

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

VIA: Chief, CI Staff
Chief, FI Staff

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SUBJECT: Visit of Member of the West German
Intelligence Service to the United States

1. This memorandum contains recommendations in paragraph 7 requiring approval by the ADOP.

2. EE Division requests permission to brief a member of the West German Intelligence Service (BND) who will visit the United States in December 1965. It is anticipated that Mr. Elbrulf Zuber, Chief of Operational Security and Chief of the ADP Systems Group for the BND will be at CIA Headquarters for approximately one week or less for discussion of technical details of a machine records program to be initiated by his organization with CIA assistance.

3. In June 1965 two members of the DDP/Systems Group held a three and one half day seminar for the BND ADP team in Munich. (Background on this visit and the BND machine records program is contained in the memorandum under Attachment A.) As can be seen from the memorandum forwarded in May 1965, Agency components were earlier unenthusiastic about the ultimate benefits of further exchange on the subject of Automatic Data Processing until the BND had done its homework, and had discouraged a visit to CIA by BND officials at that time. The System Group officers, however, who visited BND Headquarters in June 1965 found the BND more receptive to our advice and the BND exhibited a willingness to take a slower, more critical approach to its problems before proceeding with its machine program. With this change in attitude on the part of the BND, and on the basis of a report submitted by the BND on that seminar, Chief, Systems Group now believes it would be beneficial to hold additional briefings on various elements of computer processing, systems and programming work, logistical aspects of computer site preparation, personnel recruitment and training and related subjects.

4. On the basis of the BND's exposure of its file system and plans to the Systems Group in June, EE Division, CI Staff, and SG believe it essential that the Clandestine Services continue to provide the BND with technical advise in the area of index mechanization to obtain better quality name trace and CI support from that organization.

5. To enable us to profitably monitor BND activities in this field as well as offer appropriate support and guidance on a continuing basis, it is planned that a CIA officer stationed at the Munich Liaison Base will accompany Mr. Zuber on the latter's trip to Headquarters.

6. Cost of Mr. Zuber's trip will be borne by the BND, expenses for the CIA officer will be covered by Munich Liaison Base support funds. Social entertainment costs are expected to be minimal and will be taken from Project HBLAURITE.

7. It is requested that ADDP approve such an exchange with the BND.

8. A biographic sketch on Mr. Zuber is attached.

[Chief]
Eastern Europe Division

Attachments:

A. Copy of May 1965 Memorandum Subject: ADDP
DDP/EE/G/CE/Barbara Laesch: cap 719 October 1965)
B. Biographic sketch on Mr. Zuber

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