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Precis of Project GRBEAVER

- 1. Name of File: GRBEAVER []
- 2. Duration: August 1954 - July 1955
- 3. Target: Spotter and organizer for an Escape & Evasion line
- 4. Area: Salzburg, Austria (Kitzbuehel)
- 5. Cost: Developmental - costs may have come out of GRCROOND (stay-behind funding project) or OOA funds
- 6. Brief History:

In April 1955 GRBEAVER, a doctor with many professional connections, was contacted and assessed for use as a spotter and organizer for a proposed escape and evasion line to be located near the Salzburg area. GRBEAVER was never actually recruited because, concerned with the future welfare of his family and financial security, he applied for a medical position with the Ethiopian government. Furthermore GRBEAVER exhibited a reluctant willingness to cooperate with CIA in the erection of an escape and evasion nucleus.

In 1954 the case officer decided that GRBEAVER presented a security hazard to CIA because of discussions with his close friends in connection with their political attitudes, particularly in regard to a humanitarian effort in behalf of the West.

Operational contact was terminated amicably on 29 July 1955. There were no commitments.

7. Personalities:

Dr. Hans TSCHURTSCHENTHALER - spotted by [] subject of [] retired to RI-22 April 1958.

[] - DOB: ca 1894 in Austria. Address: [], Austria. Occupation: [], and member of Tirolean entertainment group which travels to U.S. yearly. He is [] of GRBEAVER.

8. Disposition of File:

Restrict to EE/AH/A.

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