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SUBJECT: Walter COHN, alias "Walter KOCH" (Dr. GYAL Wetting form of Kuno WIRSICH)

1. GOLDHAMMER was forced by circumst. need to take an active interest in trying to clear Kuno WIRSICH. WIRSICH has worked during the war as an informant for a Communist Underground "cell" for one Walter COHN, alias "KOCH". - WIRSICH was vetted for use by this station and while free was trying his best to get sufficient proofs that he joined the SS upon definite instructions from the Communist cell, so that he might give them "inside" information. - His problem became well known among the local Communists, so that when he was lately arrested and interned at the Natternberg SS Camp - GOLDHAMMER, who is the secretary for the Oberbayern KFD, had to make every effort to try to "clear" WIRSICH, whose arrest caused such dissatisfaction in the local Communist circles: It was said: "So that is the way that our party takes care of its men".

2. Consequently GOLDHAMMER made a special trip to Berlin, where he "found out" that the leader of the Communist cell for which WIRSICH worked is still alive, that he "has worked for the Maquis, and is now working in France"; his address:

Walter COHN,
4 rue Lazare Hoche,
Palaiseau,
(S.&O.) Paris.

3. GOLDHAMMER has given us COHN's address so that we can help him in "clearing" of WIRSICH.

4. This offers us a good opportunity of clearing an innocent man, and getting the details of Communist activity in Germany during the war. In "clearing" WIRSICH we can demand the following from COHN:

- (1) "Details on WIRSICH's "anti-fascist" work",
- (2) Proof that COHN's "cell" was engaged in "anti-fascist" work",
- (3) Details on activity and personnel of the Communist "cell",
- (4) Positive proof that COHN instructed WIRSICH to join the "cell" in order to supply it with needed information: for whom, how, what sort of information, what was its destination, etc.

5. This can be accomplished either by writing to COHN, or having him interviewed by our people in France. - This should be done very soon, because only by actually assisting the Communists in trying to "clear" WIRSICH can we expect and get their full cooperation. - GOLDHAMMER is a friend of COHN and told me to tell COHN that COHN's address was given us by GOLDHAMMER, and that WIRSICH is in trouble and seriously needs COHN's help.

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