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TO : TABER, SAINT, LONDON
INFO : SAINT, WASHINGTON
FROM : AB/016, AMZON *RWC*
SUBJECT: Vetting of Kuno WIRSICH

1. Reference is made to our cable of yesterday starting the urgent vetting of WIRSICH for an X-2 penetration assignment.

2. Attached is a copy for each of you of the XYZ-1 vetting form, which carries the more important information requested in Washington's standard form plus items 12 and 13 concerning proposed and past investigations, respectively, of the subject. We have re-numbered in ink the XYZ-1 form to coordinate it with Washington's key.

3. Since the subject has submitted what on paper appears to be an incredible story of penetrating the Waffen SS in 1939, while being a Communist, we are going to investigate him more thoroughly than is the rule in the average case. We shall query SAINT, MERLIN, regarding his law job and ask that the law partners give opinions on the subject's SS affiliations and political motives.

4. Special Attention London: Will London kindly trace the persons mentioned in item 12 of the XYZ-1 form who are believed to be in England. We shall attempt to get from the field further information on Evelyn Robertson, etc., but would appreciate it if London would try to go ahead with just the names. If the persons to be traced are Communist refugees from Germany, it is quite certain that N.I.S. will have dossiers on them. If any of the persons are available in the greater London area, they might be discreetly asked their opinion of subject's work in the SS. Easy cover for this approach can be an explanation that the American Army does not regard the Waffen SS lightly and that the subject is trying to talk his way out of difficulties by explaining that he never belonged to the SS.

Distribution: 1 - London (XYZ-1 attached)
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