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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief, Berlin Operations Base
SUBJECT: GENERAL Operational/CALL
SPECIFIC: CAPPELLA (Formerly BEVONKA)
REF: EGBA-15174

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INFO: COM

1. As reported in reference, Subject was turned over by [redacted] on 17 June 1954 to the undersigned. He has been assigned the cryptonym CAPPELLA and will be run as a CALL agent in the future. It is requested that the HEDOK Desk turn over the BEVONKA file to CALL for integration into the CAPPELLA case file.
2. The undersigned has met CAPPELLA only once and during this meeting concentrated on his debriefing along HEDOK lines. The following estimate of Subject is therefore only a cursory one and is subject to change as the undersigned gets to know CAPPELLA better and observes how he responds to guidance and direction.
3. CAPPELLA's Potential: It is felt that the installation in which Subject is now employed comes within the sphere of interest of the SED Unit. This installation is in itself of intelligence interest and, even in his present position, Subject is able to provide BOB with a considerable amount of useful material on this section of the East German Government. Furthermore, Subject's background and education fit him for a much higher position than the one he presently occupies. It is therefore quite possible that he can advance to a post which will give him greater access. (Subject has already been approached by his personnel officer and has

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been asked to consider taking the necessary Party schooling which would qualify him to assume a position of greater responsibility. He has only hesitated in the past because, with overtime, he can earn more in his present position. It is felt that with an emolument from BOB this aversion to advancement can be eliminated.)

4. ALCATRAZ Potential: In addition to the interest in Subject's place of employment, the SKD Unit is especially interested in the ALCATRAZ potential of CAPPELLA. In his present job Subject very frequently goes to the SKD Central Committee on official business. Though his contacts there are not on an extremely high plane, it is felt that any lead information on the ZK at this time is of definite value. He has already been instructed to attempt to gather personality information on such support personnel and such functionaries he meets in the course of his activities.

5. The most promising aspect of Subject's potential is that he is already closely acquainted with an individual working for the ZK in a support capacity. He has been requested to continue his friendly relations with this individual and to strengthen these ties if possible. Subject will bring complete data on this lead on 22 July 1954.

6. After his one meeting with CAPPELLA, the undersigned left with the feeling that Subject has a happy-go-lucky attitude towards many aspects of life. From his statements it was evident that he was proud of his wife and respected her but this did not apparently deter him from evoking an interest in other female companionship from time to time. Subject also likes to use pungent language and speaks mostly in the Berlin dialect, although he is perfectly capable of speaking flawless German. His manners and general bearing are those of an individual who has seen better times but who can easily adapt himself to a lower social standard and still find plenty of interest and amusement in life. This attitude makes it possible for him to master the Marxist dialectic and to ironically express himself in Party jargon if he feels the need to do so.

7. It is proposed to run Subject on a developmental basis for three or four months. During this time his potential will be developed as outlined above. If after that time he seems to be of value either as a spotter for ZK leads or as a source of positive intelligence in his place of employment, a Field Project Outline will be prepared and submitted. Otherwise, our relationship with CAPPELLA can be terminated.

8. The next meeting with CAPPELLA has been set for 22 July 1954. Since Subject will have returned from vacation only one week previously,

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he will probably not have much of intelligence interest to report. The main purpose of the meeting, therefore, will be to explore Subject's capabilities, to discuss his future and to debrief him in detail on his Central Committee acquaintances.

9. A Berlin Document Center check on CAPPELLA resulted in negative traces.

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