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TO : Chief, WE
Attn:
FROM : Chief of Station *P. J. B.*

DATE: 8 October 1954
MRS. NIK X

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Befinal
SPECIFIC— Dirty Documents Collection
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1. Smyopia has twice refused to consider the plan for centralizing the collection of dirty documents through Zipper (see VIEN 3306 and 1839). DIR 19250, dated 30 September 1954, asked for a "definite" answer, however, and a meeting was held with Smyopia on 1 October to discuss the matter again. We asked to be present to be sure that Smyopia's arguments against the plan would represent something more than personal opinion. who were then in , also attended the meeting and should be able to give headquarters and the field a first-hand account of Smyopia's views.

2. The pros and cons of using Zipper as the central collector were again covered in detail but, as they have also been thoroughly discussed in previous Kubark correspondence, will not be repeated here. We stressed the following arguments, however:

- a. Zipper will not be content with copies of our reports on the dirty documents and, once they have their complete independence, if not before, will enter the market as strong competitors for the originals. is not, in fact, entirely convinced in his own mind that this will be the case).
- b. Assuming that Befinal 103 has a near monopoly on the collection of documents and that (as Smyopia claims) it is not worth the risk to attempt to break his monopoly, then Befinal 103 should be handled by Zipper, not Befinal. It seems clear that Befinal 103's main objective is to re-establish his career as an intelligence officer in an official German service, i.e., Zipper. Should Zipper decide to re-enter the documents market through Befinal 103, the career prospects which they could offer him would be most attractive and Befinal would be bound to lose out.

3. Smyopia still refused to consider the Zipper plan and restated their preference for simply continuing the present joint Kubark/Smyopia collection through Befinal 103, with as cutout to the Salzburg Base. We asked for, and have now received,

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an aide memoire from [] as follows:

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6 October 1954

Dear []

As I told you yesterday, I attended a meeting at the Befinal office on Friday last with [] and two other Kubark officers [] to discuss "Dirty Documents". The Synopsis position was stated as follows:-

- (i) The present system of collection and delivery of the "Dirty Documents" is working very satisfactorily. In other words, we are getting the original documents reasonably quickly and at a reasonable price.
- (ii) The collecting agent (Befinal 103) has played fair with [] and the Poles for the last four years.
- (iii) We are able to cut out the French due to the improved delivery arrangements agreed by Befinal.
- (iv) We fear that passing these documents through the Germans would make for delays and would carry no guarantee that all the documents were reaching us.

I understand that Befinal has drawn up a plan [] (1890) relating to the collection and delivery of these documents which has been approved by your station in the area and our suggestion is that, if your headquarters agrees, the plan should be implemented as soon as possible.

Yours ever,

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4. We see little profit in trying to argue this one further.

5. To save further confusion in crossing answers from the various stations involved, and to cut down on the time and funds already expended in correspondence on this problem, we have not sent copies of this memorandum, or of the reference cable, to Vienna, Salzburg, Frankfurt and Pullach. We believe headquarters is now in possession of all the facts and all the conflicting viewpoints, and should be able to give the field definitive instructions on how to proceed.

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