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17 SEP 1954

TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach
SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

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SPECIFIC— Erich MUELLER

References: ESLA-23 (not to SOB)

1. It is believed that the fnu MUELLER referred to in paragraph 5 of reference is most likely identical with one Dr. Erich MUELLER, the former V-14851 and prior to that V-19391, who was a member of GV A and subsequently of U/M until 30 October 1951 when he was reported as having been dropped. Prior to this he was also listed as a Category I contact of GROSSBAHN (see ESLA-1586). The most comprehensive traces on MUELLER are listed under paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 written by [] under the reference MGKY-5510 dated 14 July 1950. In this MUELLER is shown to have been named by UTILITY himself in 1949 as working for the Austrian Security Director in the Tirol as well as for the FIS. In addition it reflects that he worked in an unofficial capacity for (Dr.) STERNBACH, at that time Sicherheitsdirektor in Innsbruck for Land Tirol and for (Dr.) Wilhelm NIEDRICH, Police Inspector (formerly V-6606, later V-6628), a Gendarmerie Inspector in charge of the Investigative Branch of the Gendarmerie Land Vorarlberg. MUELLER's contact man with the French was alleged to be (Commandant) NEUNIER in Innsbruck. He also was alleged to have unknown connections to the Swiss Foreign Police in Bern.

2. The latest squib on this individual, whom we feel GRENGULF-1 described as "fnu" with his first name in his cheek, was written by [] on 17 March 1954 in EOLA-8118 (EE and COM only). In this document [] stated that C MEIER, the leader of U/M (now Dienststelle II) still meets Dr. Erich MUELLER periodically, usually in Innsbruck.

3. So you see Dr. MUELLER is a fairly interesting chap. GRENGULF-1 was following the agreed-upon pattern of naming a body he suspected of ZIPPER ties and asking for traces and one on whom UTILITY gave the off-hand treatment that [] reported. It was not as simple as that, however, since GRENGULF-1 did describe him according to [] as "allegedly a member of a network working for the Sicherheitsdirektor in the Vorarlberg" - thereby raising the ugly question of ZIPPER possibly having a source in or on the Austrian Police, against which practice a caveat by agreement allegedly exists between GRENGULF-1 and UTILITY.

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4. HALTER's subsequent allegation that Subject is now completely under American control referred of course to Subject's tie to GROSSBAHN whom ZIPPER knows took up direct contact with KUBARK in Austria. His denial, however, that Subject had any current ties to ZIPPER may reflect personal ignorance on his part (and incidentally he is capable of this sometimes to a colossal degree) or willful deception vis-a-vis ☐ ☐ in view of the ☐ ☐ report referred to above.

5. In view of GRENGUIF-1's stated intention of submitting the request again in writing, it will be interesting to find out (if we ever do) how ZIPPER handles this and even more so how GRENGUIF-1 receives it. Were we in a position to advise UTILITY we would suggest to him that such a fairly obvious tie would best be admitted by UTILITY to GRENGUIF-1 on the basis of old friendships between MUELLER and one of his Field Staff personnel (S MEIER) which UTILITY would be willing to assure GRENGUIF-1 would never be exploited to the detriment of internal Austrian interests. However, since our lips are sealed in this case, UTILITY will have to find inspiration and guidance for his reply elsewhere.

6. Incidentally, does Subject still have a tie to SOB via GROSSBAHN?

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Approved by:

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