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For Record:

Conversation with Utility, Edinger and Peters  
8 July 1955

WEINMANN Case:

1. Utility expressed view that legal position of SG on case made it impossible ZIPPER officially reveal details to us. EDINGER said he had been in touch with 841 on case and had received great help. Utility said he could not give us detailed written report on case at this time.

2. I raised question of SG data as general problem. Noted that SG had official channel to U.S. in Bonn and assumed that anything of official U.S. interest would be sent to U.S. liaison of SG in Bonn. Utility concurred this but noted that possibly on some points SG would prefer to pass info via ZIPPER. In general, Utility accepted point that SG would advise U.S. in Bonn of official U.S. interest items.

3. I told Utility that we definitely did not pass SG material received from ZIPPER to other agencies.

4. EDINGER gave detailed briefing on WEINMANN case. New points to me:

a. Either fifteen or seventeen have been arrested. Another 35 persons appear implicated.

b. Delay in arresting KAESTNER and ALBERT due desire to recheck WEINMANN as source by other arrestee reactions. Almost all of others arrested immediately confessed. With this info it was no longer thought that whole thing was a provocation. Neither ALBERT nor KAESTNER have confessed.

c. ROTH has team in Berlin and all KAESTNER sources have been alerted but have not been brought out. This admittedly a very difficult decision. Org feels KAESTNER may have made money out of BERGER contact without revealing GDR sources.

d. Purely legal question whether KAESTNER can be held beyond questioning period. ZIPPER cannot guess. If he released a new problem faces us. A decision on his sources in GDR will be made prior his release. Org accepts fact that his sources may have been reported already by him to SPS. ROTH has argued for calculated risk.

e. Albert has no sources in GDR. Only problem is internal org staff security.

f. WEINMANN is the source of the derogatory info on the putzfrau in our Hq. However, his knowledge limited to fact that he once had to make local Pullach investigation. He has no knowledge of their (she and daughter) actually being engaged in any espionage. (In future this case will be followed up via 841 channel to Edinger).

g. In view of Utility remarks Edinger may be sticky in giving us information on this case. All we can do is (a) ask for info of direct U.S. interest...incl that pertaining to the KAESTNER and ALBERT cases...and hope that the other material will eventually also be passed to us. Do not think we should press Edinger too hard on the non-U.S. and non-ZIPPER material.

h. For present this will continue in POB staff to be an 841 case. 831 should eventually take a good look at the case for RIS CE info produced.

I WANT TO SEE ALL TRAFFIC ON THIS CASE FOR  
SEVERAL WEEKS....

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