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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Traces on Dr. Guenther SYRUP

1. Per your recent request, the following is a summary of information contained in Headquarter's files on Dr. Guenther SYRUP:

a. SYRUP, born 21 August 1910 in Hildesheim, whose war-time address was Meierfeldstrasse 26, Kl.-Machnow, was an SS Hauptsturmbahnfuhrer in Amt VI/Gruppe A (Allgemeines u. Inland - General Administration) of the RSHA. He was liaison officer to the Reichswirtschaftsministerium from 1940-43, then joined the Waffen SS. His father was State Secretary in the Arbeitsministerium.

b. In 1954, the ZIPPER Weekly Report number 4 on the Otto JOHN case, cites Rechtsanwalt Guenther SYRUP, residing Hamburg/Fuhlbuettel, Am Hassenberg 37/1 as the source of several items on the JOHN case. Specifically, he reports that a fellow Hamburg lawyer, Dr. Curt Otto BLEY, was a long time friend of Otto JOHN. It is not possible to determine the significance of the ZIPPER/SYRUP connection. From the context, since he is openly cited as having provided the information, his relationship to ZIPPER was evidently not regarded as particularly sensitive. You will recall that ZIPPER is the former cryptonym for the Gehlen Organization.

c. SYRUP is not listed in current overt materials - the Hamburg telephone directory, rosters of German lawyers, etc.

2. We will undertake further action, including field traces, if you desire.

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Chief, EUR/Germany

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