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1. ON 6 MAY DIETRICH SCHULZ (

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SPRINGER VERLAG, CALLED WOMUSE STAFFER WHOSE ALIAS IS (

ON STERILE PHONE (NUMBER WAS GIVEN TO WERNER KAHL () IN

JAN 1973 IN CONNECTION HIS VISIT TO US}. SEE PARA 1 REF B.

SCHULZ CONVEYED KAHL'S GREETINGS, SAID KAHL WORKING ON STORY, AND

ASKED FOR HELP IF POSSIBLE.4

2. SCHULZ REVEALED KAHL HAS GATHERED SOME MATERIALS AND IS

WORKING ON STORY ABOUT \$11 MILLION WORTH OF NAZI GOVERNMENT GOLD

WHICH SUPPOSEDLY FOUND BY US FORCES IN 1945 IN BAVARIA. THIS

TREASURE THEN DISAPPEARED AND SOME AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL

ALLEGEDLY COURT-MARTIALED THIS CONNECTION. SENSATIONALISM OF

UNACCOUNTED TREASURE HAS SPARKED INTEREST IN PUBLISHING STORY.4

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3. SCHULZ SAID KAHL HAD SUGGESTED THAT C) MIGHT BE ABLE TO DIRECT HIM TO APPROPRIATE PLACE WHERE HE COULD DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE US RECORDS RE THIS MATTER AND IF THE FILES ARE IN PUBLIC DOMAIN. SCHULZ ALSO SAID HE VERY BUSY OTHER MATTERS AND HENCE THIS RESEARCH ASSIGNED TO ERIC ELL, MEMBER SPRINGER OFFICE NYC. 4

4. WE GAVE SCHULZ NAME OF TWO NATIONAL ARCHIVES EMPLOYEES EACH OF WHOM WELL KNOWN PUBLICALLY FOR EXPERTISE IN HIS RESPECTIVE FIELD: ONE RE CAPTURED GERMAN WWII RECORDS, AND THE OTHER IN US WWII MILITARY RECORDS. THEIR JOB REQUIRES THEM TO RENDER RESEARCH ASSISTANCE. SCHULZ SAID HE WOULD PASS NAMES TO ELL. 4

5. ON 7 MAY ELL CALLED ON STERILE PHONE, EXPRESSED THANKS FOR HELP, AND SAID BOTH MEN VERY HELPFUL. IN CONFIDENCE ELL ALSO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD SEEN ONLY FEW PAPERS SO FAR, HE HAS DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS NO SUCH STORY, I.E. THAT KAHL'S LEAD MAY BE PHONY. WITH AID OF THE TWO ARCHIVES OFFICIALS HE WILL CONTINUE DIGGING, BUT DOUBTS THAT HE WILL FIND MUCH. WE ASKED HIM WHO THE AMERICANS WERE AND HE SAID THEY WERE A US ARMY LTC AND A MAJOR.

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HE WAS ORIGINALLY GIVEN NAMES, BUT THEN WAS TOLD NAMES INCORRECT. HE EXPECTS BE TOLD CORRECT NAMES WITHIN A DAY OR TWO.Y

6. ELL REVEALED HE BORN CA 1912 AUSTRIA. WAS JEWISH REFUGEE FROM HITLER, IMMIGRATED US DURING WWII, GOT US CITIZENSHIP CA 30 YEARS AGO, AND HAS BEEN WITH SPRINGER FOR NUMBER OF YEARS. HE EXPRESSED US PATRIOTISM AND SAID HE WOULD EVEN GO AS FAR AS DENY THAT THERE ARE PERTINENT RECORDS AT ARCHIVES, IF SUCH PAPERS COULD BE USED TO EMBARRASS US GOVERNMENT.Y

7. ELL PROMISED CALL AGAIN WHEN HIS RESEARCH COMPLETED AND ADVISE RESULTS. SAID HE WILL ALSO FURNISH NAMES OF US OFFICERS IF HE HAS THEM. WE WILL BE ADVISED SEPARATELY BY ONE OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIEVES OFFICIALS.Y

8. WILL ADVISE YOU OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.Y

9. NO HQ TRACES ELL. PLS CHECK YOUR RECORDS.Y

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