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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM :

ACTION : WE 6

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2003 2006

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DIR CITE 0890

REFS A. 5848

B. 5852

C. DIR 10020

(CW 33218)
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1. REGRET DELAY. REF A JUST RECEIVED. CUTOUT FIRST MEETING

AFTER LEAVE 17 MAY.

2. FROM OTHER SOURCE, UNDERSTAND BELIEVES PRESS REPORTS VERBELEN AIS CONNECTION BUT DISMISSES IT AS EPISODE IN EARLY POSTWAR CONFUSION. VERY UNLIKELY WOULD HEED REQUEST ALONG LINES PARA 4 REF B. TO CONTRARY, SUCH APPROACH COULD LEAD HIM SUSPECT MORE RECENT OR INTIAMTE ODYOKE CONNECTION. SUCH SUSPICION WOULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE HIS CONFIDENCE, COOPERATION. MOREOVER HE MIGHT PASS IT ON TO , THUS IMPAIRING CREDIBILITY

RESPONSE RECOMMENDED REF C PARA 2.

3. TO DIR. WOULD APPRECIATE COPY WAR CRIMINALS REGISTER IF AVAILABLE.

4. UNDERSTAND ACTION UNDER WAY DEPRIVE VERBELEN AUSTRIAN CITIZENSHIP. PRESUME HE WILL CALL PAST ODYOKE CONNECTION IN

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COURSE OF PROCEEDINGS. AMONG CRIMES FOR WHICH VERBELEN
 CONDEMNED BY SEVENTH FLEMISH CHAMBER 14 OCT 1947 WAS
 ARREST AND TORTURE TWO AMERICAN AIRMEN AND SUBSEQUENT INTERNMENT
 BUCHENWALD. THIS CHARGE PART PUBLIC RECORD AND
 COULD BE CITED IN ANY OFFICIAL OVERT DENIAL OF KNOWING
 CONNECTION VERBELEN IF SUCH STATEMENT SEEMS INDICATED.

END OF MESSAGE

CS COMMENT: *SUGGESTED TELL ONLY IF ASKED AND AMB THAT VERBELEN IN CONTACT
 WITH ODYOKE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY IN AUSTRIA DURING OCCUPATION PERIOD USING ALIAS
 AND ODYOKE UNAWARE V'S TRUE IDENTITY.

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