child had lived in Salzburg in a one bedroom apartment for which he paid 2100 schillings or approximately \$80.00 U.S. equivalent.

As is usual in Washington most apartments seen were not as represented in the ads or in telephone descriptions, and inclusion of essential appointments was discovered. Agent remarked on this and suggested that real estate offices be contacted or that more details be obtained by telephone. It was explained to him that real estate firms do not ordinarily list apartments in the city in our price range and that people will not always give all the facts on the telephone. Apartments seen were in the neighborhood around 14th St. & Columbia Road and northeast of this in the 4500-5500 section of 3rd, 4th and 5th streets. No decision was made and it was agreed to look on the next day but agent was informed we would have to make a quick choice even if only on a one month basis.

During the course of the afternoon agent expressed fear of not being able to afford an apartment at approximately \$85.00 and suggested that the way out of this might come from his going to New York and contacting his friends there. C.O. admitted this as a possibility for the future but stated firmly that it was not possible right now and would only be considered as a permanent solution several months from now.

Evidence of two commitments made to agent by AIS personnel in Europe came out and will be further clarified in next meeting. One was that passage to the U.S. had been promised as a type of bonus for the work he performed. The other was that he would have a job with the organization in the U.S. Both of these arose in a conversation about his future status and were discounted by the C.O.

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