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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

TO : 25
~~FROM~~
FROM: 25.50/0

8 January 1953

SUBJECT: UJ DREADFUL

1/ At 1830 hours on 7 January 1953 UJ DREADFUL picked up [] and his wife at their home and drove them to DREADFUL's new apartment, located at 33 Elisabeth Strasse, Muenchen/Schwabing. Though the building is new (built in 1951), the apartments are small. DREADFUL and family have an infinitesimal bath and kitchen, two bed rooms, and a living room. The apartment is on the third floor (American system of numbering), and in the same position on the floor below GV G has a three-man office. DREADFUL said that he had not yet been able to get a telephone installed; and [] on going through the place, saw no phone.

2. On the way from []'s house DREADFUL stated that he has decided to leave ZIPPER. He said that his reasons were that his wife could no longer stand the physical climate of Munich and that he could no longer stand the moral climate of ZIPPER.

a. The most important point here is that DREADFUL's decision to leave is not the result of his CARRIAGE test. He was outspokenly and sharply hostile toward ZIPPER (as I previously reported) long before the test; and more than a year ago had said flatly that he would like to get out.

b. The illness of his wife is also substantiated by evidence. She has some sort of heart trouble, as well as frayed nerves; and she complains, as she has always complained, of Munich's Fog. She also looks ill - circles under the eyes.

c. Much later in the evening, after cognac and beer, DREADFUL said that he expects to quit about May 1953. He told me this in complete confidence, stating that the only other person who knew his

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intentions was WINTER (50/S/1) and that even his wife did not know that he had a chance to get another job and thus get out. This opening is in Frankfurt/Main, where DREADFUL hopes and expects to be hired by an American airline (he deliberately did not say which one). He used the term "Werbung" in describing the position, which implies advertising or public relations - some form of "passenger recruitment".

d. Worthy of separate mention is the fact that WINTER, informed of this plan, asked DREADFUL in complete seriousness whether he could also help WINTER to get a job with this firm and thus escape from ZIPPER.

e. The reasons, therefore, for the present firming-up of an intention which DREADFUL has long held are (1) that he now seems to have a concrete alternative to continued ZIPPER employment, and (2) he too claims to have observed a recent shift of attitude on the part of ZIPPER brass and claims that this shift has intensified his disgust. He said heatedly that ^{ZIPPER'S} Germans are forever mouthing such terms as "Anstaendigkeit" and "Gerechtigkeit" but that only the Americans have shown honesty and fairness in their dealings. As for the "German Conception", it would always have been ludicrous had it not been dangerous. But now he is convinced that SCHNEIDER doesn't support even this concept - he supports only SCHNEIDER. The result, DREADFUL said, is that ZIPPER now has the moral atmosphere of a pig-sty. "I certainly have no intention of devoting my best talents any longer to the inflating of two or three general staff egos. These generals are driven only by personal ambition." He added that he could cite specific illustrations of the recent SCHNEIDER shift to anti-Americanism, but he did not in fact do so.

3. Shortly before reaching DREADFUL's apartment, [] informed DREADFUL that he too would soon be leaving. DREADFUL was depressed and asked whether [] was leaving Germany for good. He ~~was~~ told the tale - three or four

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weeks of vacation travel in Europe, to be followed by return to Washington and reassignment in or from Washington, this point being not yet settled. [] then offered to keep up the friendship by means of correspondence via [], and DREADFUL agreed.

4. During the peanuts-and-drinks phase in DREADFUL's apartment, and later in the restaurant where we dined, DREADFUL put on his favorite record - his profound longing to go to America, Land of his Dreams. There is no point in repeating all the variations which he played on this theme; they constituted merely a repetition and intensification of the feeling that he has repeatedly expressed to [] over the better part of two years now: America is the only land that he could ever really love; everything American is superior to everything non-American; he would rather live there in poverty than in Europe in luxury; etc. It is true that he seeks out American books and motion pictures and shows an open, avid interest in all aspects of American national life. (Although the theme was not touched upon last night, he has, at previous meetings, made it as clear as he could, without asking for a job, that he would like to work for the AIS.) DREADFUL intends to apply for emigration to the U.S.A. in the near future. He is pessimistic about his chances - not because he has any inkling of the results of his CARRIAGE test but rather because of his SS, SD, NSDAP background. He asked, for example, whether [] thought that the new administration might relax the stringent provisions of the McCarran Act. He emphasized that even if America won't have him, he will not stay in Germany.

5. About 2200 hours, shortly before we left the restaurant, DREADFUL mentioned the MECHANIK case and the fact that he (DREADFUL) had been machined. [] said, "You were?", and DREADFUL said, "Didn't you know about it?"

