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MEMORANDUM FOR: IWG Members
Mr. Spencer M. Beresford, FOA/MDAC
Mr. Douglas Coster, State/EDS

SUBJECT : Clearance for [] date of information, 25X1A2g
15 May 1954

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the subject communication. Permission has been granted to disseminate it further, as follows:

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2. (a) Paragraphs 1 and 2 [] apparently refer to the so-called "Henssler" transaction, subject of DCN Case 140. For information on POST see IWG Memorandum, Control No. 2022, giving clearance for []

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(b) The development of information on the individuals concerned reveals the possible existence of an Egyptian IC for 3000 tons of copper, from Chile, issued at the end of 1952 or early in 1953. This IC was issued to G. ZOLI (ZOLLY) of Cairo, whose suppliers were reported to be the firm "GITEYA Ltd.," of Santiago who was apparently acting only as a "front" for INTERCONTINENTALEN of Sarnen, Switzerland. This is reportedly the firm of Hans SPICHTIG, one of the principal intermediaries in the Henssler case.

In May 1952 Zolly had made a previous attempt to secure 3000 tons of copper from AGENCIAS KAPEL of Santiago, a firm which Adolph (Alfred) POST had put in touch with BELGOVER of Brussels in October 1951 in an attempt to arrange a Chilean copper transaction. []

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- (c) [redacted] has not yet been identified, even as to country of location. A search of all available [redacted] has revealed only one firm which might remotely be identified with the term, namely, LURASCHI y Cia, textile merchants of Ave. Mexico 868, Santiago. (The U.K. and Switzerland were also checked.)
- (d) The amount of copper referred to in Paragraph 3 is probably 25,000 rather than 250,000 tons. No identification of the transaction is possible without further information.

3. Paragraph 4 apparently concerns different transaction or negotiations. This office has no information on KEMALI. One Halil KAMIL, Buyukdere Cad. 401, Istanbul is listed as a commission agent.

4. Paragraph 5 may concern the same or different negotiations.

- (a) This office has no information on Abdurrahman AHMET. We are advised, however, that both names are usually used as given rather than surnames, and that the surname is probably missing here.
- (b) This office has no information on Waldemaar Swanstram, perhaps a misspelling of SVENDSTROM?

5. It is requested that this Agency be advised of use of the foregoing information by the addressees of this memorandum.

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[redacted]
Executive Secretary
Intelligence Working Group

Enclosure (1)
As listed above

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