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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of Mission
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 DTLINEN

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1. The purpose of this memorandum is to record a conversation which took place in Berlin on 21 September 1952 between the under-signed, Leeder from DTLINEN and also attended by [redacted] The meeting, originally planned as a morale booster for Leeder during Newham's absence (due to his three week lecture tour in West Germany), took on added significance when [redacted] requested the undersigned to discuss with Leeder in detail the relationship between DTLINEN and CIC.

- 2. The two main topics of conversation were:
 - A. The status of Martini
 - B. Relationship with CIC

Re:A - Martini who has filled the slot of Geschaeftsfuehrer for DTLINEN since Boudreau's retirement, has several weeks ago set himself apart from the DTLINEN leadership by adopting the SPD line of attack and particularly the line of its tool Herr Rupp, manager of the Berlin branch of radio NWDR and reportedly a covert member of the so-called "Homeless Left." There are reasons for suspicion that Rupp had succeeded in bribing Martini for his part as crown witness against DTLINEN. This however, seemed to have boomeranged when Martini found himself completely isolated in DTLINEN and opposed by a solid, loyal front which wanted no part of his scheming. Subsequently, Martini was taken ill and absented himself for a period of three weeks. According to Leeder, Martini then reappeared at DTLINEN for a conversation with Hellwig, the administrative officer, to discuss with him his (Martini's) chances of returning to his old job. (This is in contradiction to the information given to [redacted] by Arno Scholz, that Martini had left the employ of DTLINEN and was now working for Rupp at NWDR). Hellwig was non-committal in his talk but agreed to Martini's taking his annual leave (21 days) following his sick leave and shelve any discussion on his future status within DTLINEN until after his return and a formal meeting of DTLINEN's BEIRAT consisting of Tillich, Wiemann, Leeder and Hellwig.

In addition to the above, Leeder voiced his conviction that Martini was being used as an informant by Wallach from CIC, who is known to have supplied Martini with large quantities of coffee and cigarettes, a fact which supposedly was admitted by Martini.

Re: B - The relationship between DTLINEN and CIC can be broken down into three phases:

- a. Volkspolizei Kontaktstelle - This office is located on one floor of a building across the street from the actual DTLINEN headquarters and is run by a man who presently calls himself Grieneisen, formerly with RIAS where he used the name of Koenig

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(his real identity is not known to me). Financed by CIC with 3,500 DM monthly, this office is the exclusive domain of CIC. A certain amount of informational cross-fertilization exists between Leeder and Grieneisen, consisting primarily in the exchange of knowledgeable informants and special reports of particular interest to either section. Grieneisen has direct personal contact with Wallach. (Leeder suspecting Grieneisen of being a French Intelligence Agent is investigating him at present.)

- b. Contact Leeder - Wallach - Leeder reports to Wallach once a week on a regular basis at Wallach's home for the purpose of turning over to him intelligence material gathered from East Zone visitors, refugees, and V-Men of DTLINEN's covert section known as IIB. These reports do not identify the source and consist of straight OB information and target descriptions of military installations. Leeder stated that on several occasions Wallach had attempted to obtain the source's identity but Leeder had always been able to stall successfully with the answer. No specific EEI's are given to Leeder by Wallach with the exception of a routine ten point questionnaire on military installations, certain key factories, airports etc.
- c. CIC as Recipient of Leads - On Leeder's regular visits to Wallach he is required to turn over to him all individual interrogation reports of refugees who come to DTLINEN seeking recognition. These reports carry an identifying number but attached to the report is a paper identifying the individual, giving his name, address, and short personal history. Individuals who go through the DTLINEN routine will usually report to the City Refugee Center after having been screened by DTLINEN. These refugee reports enable CIC to contact such refugees either prior to their reporting to the official City Screening Center or during the period of investigation.

NOTE: I would like to point out here that past experience has shown that individuals who go to DTLINEN headquarters either as refugees or as visitors returning to the Soviet Zone have a strong sense of "belonging", if not to DTLINEN as an organization at least to it as the symbol of Soviet Resistance. Whenever such an individual is arrested in the Soviet Zone the fact that he has visited DTLINEN Headquarters marks him almost automatically as a saboteur, terrorist and what not.

3. The above as it relates to CIC constitutes the overt contact between the two organizations but it should also be realized that a number of covert inroads into DTLINEN are open to CIC for information and operational contacts which are not known to us. (Grieneisen and Martini seem to serve as both overt and covert informants). During the course of the conversation reported in this memorandum I instructed Leeder, who deplores his contact with Wallach, to begin a process of cutting down on the number of reports which he

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turns over to CIC. This was done in the form of a suggestion rather than an order and Leeder was cautioned that this would have to be done in a most inconspicuous manner since I was in no position to back him up should Wallach's suspicions be aroused.

4. Both Newham and Leeder are however of the opinion that they depend on CIC for a number of support functions. One of these are the way bills for flights to Western Germany for DTLINEN Staff Personnel which CIC has provided in the past. [] assured me on this point that we could assume this particular responsibility which in practice amounts to approximately 55 way bills in any calendar year. I have subsequently instructed Leeder to turn to his DTRULER case officers for the handling of way bills in the future. Other support functions performed in the past by CIC and actually amounting to Official American backing in all cases where members of DTLINEN find themselves in trouble with West Berlin authorities (carrying false documents, illegal posting, illegal distributing of propaganda at East German rallies, balloon operations from East Berlin, etc.) are much more difficult for us to assume. I suggest that these problems should be discussed and if at all possible solved by [] and [] in consultations with [] the DTRULER case officer handling Leeder.

5. As one additional item Leeder related that on several occasions the West German Government and in particular the Office for the Protection of the Constitution and the Kaiser Ministry have requested DTLINEN to gather specific information in the Soviet Zone and make it available to government agencies in Bonn. It should be pointed out however, that these requests have never been on an Intelligence gathering matter but were rather concerned with the investigation of certain individuals, the securing of certain government decrees and circulars and other similar tasks. This is added only for the purpose of showing that Bonn has never hesitated to use DTLINEN whenever it could serve a particular purpose.

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