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about it?" [] said no. DREADFUL then discussed his test at some length. The following are the most important of the statements that he made.

a. There was an interval of a few days (two or three, presumably) between his notification that he would be tested and the test itself, given near Frankfurt. He knew next to nothing about the polygraph on receipt of notification, and he spent the intervening time reading everything that he could lay hands on. He said that the machine itself is mechanically so simple that once he had read the technical descriptions, a sound understanding of the whole technique could be reached by following out the logical implications.

b. He expressed admiration for [] as an unusual man - a well-qualified expert who was also a well-rounded IS man. He said that in addition to flawless German [] knew, or at least had a working knowledge of, Russian and related Slavic tongues as well as French.

c. He said that [] gave him a numbers test to check the validity of his reactions to the machine, that he was told to try to beat the game, and that he did.

d. He said nothing about a visit to a doctor or about a weak heart.

e. He said that he was asked whether he had had contact with the StB or any other Eastern service, and he claimed to have had his own emotional reaction to this question - a reaction, he added, caused by indignation.

f. He said that polygraph results were probably clearer and easier to interpret when the subject was naive about the machine. A sophisticated subject would be far likelier to have complex reactions because of a layer of knowledge - i.e., an understanding of the purpose of the questions and the functioning of the machine. He developed briefly a theory of the confusing effect of this awareness - this analysis of machine and operator

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by the subject at the same time that the machine and operator ~~are~~ are testing the subject. One result, he said, was a tendency to confuse the proper time-sequence; the sophisticated subject is already anticipating Question 8 while answering Question 7 and thus reacting not only to Question 7 but also to Question 8, to the operator and his technique, and to the machine itself. () also made the point about sequence anticipation in discussing DREADFUL's test.)

g. DREADFUL also said that he had been told that the test was given very restrictive handling and that he assumed that there was in Washington a panel of experts who analyzed individual results by comparing them with norms, so that definitive findings were made not in Europe but in Washington. () made no comment.

h. DREADFUL also stated that he knew that a group of ZIPPER candidates for stateside polygraph training had been proposed by ZIPPER and that most of these men were exactly the types that one might expect such an organization as ZIPPER to propose. He himself would have been delighted to have been selected for such training, partly because his own test had awakened his interest and partly because it would mean at least a visit to America, his shining goal.

i. At no ~~ix~~ time did he give the slightest indication of being aware that he had flunked his test.

6. Non-related subjects were also discussed and will be written up in separate memoranda. Four of these, however, have a bearing upon the present case and are therefore mentioned now:

a. DREADFUL said that over the past months his attitude toward refugee political groupings, and the DURCANSKYites in particular, had undergone a change from sympathy through neutrality to scepticism and a generally negative position. He claimed that after this shift had been

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completed, he spoke openly about the non-existence of DURCANSKY's alleged assets and as a result incurred the displeasure of an unnamed person or persons (MOMMERT would be one, I presume) in the SO shop, who tried to pressure him back into line. It seems to the undersigned that this shift may be an invention or half-truth calculated to make DREADFUL seem closer to the American position re DURCANSKY.

b. () asked him about a mysterious Czech IS figure in Austria named Eugen ZAHORSKY, whom Salz had reported as SOV (DURCANSKY Party) and ZIPPER. DREADFUL said that ZAHORSKY is an StB agent who works for GY C! () will go into this matter again with DREADFUL next Tuesday or soon thereafter; he will also check it out with HENGL.)

c. As we knew, Vladimir PEKELSKY was first recruited for ZIPPER by GY C. We also knew that GY C approached PEKELSKY but did not recruit because they considered him questionable. When DREADFUL took PEKELSKY over, GY C was supposedly told to drop their contact. Later (but well before his CARRIAGE test) DREADFUL learned that GY C had ~~never~~ actually been directed (or at least permitted) to maintain the contact as a means of checking on DREADFUL. He also volunteered the information that though he (as we knew) dropped PEKELSKY long ago, GY C still has its tie. Reports from PEKELSKY are continuing to reach ZIPPER through this channel. PEKELSKY has also gone to work for an American Airforce intelligence unit; and the reports which he submits to this unit, and for which he is very well-paid, are mostly the same as those passed to ZIPPER. DREADFUL has analyzed these reports and found them swindles and fabrications. (25.50/B has recently learned that PEKELSKY is working for OSI, Munich.)

d. In Berne, said DREADFUL, there is a Soviet espionage center into which funnel reports from the Middle East and the Orient. () expressed incredulity at the thought of reports from China going to Moscow via Berne, but DREADFUL maintained that the same sort of indirection of routing

