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15. SUMMARY: (C/NFD) As of late Robert Jan VERBELEN, born 5 April 1912, in Herent, Belgium, Austrian citizen, residing at 34/36/3/1 Greiner Gasse, Vienna XIX, has increased his activity, both politically and as a journalist. VERBELEN appears at many rightist meetings all over Austria. HE appears as a journalist and has a presscard as "special items editor" of the politically independent "Salzburger Volksblatt". VERBELEN remarked at a gathering of friends that the Soviet Committee for State Security, attached to the Council of Ministers of the USSR (KGB) had contacted him through an agent to recruit him for intelligence work. At the same time he was told that the KGB was fully aware of his present work for the US Intelligence Service. VERBELEN also stated that in the past he had occasion to learn what the protection of the US Intelligence Service amounted to; no doubt Soviet protection would have been far more effective.

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