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SUBJECT	CART/CATHINK/CATIDE Visit of @ FELLER		MICROFILM
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES FYI and EE: See Paragraph 9.			

1. On 23 March 1965 @ FELLER visited us to inform us that they had come to the conclusion that they could not do without the services of @ FINK who was one of their more experienced operations officer. They were certain that the reorganization and cleanup period following the UJDROWSY incident had come to an end and they wanted to start operating. He let it be known that this was the decision of @ CASTEL, their new Chief. A definite time for @ FINK's withdrawal had not yet been set but @ FELLER wanted to give me advance warning.

2. He continued by stating that it was their opinion and effort to have replacements for @ FINK and his wife but that it was the feeling in his office that @ ACKERMANN's shop should put up the replacement since the entire machine problem had been moved from the CART Group to him. Discussions about this were going on.

3. We thanked him for informing us and expressed our regret to see these two particularly capable people leave us. We said firmly that we must have replacements for them and that we did not necessarily think it a poor idea if they came from @ ACKERMANN's shop. At the same time we wanted to draw his attention again and firmly to the fact the most important people for developing a machine effort and capability were not the technical people but the operations officers who were the only legitimate users of such systems. We felt that @ FINK was going to be of considerable value to them in the future because of the experience he had gained with us particularly

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in relation to the machine effort. At the same time we drew his attention to the very obvious increase in ODIBEX strength at CATHINK (they are falling all over each other here) and insisted that MHRUSH participation must not go down at this time if we wanted to continue with our long range plans. We did not go into further details.

4. @ FELLER also informed us that o/a 1 May a further re-organization would take place in @ CASTEL's shop with @ DOELLNER remaining Chief of BESCHAFFUNG, an unnamed person becoming Chief of Auswertung, and he @ FELLER becoming Chief of Forschung. When we inquired after the precise meaning of these terms he explained that Auswertung was what we call 1st echelon research i.e. imputting and organizing material while Forschung amounted to our 2nd echelon research or real analysis i.e. Info Memos, AFOs, and Target Analysis. We find this very interesting information.

5. As a sideline he informed us of one result of their Censorship study: They have found out that of letters from SZG addressed to a none-existing address in the FRG about 50% are being censored while of those going to an existing address only about 20% are being censored. This implies a fairly sophisticated and efficient checking mechanism of MfS censorship. He asked us if we thought that they used computers and we replied that we did not think so as long as only addresses were involved because it would be relatively easy to do this with the aid of FRG addressbooks and enough personnel. It would be different if they could also check non-existent addressees at existent addresses. He replied that they were working on such checks right now and promised to let us have the results.

6. At this occasion he also informed us that they had started collecting a listing of known computers in the SZG and that this listing was already getting to be fairly impressive. With one exception (Ministry for Planning) the computers were of relatively small types and all were of Soviet provenience. Since he did not offer it we forebore to ask for the listing but plan to do so later.

7. We advised him that we planned to visit him after Easter to discuss with him and @ CASTEL the implications of OBE material and the HOFFMANN case, in relation to CATHINK. We explained that we saw problems and felt that the time had come for an open discussion. It turned out that CATIDE has also got the information on the HOFFMANN and BLECK cases (we do not know how much but apparently fairly complete) and fully agree with us that HOFFMANN has withheld more than he has told. In fact CATIDE has so informed the Service directly concerned and has sent them a copy of the instructions given to captured MfS members by the MfS. We explained our desire and hope to get hold of the body in due course and of our confidence that we could break him a good deal more if not completely.

8. It is our conclusion that CATIDE is building a capability of their own which comes very close to what CATHINK can and should do. We feel, therefore, the more the urgency to come to agreements with them and/or MHRUSH in general to consider merger plans. It will be much more difficult to combine existing large institutions than plan for a relatively combined setup now.

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9. EE: Since we see in the foregoing increasing reasons to establish and prove our machine hegemony and close cooperation we shall be most grateful for the receipt of updated listings, continued updates, and some of the other machine paraphernalia. Starting after Easter we intend to spend more and more effort on this subject. @ FELLER suggested also that we meet @ ACKERMANN at our next visit. We shall make an effort to extend this to @ ACKERMANN and his shop. When we asked why we had not heard anything regarding their RIS machine effort @ FELLER informed us that the Chief of that Department had been sick for four months and had returned to duty only a fortnight ago. We hope to meet him too.

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