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Sj: Carriage Test of Horst Paul Vettermann today, flash report.

1. This report is for your operational use only and not for dissemination in its entirety. Excerpts, summaries, etc., may be disseminated. Formal report will follow eventually, and of this you will receive copy through channels.

2. Estimated reliability of results: Subject was a good but erratic reactor; it is felt safest to grade the results as "fairly reliable" in the scale of "reliable", "fairly reliable" and "unreliable". Any admissions to questions put into paragraph 4 will automatically raise results to the grading of reliable.

3. Questions in reply to which subject appears to be telling the truth as he sees it:

Is it your main purpose to emigrate to America? No.  
Is it your main purpose to have romantic adventures? No.  
Is it your main purpose to promote Communism? No.  
Is it your main purpose to make work for us? No.  
Do you know what your main purpose is? Yes.

Do you know what an espionage agent is? Yes  
Are you an espionage agent of the Dutch? No.  
Are you an espionage agent of the French? No.  
Are you an espionage agent of the British? No.  
Are you an espionage agent of the Soviet-Russians? No.  
Are you an espionage agent of any Communist group? No.  
Are you an espionage agent of the Germans? No.  
Are you homosexual? No. \*

Do you recall the main statements you made about Maria Zubacheck? Yes.  
Is ~~she~~ Maria Zubacheck the secretary of the Russian MGB Colonel Einbender? Yes.  
Have you told us the truth about the non-success of the meeting with her in Berlin? Yes.  
Is it your main objective to make money? No.  
Are you working together with a group of friends who are in the Soviet uranium mines? Yes.  
Are you a Communist? No.

Are you married? Yes.  
Were you with Maria Zubacheck on the 11th of August this year in the Cafe Stube in "der Weissen Stadt"? Yes.  
Did you ~~get~~ copy this report from Maria's papers? Yes.  
Did you ever use the name Julius Mann yourself? No.  
Did Zhevchenko (?) tell you you would get 25 years in prison? No. At ~~least~~ forced labor ("Zwangsarbeit").

4. Subject shows sensitivity to the following questions, individually assessed as follows:

As far as you know, were you born on 4 July 1917? Yes.  
As far as you know, were you born in Altenburg/Thuringia? Yes.  
Are you Horst Paul Vettermann? Yes.

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To these questions subject showed an odd sensitivity which may be coupled with the conflict in his "Urkunden" and his actual dates of birth. I would recommend that his identity documents be carefully examined and also that an effort to verify ~~re-examine~~ his actual birth data from original records be made. I feel the subject is probably who he claims to be, but the questions bother him. The subject was not dissatisfied with him, because many people are sensitive on this subject of birth, and challenging this at the beginning of the tests may engender strong self-distrust which will becloud the subsequent essential elements.

Is it your main objective to make money? No.

Is it your main objective to work against the Western powers? No.

Is it your main objective to liberate Germany from the Soviet Communists? Yes.

Is it your main objective, other than you have told me, to serve a private group of persons? No.

Of these the last two affected the subject the most strongly, and of these two the latter. Subject had admitted prior to the run that he did, in ~~some~~ a sense, serve the interests of his small group of friends, who were, realistically viewed, a private group. However, with the question re-phrased as shown, there was sufficient sensitivity to indicate that the interests of some private group bulk large in the subject's motivation. This is, of course, an indication that a "group" exists, and the interlocking question "Are you working with a group of friends, etc. (see above) runs clear and tends to support this view. The response to the following question also tends to support:

Are you an espionage agent of the Americans? Yes. To this question (note preceding comment) the sensitivity is small but persistent. This ordinarily would indicate the subject does not consider himself wholly so, although he stoutly maintained he was....

Are you trying to conceal a crime from me? No.

Did you ever commit a war crime? No.

Did you ever commit any crime? No.

The sensitivity is not outstanding, but he isn't telling us everything that crosses his mind in connection with this question.

Did you take a leading part in the explosion in shaft 57 in 1949? Yes.

Subject corrected his original story before the run and stated that all "they" had tried to do was to short-circuit the main power lines in order to sabotage the mining operations and also to get some time off. They did not realize that the cable would burn and that it ran through the powder magazine. Nevertheless, on the basis of this revised story, the subject still was sensitive enough to indicate deception either as to the degree of his share in it or as to his having any real share in it at all.

