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26 December 1946

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Siebel  
SUBJECT : Attached Memorandum

1. Attached herewith is a memorandum on Kilbenny Catholic sources in Berlin.

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MEMORANDUM

19 December 1946

TO : Mr. Peter Sichel

SUBJECT : Kilkenny Catholic Sources in Berlin

1. Father BERTKE (first name unknown), Catholic priest, U.S. citizen, secretary of Bishop MUENCH, located in Berlin, Im Dohl 51 (Berlin-Dahlem, U.S. sector), telephone 766159. BERTKE is MUENCH's representative in Berlin, young, about 33 years old, from Cleveland, Ohio. Kilkenny's impression of him was the best. He was already instructed by the Bishop "to do as Kilkenny will tell you". He is a straightforward man who is as anxious as the Bishop himself to show that their mission is not less American than Catholic. He wants to remain in contact with Kilkenny, or in Kilkenny's absence with "a friend of Kilkenny". Father Bertke introduced Kilkenny to Cardinal Count PREYSING and to Bishop WINKEN.

2. Bishop WINKEN is about 63-65 years old, of South German origin. He served and is serving still as the representative of the German Catholic Episcopate to the government, formerly to the Reich, and now to its legitimate successor, the Allied Control Commission. WINKEN travels all over Germany, visiting Allied headquarters in all the zones, and is in close contact with Soviet representatives too, as described in previous reports. He is a very experienced man with considerable connections among older political parties in Germany and abroad. The interview took place during supper at BERTKE's home. WINKEN is a good source of political intelligence, and was ready to speak, although Kilkenny's identity was not disclosed.

3. Bishop KALLER, Bishop of Ermland, East Prussia, Germany, nationalist, is about 65 years old, leader of the 13 million refugees from the East, recently (October 1946) has been appointed by Pope Pius XII to organize a Papal relief mission for the eastern German refugees. His office will be opened in Frankfurt at Boecklinstrasse 2. Bishop KALLER is constantly in contact with people coming and going from East Prussia, Poland, and other eastern parts of Germany. Since no similar Protestant organization exists on a religious basis, or on such an over-all basis, he considers himself as a helper of all the German refugees, not only the Catholics. Kilkenny was introduced to Bishop KALLER through Msgr. POLZIN.

4. Msgr. POLZIN is a representative of the German Caritas-Verband located in Berlin-Charlottenburg, Bayernallee 28. Kilkenny was introduced to POLZIN through a letter of Msgr. HARTZ

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(see previous reports), located in Fulda. POLZIN will be the manager or executive of Bishop KALLER's Papal relief organization, and POLZIN will remain constantly in Berlin. As Kilkenny told him that Bishop MUENCH is very much interested in these reports that he is getting directly in the East, he will deliver the reports to Father BERTKE and Bishop MUENCH. POLZIN introduced to Kilkenny another Catholic priest from Schneidemuhl, named Dr. KRUGER.

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