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SUBJECT: Charles E. Newham Conference

TO: Chief, DTRAPID
Attn:

Attached per verbal request report
on subject meeting.

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SUBJECT: Newham's conference with Identity One

1. This conference took place in Identity One's office in Bonn at 1 P.M. Wednesday, January 24. Present were Identity One, Identity Two and Newham. Newham reports that the three-way conversation was amiable but strictly a tongue-in-cheek affair. The main topic of conversation was the pro and con of the Kuratorium for DTLINEN. As previously reported, this controlling body is to consist of one representative each of the SPD, CDU, FDP, Kaiser Ministry and DGB. Newham pointed out to them that he considers successful his past attempts to screen DTLINEN from the influence of intelligence organizations. He holds it against his principle to replace those influences with the ones of the political parties since, obviously, the appointed representative of the parties would be permanent figures from the Ost Buros. Agreeing to this would mean that DTLINEN would degrade itself to an intelligence clearing house, operationally controlled by the political parties which obviously had no business in a humanitarian organization such as DTLINEN.

2. Identity One pointed out that DTLINEN is in the process of developing into a political instrumentality in HBREBEL. It was primarily the demand of the SPD, financially controlling the subsidy of DTLINEN through Identity Three, which forces the Kaiser Ministry to insist upon the proposed Kuratorium. Subsequent conversation concerned itself with Identity Two's attacks, during his visit in that country, against the U. S. and its occupation policies. This, Newham, of course, correctly interpreted as a camouflaged stab against his acceptance of American funds to run DTLINEN but Newham's personal reaction to an approach of this kind was one of opposition rather than submission. At that point the conference began to deteriorate and since Newham had committed himself to me not to make any concessions of any kind, the conference was broken up still amiably; however, without any reference to the subsidy which on this date had as yet not been paid to DTLINEN.

3. Subsequent to our conversation during your visit in WSCORNY, I passed 10,000 DM to Newham who, obviously very relieved, took from it that he will not again have to make a "Canossa Gang" to LCLOOSE. He also agreed (this according to your instructions to me) not to contact on his own Identity One and to react to approaches from him in the manner prescribed by you.

4. Unrelated to the above, Newham attended a meeting on January 23rd in Frankfurt which was organized by the Kaiser Ministry but not attended by a representative of theirs. This meeting was of an informative character. It was attended by Identity One, Identity Four, Identity Five, Identity Six, the BDJ and DTLINEN. The purpose of this meeting apparently was to establish contact between these groups for joint policy in propaganda efforts in DTDAILY. It ended, however, in a heated discussion on the best way to get Identity 4 and 6 out of the doghouse with the SPD. Since Newham takes a rather dim view of both of these organizations, he did not commit himself to go to bat for either one of them with his party.

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