Did you tell us the truth about how you lost the Geiger counter and the electroscope? Yes. He repeated in essence the story he had already told. Subject was, of course, aware

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that there is no way such a story can now be checked, so that he would feel fairly secure about this question in any case. He nevertheless reacted to the question consistently, so that I feel this whole thing is an exaggeration or never occurred at all. It is, of course, ~~xxxxxx~~ also possible that the subject did get the machines over and made some other disposition of them, since he made the point that he was "not working for us" at that time yet. No admissions.

Is Dr. Erwin Ischler a chemist in Wismut AG, Freibergsdorf? Yes.  
Did Dr. Erwin Ischler procure the uranium packing slips for you as you reported? Yes.

Did you tell me the truth about Dr. Erwin Ischler? Yes.

Did you get the uranium packing slips from Dr. Erwin Ischler? Yes.

These four questions, particularly the second one, consistently upset the subject. Between tests he stated that he disliked Ischler; that Ischler had betrayed or at any rate "let down" the Nazi Government and that he, Vettermann, had commanded a unit which had caught Ischler and should, by rights, have hanged him at once, but that he let him go. He stated that Ischler was a gross materialist, distrusted everyone, and was at present merely trying to re-insure himself with us. He said Ischler did not run any great risk in extracting the packing slips; and that there were "certainly more than seven of them". He said he had no reason to believe that Ischler had counterfeited the slips; also that he would never work with Ischler, who is an acquaintance of long standing, except that he has to. He stated Ischler could not blackmail him, but that he could put a lot of pressure on Ischler. The subject's sensitivity nevertheless persisted, and I feel that he is either lying about the whole thing or trying to conceal something about the incidents which he can not disclose but which keeps recurring to his mind. Whether this has to do with the money he alleges he paid Ischler or whether Ischler is actually giving him orders, or what it may be I can not guess, but I would strongly recommend that Ischler be induced to come here and that, until Ischler is effectively interviewed, the whole matter be considered highly doubtful.

Have you told me the whole essential truth about Maria Zubacheck? Yes.

When the question was broadened from the original narrow base, the subject became markedly sensitive to it. In the subsequent interrogation I got the impression that the subject is not sure and was not sure in his own mind whether Maria was ever susceptible to being defected or doubled. She must be a most abnormal personality (note para 5) and he may have some relations with her which he would not care to discuss. He denied all sexual contact with her and stated that she "was surprised" when he let her know on the 11th that she was in the West Sector. He did not attempt to refute my assertion that the woman must have been practically unwitting -- at least until the Berlin incidents.

5. Summary and Estimate: Subject's identity is a sore point with him; although I feel he is probably the person he claims to be. He does not appear to be a habitual criminal, but has a few things on his mind in this line. He does not appear to be a Soviet or Communist agent. He appears to be telling

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the truth regarding the Maria fiasco in the Cafe Stube in Berlin but seems to be concealing some aspects of his relations with her. He appears to be lying to a considerable extent about his connections with Dr. Erwin Ischler and the affair of the packing slips. There is also apparently some major inaccuracy or loophole in the story concerning the loss of the geiger counter and the elektroscope, as well as in his allegations concerning his part in the shaft 57 explosion. Subject is, however, apparently in contact with friends who are in the Soviet uranium-mine area and does not appear to be conducting a purely notional operation. Subject's motivation is apparently more complex than he has stated, although he appears to know quite well what his motives are. Some sort of special group is involved, or at least is apparently considered by him to exist; probably some kind of neo-nazi organization. When subject was asked: "Do you believe the end justifies the means?" He said "es" very stoutly, but I noted the question affected him very strongly and accordingly feel he has grave doubts concerning the entire moral basis of his ideology.

\* While the subject did not respond in the ~~usual~~ catastrophic way to the question "Are you a homosexual?" which would be usual, the subject appears to be definitely a deviant of some sort. He was familiar with the ideas of fetichism and at one point (when he was being prepared for the card test) joking remarked: "I might be a dress-fetichist just as well as a homo-sexual." (A dress-fetichist would be a person who has sex-relations with women's clothing and is, to say the least, an esoteric personality.) It would seem clear that the matter of sex deviations and abnormalities has in times past greatly interested the subject. His general attitude and dress and manner of speaking are bizarre and one gets the impression of dealing with a romanticist who would very much like to be a real dare-devil and he-man, but lacks the ingredients. I feel he is really a rather timid person. Nevertheless, he may be capable of quite rash actions when enough stimulated.

6. Remarks & Recommendations: Please see body of text regarding Ischler. Subject ought to be given a test mission of some sort that will force him to leave a trail of some kind in the Soviet uranium mine area and then re-run on this point. I would not know whether you can do this. I feel that a high-pressure interrogation would probably get at the facts but would also destroy the individual's usefulness. [ ]