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ZIGU-SERNIT-ICH

Reference: WNA-11058, 13 October 1954

1. A check with Mr. Bowling on the ZIGU-SERNIT-ICH report attached to reference establishes that it is a complete fabrication. (His own spelling of the name is apparently SERNIT-ICH. We have in our files a photostat of what seems to be an original report of his dated 9.3.1953. In the upper left-hand corner there is a typewritten letterhead as follows: H. Zech-Sernitwisch, Bundespressehaus V, Zimmer 29. This report was on "Das Vakuum in der amerikanischen Ausseepolitik" and attribution of primary source was "Nach Ansicht meines amerikanischen Gewährsmannes". Sensitive: Our source for the report was GARP.)

2. The only item of fact in the report is that General Brunther visited BIRMEN. The other items stated as fact are incorrect:

- a. The meeting was not on 23 but on 25 September.
- b. All day conferences were not held. There was a luncheon and an afternoon meeting.
- c. The attendance is incorrect. Actually, it was Brunther, Deputy Secretary of Defense Anderson, Conant and Bowling.
- d. The conference was not on direct orders from Washington but on the desire of Anderson to pay a courtesy call and compare notes with the Ambassador on the general situation in Germany.
- e. None of the subjects listed; i.e., civilian mobilization, restricted areas, etc., were even mentioned.

3. You will probably have noticed the latest Spiegel (issue of 27 October - Panorama) reference to ZIGU-SERNITWISCH which calls attention to him (without giving his name) as the journalist who has ready access to State Secretary Globke using the name, "Dr. Zarn."

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