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UJ-DROLLENY General Progress Report

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NOTE: Report of status of Zipper CI/CE and political intelligence cases as of 30 Sep. '53.
(* indicates that the case is on ice or in unclarified status.
Numbers below refer to UJ-DROLLENY case number.

A. COUNTER ESPIONAGE.

1. Soviet Russian IS.

11 (URANUS): V-928.4 and his family have been evacuated by Zipper from Berlin to the Wuerttemberg area, he having been previously approached by the wife of V-928.6 and by one of the soldiers who formerly served under his command, both believed acting on behalf of the SRIS. Zipper CE personnel are negotiating with the German border police to obtain a position therein for V-928.4, who, in the meantime, is to give the appearance of activity for western intelligence. V-928.6 is also striving to come to west Germany, possibly indicating continued SRIS interest in V-928.4.

13 (FELLS): During this period the British in direct liaison with Zipper revealed that they control, as a double agent, V-2948's original mentor in SRIS affairs, who heads an independent net in northern Germany. Exchange of information on these related cases proved beneficial to both the British and Zipper and furnishes opportunities for cross checking certain phases of the case. Toward the end of September V-2948 in an independent and completely unauthorized maneuver approached the German police in Bremen and there exposed himself as a western intelligence agent; we are awaiting a detailed report of this incident. He also struck up an acquaintance with a US Army signal corps major and the latter's alleged girl friend; the possibilities of CIC exploitation of this opportunity to play the latter unto the SRIS as an attractive target and to observe SRIS activity up to recruitment and possibly beyond are currently under negotiation.

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- (2)(A) Privacy
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We have placed technical coverage on V-2948 as a further cross check on his activities and correspondents.

15 (LOTTERIE): (*). Still no contact; no change.

16 (KIM): The SRIS appears to continue to play other agents unto V-14530; these are being investigated by Zipper with a view to possible expansion of the double opportunities.

Total: 4 cases

2. East German IS:

112-A (RINGELSPIEL): "RINGEL" was approached by NDPD agents, including ZANDER, and invited to the DDR for Oct. '53. Three reports for September were received by Zipper, which produced memos 6612 and 6723 therefrom. The case is considered interesting because of the continued window into NDPD clandestine activity in west Germany afforded through RINGEL.

112-B (SILBERSTREIFEN): (*). No further development in Sept; Zipper headquarters discussed with its northern field agency (GV B) possibilities for intensifying the yield of this case. If no substantial improvement occurs by Oct.-Nov., the case will probably be dropped.

112-C (STERN): The field submitted two reports to Zipper. Development during Sept. was hindered by the almost paralyzing effect of the Adenauer election victory. Zipper hopes that something above the stagnation level will result from the scheduled visit of "WASSERMAN" in Oct. to NDPD business manager SRELLISCH in east Berlin.

112-D (CICERO): A top level penetration source yielded 14 reports, from which ECKs (2747 and 2773) were disseminated; other information therefrom is being incorporated into the NDPD Handbook currently under preparation by Zipper. This case is considered good, with good prospects for even better results.

113 (SCHREINER): We still lack reports from Zipper on this one. Zipper reports that the SSD missions given the DA indicate probable intentions of continuing the case, but on a higher level. A parallel line has emerged, on which Zipper is working, though its value cannot yet be judged.

115 (Penetration of SSD, Suhl): The results of questions posed to source are still awaited. Technical operational difficulties of maintaining contact and reporting channels have kept the case, so far, from yielding as much as is expected of it. Zipper already feels that the quality of reporting has improved. Source gave informative answers to direct questions in attachment to EGLA-5495.

116 (FRITSCH): This case is going very poorly at this point. Tighter control of FRITSCH by GV B (northern field agency) has made it appear more likely that he is either a swindler or a double. FRITSCH gives indications of fearing that his case officer suspects his duplicity and seems to want to get out of the case as gracefully as possible.

