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MEMORANDUM

25 November 1946
Suspense: 25 January 1947

TO : SC, Washington
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AB 39, USFET

FROM : Agent Control (FR), Amzon 23

SUBJECT : Joachim WEINERT *Joseph*

1. Preliminary vetting is requested for Subject, Joachim WEINERT.

2. Subject was born on 16 November 1908 in Jaschkowen, East Prussia. Father was a school teacher and is now residing in Pantlitz, Mecklenburg. Subject attended elementary school in Jaschkowen and the humanistic gymnasium in Allenstein, East Prussia, between 1919 and 1927. He attended the University of Koenigsberg, then the University of Heidelberg (1929) and the University of Berlin (1933) where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1934. In addition to his regular studies, Subject took considerable music instruction and considered himself an accomplished pianist. Following his graduation he obtained a position as music critic with the Magdeburger Zeitung, Magdeburg. He continued in this position until the outbreak of the war. Subject joined the Nazi Party on 1 May 1933.

3. Upon the outbreak of the war Subject joined the army and was assigned to Signal Replacement Company No. 13, Hannover. He served as signalman in Belgium and France and was returned to Germany in 1941 to attend Officers Training School. His course was interrupted by the outbreak of the war with Russia and he was sent to the Eastern Front with the rank of Unteroffizier (Sgt.). He was wounded in August 1943 in the fights around Stalingrad and sent to the Zone of the Interior where he was commissioned as Lieutenant in October 1943. His first assignment as officer was at the signal School No. 82 in Hannover where he stayed till May 1944. At that time he volunteered to be sent back to the front, but was instead, because of his literary background, transferred to the OKW and assigned to the staff of Major General REINECKE, in charge of National Socialistic indoctrination of Wehrmacht personnel. Duty assigned to Subject was compiling

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of news items which were to be published daily in short newspaper form for the information of all personnel on duty with the OKW. In this capacity Subject attended the press conferences regularly at the Ministry of Propaganda and became, in fact, sometimes liaison officer between General REINECKE and Propaganda Minister GOEBBELS. This activity continued until the end of the war. Subject participated in the last fights for the defense of Berlin and was captured by the Russian forces on 2 May 1945.

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4. Following his capture Subject was taken to a PW camp near Ruedersdorf where he was interrogated by several officers, one of whom was Captain SKURIN. From Ruedersdorf Subject was transferred on 15 August 1945 to Berliner Strasse 24, Berlin-Pankow, where he was interrogated in great detail about his activity at the OKW. On 31 August 1945 Subject was transferred to the building of the MVD in Weissensee-Berlin where he stayed till 31 October 1945. He was released after he agreed to work for Captain SKURIN in the capacity of an agent.

✓ 5. Following his release from confinement, Subject was given the code-name "Cardiff" by Captain SKURIN and was assigned the task of locating individuals of interest to SKURIN's office. This activity continued until to date. In the meantime, however, Subject was assigned other tasks as well. The most interesting was his four-weeks tenure at the offices of the Soviet News Bureau, where he obtained a position through the facilities of the MVD. While working as associate editor he was supposed to uncover alleged penetration of the SNB by British or U.S. intelligence services. Before this could be accomplished, however, Subject's coworkers recognized him as a former Nazi and he was immediately dismissed. Subject has also travelled widely in the Russian Zone and informed Skurin about the mood of the population. Subject is now supported by the Russians, and has been assured their protection should he ever get into trouble with German authorities because of his war-time role as NS propaganda officer.

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