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27 November 1946

TO : AB-43
FROM : AB-51
SUBJECT : Fr. Kuno WIRTSCH
REF : MSC/MEMO/064; MSC 302; FTX-0123

1. Information contained in your Memo 064, dated 16 November 1946, is substantially correct. In compliance with a request forwarded to CG Paris on 24 June 46, Walter KOHN was contacted at his office in Paris, 4 de la Sorbonne. In the course of this interview he volunteered the following information.

a. He had recently received a letter from Mrs. WIRTSCH in Germany telling of Kuno WIRTSCH's plight, and he, KOHN, was on the point of trying to get in touch with the proper U.S. authorities in order to testify in behalf of WIRTSCH.

b. KOHN knew WIRTSCH and his wife very intimately in Germany in 1933-34. He cannot remember whether WIRTSCH was already in the SS or about to go into the SS, or whether their group asked WIRTSCH to join the SS. In any case, WIRTSCH's being in the SS met with KOHN's complete approval.

c. KOHN states that from 1933 through 1934 WIRTSCH was a most trusted agent of theirs and did much good work for them. He gave them reports on all the doings inside the SS; he hid their papers and documents for them; he gave them the inside story of the ROHM murder and the Blood Purge; he got advance copies of the brief for the prosecution in the THIERMANN case, whose defense was handled by a Dr. RATTNER.

d. KOHN left Germany and went to Czechoslovakia in 1934, and has never had contact with WIRTSCH since. He heard of him through another person in 1935, however, and the report was that WIRTSCH was still doing excellent work for the anti-fascist group.

2. If you want to make a local attempt to get subject released, this information could be turned to account. Of course we are anxious to avoid giving the impression that our operation, contemplating the use of subject, has

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been launched in defiance of CTF/USP's disapproval.
At the same time there is no reason why we should not
try to intercede in Subject's behalf both on humanitarian
grounds and in appreciation of the work he did for us.

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