

DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATION

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PROCESSING ACTION

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TO

CHIEF, EE - CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY

NO INDEXING REQUIRED.

INFO.

CHIEF, BONN OPERATIONS BASE - CHIEF, COS/
FRANKFURT - CHIEF, BERLIN OPS. BASE

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FROM

CHIEF, MUNICH LIAISON BASE

MICROFILM

SUBJECT

CAVERVE/ CATIDE
PRISONER EXCHANGE

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

FYI

REFS A. EGMA 65639, 27 NOV 1964
B. MUNI 0769, 17 SEPT 1964
C. EGMA 65408, 9 OCT 1964DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2006DISCUSSED SUBJECT ODOYKE AGENTS IN EGERM PRISONS WITH ALIAS
ACKERMANN ON 27 NOVEMBER 1964. HE STATED -

1. TOTAL LIST OF 800 ODD PRISONERS RELEASED DURING SUMMER 1964 EXISTS IN ONLY TWO COPIES, ONE HELD BY MINISTER ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS, ONE BY HIS REF IN CHARGE OF EXCHANGE. LIST CLASSIFIED GERMAN TOP SECRET SINCE CONSIDERED VOLATILE POLITICAL ITEM. IN MAKING LIST, POLITICAL PARTIES, CHURCHES, TRADE UNIONS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS BESIDES CATIDE WERE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE NAMES. FINAL SELECTION NAMES SUBMITTED EGERM AUTHORITIES NEVER REVEALED TO CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES ESPECIALLY NOT WHICH NAMES EGERMS REJECTED AND WHICH FEDREPS SUBSTITUTED FOR THOSE REJECTED. HOME FAVORITISM APPARENTLY EXISTED IN PREPARATION OF LIST SINCE ACKERMANN STATED POLITICIANS CONSIDER LIST'S FINAL FORM POLITICAL DYNAMITE. ACKERMANN GREATLY INTERESTED GETTING LIST HIMSELF, HAS FAIR CHANCE, PROMISED WOULD GIVE US COPY WITH CAVEAT WE -

- A/ TREAT AS TOP SECRET, KUBARK ONLY
- B/ RELEASE NO INFO ON PERSONS ON LIST WITHOUT CONSULTATION CATIDE.

HE WILL INFORM US HIS PROGRESS.

2. HE SET UP DEBRIEFING UNIT PER PARA 6 REF C. HAS ISSUED DEBRIEFING INSTRUCTIONS WHICH INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON ALL OTHER

DISTRIBUTION BY TAPE

- 2 - EE 2 - BONN OPS BASE
- 2 - COS 1 - COS/G/BONN
- 1 - COS/G/FRA

BY POUCH

- 2 - BERLIN OPS BASE

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EGMA - 65623

2 DECEMBER 1964

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PRISONERS KNOWN TO EACH SUBJECT. HAS PROMISED GIVE US COPY THESE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH DOVETAIL OUR REQUESTS. TOTAL DEBRIEFING EFFORT EXPECTED TAKE ONE EVEN TWO YEARS UNTIL ALL INFORMATION CHECKED AND COLLATED. PROGRAM TO GET UNDER WAY EARLY 1965. WILL GIVE US INFORMATION ON ODOYKE AGENTS AS RECEIVED BIT BY BIT.

3. PRELIMINARY QUESTIONING INDICATES NUMEROUS AGENTS CONVICTED ON BASIS EVIDENCE SUCH AS COPIES SECRECY AGREEMENTS OR COPIES CLANDESTINE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH ONLY AVAILABLE THRU PENETRATION OF SPONSORING SERVICE HEADQUARTERS. REVELATIONS OF BASES FOR CONVICTION APPARENTLY MADE TO JAILED AGENTS ON ASSUMPTION THEY WOULD NEVER BE RELEASED. ACKERMANN WILL GIVE US INFO PROMPTLY IF ODOYKE PENETRATIONS INDICATED. SO FAR NONE APPARENT.

4. CONSENSUS AT CATIDE IS THAT MOST PRISONERS WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION STILL KEPT IN SOVZONE WHILE MOSTLY HARMLESS AND VULNERABLE ONES WERE RELEASED TO FEDREP. ACKERMANN STATED MANY OF THOSE RELEASED TO FEDREP, ESPECIALLY NON-INTELLIGENCE LYPES, BELIEVED NOW TO BE MFS AGENTS. NOTED THAT SOME TRYING HARD GET INTO FEDREP POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS. IN FEW CASES WHERE SUCH ATTEMPTS CAME TO ATTENTION CATIDE, CHECK ON BEHAVIOR IN PRISON INDICATED COOPERATION WITH MFS AND/OR POSSIBLE BLACK-MAILABILITY OF SUBJECTS - NUMEROUS PRISONERS RELEASED TO WEST WERE INFORMANTS IN PRISON - ORGS SUCH AS DT LINEN, VARIOUS OSTBURO'S ETC., NOT ONLY HAD POOR SECURITY BUT CORRUPTION, EMBEZZLEMENT AND IMMORALITY LED TO MANY COMPROMISES - ACKERMANN STATES ALSO HOMO-SEXUALITY APPARENTLY RAMPANT IN BRANDENBURG PRISON.

5. POINTED TO POSSIBLE WAY GET PRISONERS RELEASED WITHOUT GOING THROUGH CATIDE OR PAYING RANSOM. IF WIVES OR RELATIVES APPLY TO BERLIN OFFICE FEDREP REFUGEE MINISTRY, BUNDESUALLEE 216-218, AND MAKE GOOD CASE, NAMES OF PRISONERS LIKELY BE PUT ON FEDREP LIST WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT ODOYKE.

6. AT ONE POINT IN NEGOTIATIONS EGERM REP OFFERED FEDREP NEGOTIATOR LIST OF NAMES EAST GERMANS THEMSELVES SUGGESTED FOR RELEASE. SINCE WEST GERMANS PRESUMED THIS LIST PADDED WITH MFS AGENTS OR TYPES USELESS FOR DEBRIEFING AND SINCE WEST GERMANS DID NOT WANT LET EGERMS DICTATE WHICH PRISONERS RELEASED WEST GERMANS REFUSED TO DISCUSS NAMES SUBMITTED BY EAST GERMANS AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, FEDREP NEGOTIATOR LATER GOT HOLD OF NUMBER OF NAMES ON THIS EGERM LIST. ACKERMANN SAID A NUMBER OF FORMER ODOYKE AGENT PRISONERS WERE ON IT. ACKERMANN WILL TRY TO GET HOLD OF LIST AND PASS.

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