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1. For your information only, the copy of Wade Pravo mentioned in reference figures in a one-shot [ ] operation, the purpose of which and modus operandi are unknown here. While a very few copies were given to selected Czechs in the U. S., it is very unlikely that V-3597's source was one of these. It is more reasonable to suppose that he obtained his copy from a Czech very close to [ ] or perhaps a [ ] agent.

2. V-3597 may be aware of his source's affiliations, and if not, V-3597 certainly knows that his source must have received the paper through IS channels. Hence, while it may be of no great import, we have a legitimate interest in learning source of the paper, both for identifying a possible [ ] agent, and probably equally important, for identifying another V-3597 contact.

3. Please continue, as you suggest, to press the reluctant V-3597 for his source, without identifying authorship. It may even be more sophisticated to deny knowledge of authorship, in order that V-3597 may not be immediately led to the suspicion that we are trying to trap his source in an indiscretion.

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