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WNINTEL GROOVY TRACE RESULTS ON

SUBJECT: ROBERT JAN ((VERBELEN))

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1. SUMMARY FOR INFO ONLY: FOLLOWING IS FILE REVIEW ON
SUBJECT PREPARED 28 DECEMBER 1983 OCCASIONED BY "NEW YORK TIMES"
ARTICLE DATED 22 DECEMBER 1983 ENTITLED "BELGIAN NAZI TIED TO U.S.
ARMY." IN BRIEF, SUBJECT WAS CONTACT OF CIC/CID IN AUSTRIA FROM
1946-1956. NO REPEAT NO PVALUE CONTACT.

2. ROBERT JEAN VERBELEN, AKA RICHARD BECKER, PETER
MEYER, VAN MARTENS VERBELEN, ERICH DIEL, HERBERT CHARPENTIER, JOSEPH
POLLACK, AND ALFRED H. SCHWAB. BORN 5 APRIL 1911 IN GERENT (NEAR
LOEWEN), BELGIUM.

3. VERBELEN WAS A MEMBER OF THE FLEMISH SS AND HELD THE RANK
OF OBERSTURMFUEHRER. HE WAS ALSO THE LEADER OF THE DEVLG
SICHERHEITSKORP ESTABLISHED TO COMBAT THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN
BELGIUM. VERBELEN FLED TO VIENNA AT THE END OF THE WAR LEAVING HIS
WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN BEHIND WHO WERE REPORTEDLY MURDERED BY THE
RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. ON 14 OCTOBER 1947 HE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH
IN ABSENTIA BY THE BELGIANS WHO ACCUSED HIM OF TAKING PART IN OR
DIRECTING POLITICAL MURDERS DURING THE WAR.

4. TWO UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS ALLEGE THAT VERBELEN WAS THE
LEADER OF A TRAINING CENTER FOR SOVIET AGENTS LOCATED AT
SCHNEIDERMUEHL, DDR, AT THE END OF THE WAR, AND WAS EMPLOYED BY
"SOVIET CENSORSHIP" IN 1946.

5. VERBELEN WAS IN CONTACT WITH CIC AND/OR CID IN AUSTRIA FROM
1946 TO 1956 UNDER THE ALIAS ALFRED SCHWAB. CIC CONTACT WAS
APPARENTLY BROKEN IN 1956 DUE TO LACK OF ACCESS.

6. IN APRIL 1962 VERBELEN WAS ARRESTED BY AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES
FOR HIS WARTIME ACTIVITIES. HE WAS HELD FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE HIS
TRIAL IN DECEMBER 1965 THE CASE RECEIVED WIDE-SPREAD PUBLICITY IN

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