117 (SONNE): (*). Nothing has developed beyond personal mail communication between V-7688.8 and his wife; no SSD contact developed yet.

118 (MAUSEFALLE): "KAMMER's" hospitalization since 31 Aug. '53 has slowed the progress of case, which is still considered promising.

119 (ZWEI-MÄDERLHAUS): This case has been dropped because it showed little promise and American interests were involved to a great extent.

Total: 9

3. Czech IS.

230 (BURSCHENSCHAFT): Most noteworthy development was RV in Mannheim on 29 Sept. between V-2653.10 and Czech courier, which was surveilled by Zipper, using foot and vehicle surveillance and photography. Zipper reported what appeared to be 4 (sic) unidentified surveillants or counter-surveillants, presumably for the Czech service -- clarification is being sought.

232 (DOPPELKOPF): Newly rated as case status. See such previous communications as ECLA-4854 and 6031.

Total: 2

4. Hungarian IS.

300 (ADLER): During Sept. Zipper received 16 reports, passed on to us in the form of 14 memos, mostly concerned with reporting on ADLER's RV in Hungary in August and with build-up material.

302 (GEIER): During Sept. "GEIER's" letter drop was visited by a KATPOL courier. Although Zipper did attempt surveillance, it was not successful because of the unpropitious location of the DLD. Selection of new DLDs should remedy this for the next courier visit. This one, indicating continued KATPOL confidence in GEIER, strengthened his own confidence, so that his case officer has now been able to induce him to agree to go to Hungary in Jan. '54 for RV with the KATPOL. Reporting has been delayed by the absence of Sones on two weeks military leave and the pressure of priority matters.

Total: 2

5. Polish IS.

350 (SCHWARZ): (*). No contacts in Sept.; the case does not seem to be able to get off the ground because of the inability of Zipper to negotiate

with the BLANK office any possibility of providing build-up material therefrom.

Total: 1 case

6. Yugoslav IS.

382 (OST): (*). No developments, other than a memo submitted by Zipper's Austrian field agency, outlining its plans for the case.

Total: 1

7. Rumanian IS.

400 (ADALBERT): (*). Whether or not Zipper will be able to induce "ADALBERT" to continue working for Zipper, i.e. cutting Zipper in on the take of this French operation is still unclear; it does not look promising.

Total: 1

Total CE cases: 20.

B. ILLEGAL KPD ACTIVITIES.

No currently active cases reported.

C. COMMUNIST MASS ORGANIZATIONS.

No currently active cases reported.

D. ILLEGAL EAST-WEST TRADE.

1003: Zipper reports no change over preceding month, with most of the reports of interest to positive intelligence (economic).

1006: 8 reports received by Zipper CI headquarters, which made a memo for the record therefrom but did not disseminate anything to us. Source is still in the initial assessment stage.

Total: 2 cases

E. POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

1201: (SED instructions to ADM): produced 60 reports, of which Zipper disseminated 26 ECKs and 2 memos.

1202 (ADM): No reports received by Zipper; placement of source is such that regular reporting is not feasible, though source is considered valuable.

1214 (DIR government secretary): Produced 10 reports, from which 3 ECKs, though of lower quality than heretofore.

1216 (unwitting informant, DDR Ministry of Interior): Produced 9 reports, from which 2 EOKs. Zipper reports that despite tight leadership results so far have been meager. It is hoped that this will be improved before the end of the year.

1217: (*). No change; three reports received by Zipper, which did not make any dissemination therefrom.

1219 (BIBA): No reports received during past month because source was on vacation.

1220 (DRANTANSEL) (aimed at former NKFD leaders in East Berlin): Still in initial assessment stage; produced EOL-4111, seemingly a source for economic information.

1221 (JOACHIM) (Russian Orthodox Church official in Berlin, with alleged access to Soviets in Karlshorst): 4 reports received by Zipper, which did not disseminate any of them; they were of limited value and doubtful.

Total political: 8

Total East-West trade: 2

Total CW: 20

Combined total: 30

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