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TO: C/EE/C
FROM: C/GI/ICD
SUBJECT: Ludwig ALBERT
REF: EOLA-25475, 29 October 1957

In response to a request for comment received from your UPSWING
Section, attached is a blind memorandum written by [redacted]
[redacted] which may be sent to the field if you so desire.

Attachment as noted (in 4 copies).

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1. In para 2 of reference, mention is made of the "small number of reports" contained in ODOPAL files, presented by G-2 as the sum total of the reports received by ODOPAL from Subject through Heinrich SCHMITZ. The number is described as "about twelve". While unsupported memory can often deceive, this figure for the ALBERT reports via SCHMITZ appears to be reasonable. The listing of subject matter dealt with in the reports (para 3 of reference) checks with my recollection.

2. Para 2 of reference also comments on the fact that the reports provided by G-2 were not the originals, but English translations of SCHMITZ's accounts of ALBERT's remarks. This should not be taken as an indication that ODOPAL is holding out. There were never any written reports received directly from ALBERT through the SCHMITZ channel, nor (to my knowledge) through any other channel. All the ALBERT reports were submitted by SCHMITZ, typed on SCHMITZ' own typewriter, and based (according to SCHMITZ) on detailed notes he himself took on what ALBERT said. When the SCHMITZ reports were "processed" for submission to ODOPAL Headquarters, the processing was limited to making as direct and complete a translation as possible, with the addition of full name identifications and the like. No substantive or substantial changes were made. Thus, the translations of the SCHMITZ reports would be extremely close to if not identical with the originals. The German language originals were kept in the operational files at the ODOPAL Regional Headquarters in Frankfurt. It will be difficult to get possession of or access to them, since they also contain operational data which are unrelated to the ALBERT complex.

3. Para 5 notes that "the reports in point of time begin in the Fall of 1954, and end in June 1955. When I commented that this seemed strange since we knew from [] that Schmitz had been reactivated in 1953, Kaempf said that it had struck him as odd, too, but that what he was showing me was all there is." In commenting on this quotation, it should be emphasized (and I have stated this myself on a number of occasions in discussing this matter with various interested officers both at Headquarters and in the field) that SCHMITZ' reporting on UPSWING was indeed both casual (as this paragraph in reference states) and marginal. In fact, aside from more or less parenthetical notes on one personality or another, mostly concerning the "notorious Gestapo-SD clique" in the Stuttgart-Karlsruhe UPSWING complex, there was nothing of any real pertinence to UPSWING until the Fall of 1954, when ALBERT

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got his "acute attack of indigestion" and began to cry on SCHMITZ' shoulder about the terrible conditions which reigned in the Organization. I had a meeting with SCHMITZ at that time, in support of the then handling C/O, and discussed the whole question with him. The upshot was that SCHMITZ should tell ALBERT that anything he wanted to say would be passed on to SCHMITZ' contacts for whatever might be done about it. I told SCHMITZ we would be interested in any leads from ALBERT which might direct an investigation toward weak spots or security threats in the Organization. On this basis, then, SCHMITZ submitted a series of reports based on meetings with ALBERT. The last of these would have been received about in June 1955. This was about the time of the suicide.

4. In general, I do not think that there is anything to be gained by pressing ODOPAL for the German originals. The reasons given by Kaempf are, so far as I can judge, valid and true. Neither do I think that anything is to be gained by giving ODIBEX representatives in or out of ODOPAL the impression that we think they are holding back. While I could not say for certain without a change to look at the reports Kaempf produced, I would hazard a strong guess that this collection represented all documents pertinent to the ALBERT affair.

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