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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

Operational

Evaluation of CAMBIO Material

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1. When we discussed the CAMBIO operation, it was recommended that CAMBIO be allowed to bring in what information he could with only a limited amount of briefing from us. The intent was to establish the reliability of source and his access to persons who might later be used to carry out a high level penetration or to give us added coverage on ore shipments, before disclosing our objectives.

2. Based on the limited intelligence on Wisniet available in Karlsruhe, there has been practically no indication that CAMBIO actually has access to the type of information we want. There is in fact reason to believe that his material, or at least a part of it, is fabrication. Perhaps there is insufficient evidence to state that the entire operation "smells" but I have a hunch that it does and am only puzzled by the motive.

3. My reasons for this feeling are:

a. CAMBIO has given the names of a few Russians, but I have heard of only one or two of them before. There has been no mention of those Russians that you would expect him to know.

b. The railcar numbers given by him are almost impossible to check.

c. The numbering system of the objects as given are not as we've had before.

d. There is no confirmation of a cyclotron or other high tension generator being installed in Wisniet. Its use there also remains to be explained.

e. The shipping tags are unacceptable for several reasons.

(1) Misspelled Russian

(2) Too expensively made

(3) Obviously handmade with great care rather than stamped.

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(4) Nothing like those we've previously seen.

f. The description of the partitioned shipping crates sounds absurd.

4. To date I would say the information of value is as stated in MEM-W-9392. However, until we decide exactly what is going on in this operation, I don't see how we can accept any of the information. Naturally CAMBIO and some of his sub-sources could be on the level, and it is hoped that the CARRIAGE for CAMBIO will at least clarify his status.

5. I suggest you take my comments lightly and only as something to think about until such time as FIM is able to punch the Wash evaluation of CAMBIO, et al.

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