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was practiced by the Soviet IS before and during World War II.* From Berne the reports go by courier to Zurich, and from Zurich they leave for an unknown destination by air. A highly-placed Swiss officer is involved, or at least knows the whole story. The officer, from DREADFUL's comments, would seem an opportunist; and DREADFUL felt that he could play ball with the AIS. DREADFUL, for reasons unknown to [], did not feel at liberty to disclose the identity of the officer. HE'll be pressed on this score next Tuesday. *(Probably turn out to be TRABER.)*

7. Case Officer's Comments:

a. It is foolhardy to contradict the findings of a polygraph handled by an acknowledged expert, especially when those findings are said to be conclusive and when there is no demonstrable evidence on which to base the contradiction. But I'm going to be foolhardy. The reasons why I do not believe that DREADFUL is presently dirty or was recently so are rooted in feeling or intuition, not in clear-cut facts. It can be argued that a communist spy in the enviable position of DREADFUL would never be planning to leave it, as he has been planning since long before his CARRIAGE test. *(Unless he thinks he can get a better position.)* It can be argued that a communist spy would be unlikely to blow other communist spies to us, as DREADFUL has done. But such assertions prove nothing, and I can only state my opinion, which is that there are only two possible explanations of this case:

(1) The machine, or the interpretation of its results, is wrong, and DREADFUL is clean.

(2) Whatever agreement DREADFUL may have made with an Eastern IS about 1945 has never been put into effect.

b. The ZIPPER handling of this case will never obtain clear results.

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* Does he know this from reading historical accounts? He allegedly was not in the business during WW II - 1A

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c. DREADFUL remains a good possibility for a penetration of ZIPPER if the plan outlined below is put into effect before he leaves ZIPPER.

d. My proposal is that we wait (as 25.40/A suggested) until DREADFUL has applied for permission to emigrate. When the paper work has started, either I or [] would tell ZIPPER that the American interests at stake here are too vital to permit the continued indefinite state of affairs and would obtain ZIPPER's permission for a re-run, to clear the matter definitively. To this end a designated representative of ZIPPER would tell DREADFUL that he is under consideration as a possible member of the DBOSEKY Group, which statement would make him extremely happy.

I shall see him next and tell him that I'm pleased as punch about this news but that there are a few minor obscurities on his first test which will have to be cleared up, as of course they will be, before he gets CARRIAGE training. I'm sure ~~that~~ he'll consent.

e. I recommend strongly that someone other than [] conduct the re-run.

f. The test should be very thorough. The hampering circumstances surrounding the first test will not obtain, and it should be readily possible to obtain a clear-cut verdict. Moreover, only the machine, which gave rise to our doubts originally, can settle the issue; no other method of investigation open to us or to ZIPPER has much of a chance of being conclusive.

g. If DREADFUL is dreadful, our course will be clear. If he is clean, it is recommended that I be put in touch with him as soon after the test as possible and make an immediate recruitment for the penetration job, with a promise of citizenship in the USA after a given interval here.

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Post script of 9 January 1953

In the personal conclusions I reached in this paper concerning DREADFUL's innocence or, as an alternative, guilt in the past rather than the present, I went far out on a limb. On running over the evening mentally once again, I find that I failed to mention in this paper a fact which may be very significant. When my wife and I first arrived at DREADFUL's home, I noted that his wife seemed quite nervous and upset but attributed it at the time to the nervous condition which he had mentioned during the drive to his apartment. It is plain, however, that she was ~~xxxx~~ decidedly more nervous than I had ever seen her before, and the very fact that he made a point of her nervousness may very well have been calculated preparation. As the evening wore on, she became much more herself - quite possibly because she saw that there was nothing changed in my attitude. In addition, DREADFUL did not seem himself either. He was vehement about ZIPPER, as I've noted; but at the same time he was depressed and a little odd. Looking back on the meeting now, I would say that he seemed like a man who has had a severe shock. It should also be noted that in the MECHANIK Case DREADFUL made a unilateral move. Without our knowledge he sent this proven Czech agent back into the CSR after both the agent and DREADFUL had been on CARRIAGE. Moreover, he lied to 40 () tells me) by stating that he had cleared the matter with the Americans and thus obtained 40 approval for a move which we should certainly have disapproved flatly had we known about it. It is therefore possible, assuming DREADFUL to be dirty now, that he sent MECHANIK back to tell what had happened and that he received from MECHANIK, who returned some time ago, his instructions from his Soviet or Czech case officer.

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In short, I wish to point out that my feeling, immediately after the social visit, that DREADFUL is clean may well have been precisely the feeling that he intended me to have - he may have taken me for a neat ride.

This possibility in no way invalidates or even weakens the course of action proposed above. If we proceed on the theory that DREADFUL is today ~~xxx~~ an active communist agent, a re-run on the machine is still, it seems to me, our only possible course of action.

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