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DISPATCH NO. MOQ-W-14744

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TO : Chief of Station, Frankfurt

DATE: 19 June 1951

FROM : Chief, EE

Attn: E 7

SUBJECT: GENERAL -

Operational

SPECIFIC -

FRANZ DRZENIECKI

Ref: MOA-11347

1. We are always interested in learning why the subject of a name trace request is of operational interest to Zipper. This is particularly true in the case of Franz DRZENIECKI, in view of the information contained in MOQ-5322. We hope it will be possible to persuade Zipper to furnish further details on the nature of their interest in DRZENIECKI.

2. Details on DRZENIECKI's past career are undoubtedly available at BOB and COS. It is hoped that Zipper is not interested in DRZENIECKI solely in order to obtain information on his intelligence activities. In view of the fact that all of the data available here on DRZENIECKI was apparently obtained directly from this person, it is suggested that Zipper merely be informed that he was dropped by a US intelligence agency for unreliability and poor security consciousness. The following extracts from the Headquarters file on DRZENIECKI may be of interest to BOB.

BRUN 3858 dated 6 February 1951

Request traces on Franz DRZENIECKI born 26 March 1896 in Briesen, Poland. It is contemplated that DRZENIECKI be used to develop leads into the Polish Consulate, Berlin, and to set up a courier route to Poland.

WASH 28490 dated 9 February 1951

There are no identifiable traces here on Franz DRZENIECKI.

MOA-8414 20 March 1951

Franz DRZENIECKI - 1914-17 soldier in German Army; lost right hand; 1919-1922 correspondent and stock manager with Max Kuhl textile firm in Berlin; 1929-1933 bookkeeper with "Berlin's Men's Store"; 1933-1941 representative for Versicherungs Gesellschaft Deutscher Herald, Berlin; 1941-1942 volunteered for work with the German Army and was placed in charge of a department of the German Army Garrison Administration in Posen; 1942 arrested by the SS because of his defeatist attitude and interned in the Landsberg Concentration Camp until 1944; 1944-1945 employed by the German State Insurance Administration in Berlin; 1945-1951 unemployed; was in

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Party member 1933-1944; denazified October 1948; Polish citizenship restored in July 1946; has a Polish pass which enables him to travel in the DDR.

MCBA-8416 dated 19 March 1961

Franz DRZENIECKI - no regular income since 1945; engaged in small scale black market activity of which the police may be aware; knows he is working for a US intelligence agency; has furnished operational leads; to be paid 200 DM per month; lives modestly; little social activity.

MCBA-8093 dated 22 June 1961

Franz DRZENIECKI - very knowledgeable on smuggling that takes place in Berlin and vicinity; talkativeness and free wheeling make him difficult to control; admits that he has two brothers-in-law who are, he believes, SED members.

MCBA-10075 dated 18 September 1961

Franz DRZENIECKI was dropped because of his poor security practices.

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