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CALL - Contact with Identities 1 and 2

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

- References:
- A. EGNW-10302, 20 July 71
 - B. EGNW-10298, 21 July 71
 - C. DIRECTOR 214860
 - D. DIRECTOR 223813
 - E. DIRECTOR 240146
 - F. HAMBURG 21096

Action Required: For your information

I. SUMMARY:

In addition to our initial contact with Identities 1 and 2 (Reference F), [] had two follow-up meetings with them on 5 and 25 April 1972. Our current assessment of their capabilities indicates that Identity 1 possesses several local contacts who are Bloc refugees with access to the Port of Hamburg and visiting Bloc nationals. Identity 2 appears sincere when describing his voluntary "intelligence network" of former friends and associates, but we are somewhat dubious that his "network" produces intelligence of direct interest to BKTRUST. We plan to request POA on Identity 1 for the purpose of exploring leads which she has among local Bloc nationals of interest.

II. OPERATIONAL:

1. Background of Approach to BKTRUST.

According to Identity 1, she met Identity 3 through her friend Identity 2 in February 1971 when Identity 3 was in Germany and needed a translator/secretary in order to interview former members of the Nazi party and the SS. Identity 2, in turn, was introduced to

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Identity 3 by Otto SKORZENY whom Identity 3 had interviewed earlier and with whom Identity 3 appeared to have a most friendly relationship. (According to Identity 2, SKORZENY is the godfather of one of Identity 3's children and also attempted to establish contact with BKTRUST through Identity 3.) During their meetings with Identity 3, the latter stated that he was a friend of Fletcher K. KNIGHT and suggested that BKTRUST would probably be interested in contacting Identity 1 and Identity 2. Identity 3 later informed Identities 1 and 2 in a letter that he had broached the topic with KNIGHT and that a representative of BKTRUST would contact them. Identity 3 apparently sent a similar message to SKORZENY who informed Identity 2 that he was also expecting BKTRUST to contact him. (Identity 2 considers SKORZENY indiscreet and insecure. He allegedly furnished Identity 3 with incorrect information about the Waffen-SS and thus drew the ire of other SS officers who were interviewed by Identity 3 in Germany. As a result many HIAG members are distancing themselves from SKORZENY.)

2. Background of Identity 1.

In addition to information contained in para 2, reference A, Identity 1 volunteered the following: She is currently making her living as a free-lance journalist, specializing in Soviet and Bloc affairs, and has also maintained contact with Radio Free Europe as a part-time analyst and interviewer. In addition to her native German, she speaks English, French, Italian and Russian. She studies "Pravda" daily, translating and analyzing its articles for various local newspapers, and provides Identity 2 with a weekly "Soviet Newsletter" which Identity 2 makes available to HIAG and to various prominent members of the CDU/CSU, including Franz Josef S T R A U S S. As far as her activities on behalf of RFE are concerned, Identity 1 makes use of local Bloc refugees who conduct so-called "opinion polls" among visiting Bloc nationals in order to determine the degree of effectiveness of RFE programs. One of her best interviewers is Dr. Lubomir T R I F O N O V, a Bulgarian national born on 22 January 1930 in Sofia, who is employed in the insurance department of HAPAG-LLOYD, and whose residence is 2 Hamburg 62, Gehlengraben 6A. According to Identity 1, TRIFONOV has steady access to visiting Bulgarian and other Bloc vessels, and is on friendly terms with some ten Bulgarian truck drivers who deliver agricultural products to Hamburg. Another interesting contact, whom Identity 1 has known since 1952, is Piotr O L E N D E R who has sold information on Poland to her (for use by RFE) on a continuing basis. (Field Comment: Base records indicate that OLENDER - a known smuggler and black marketer - has been investigated over the years by a variety of FRG and Allied services for suspected activities on behalf of the PIS. The Poles, in turn, blacklisted him as a Western spy in a newsletter issued to the members of the Polish Merchant Marine.) Identity 1 claimed to possess other "stringers" - Romanians, Hungarians, etc. - who conduct interviews for her. She promised to furnish us with a complete list of her contacts. When queried about her export-import activities (as listed in the Hamburg telephone directory), Identity 1 explained that she had been engaged in the import of Hong Kong-manufactured textiles but had given up her business venture long ago in the face of strong competition by West German firms.

3. Background and activities of Identity 2.

According to Identity 2, his father - a conservative - occupied the post of Minister of Labor in the pre-HITLER German cabinet, and was imprisoned for a while after the take-over by the Nazis. Identity 2, who describes himself as "a national and a Nazi for reasons of ideology", joined the Waffen-SS at an early age. After a short tour of duty with the "Sicherheitspolizei" in Prussia, Identity 2 was transferred to the "Reichssicherheitshauptamt" (RSHA) in Berlin where he worked in the section "Economic Espionage", and where he became a protegee of HEIDRICH. During World War II, he saw

action in the Balkans and in Soviet Union, his last rank being that of a "Sturmbannfuhrer" (Major). A lawyer by profession, Identity 2 was no longer permitted to practice law after his denazification in 1948, and retired to his family's farm near Hamburg. A fanatical anti-Communist, he became one of the first organizers of the HIAG (Hilfsgemeinschaft auf Gegenseitigkeit), the association of former Waffen-SS members with a current strength of ca 120,000 which publishes a monthly magazine called the "Freiwilliger" (The Volunteer). Identity 2 then proceeded to organize an intelligence branch of the HIAG - the "Sicherheits-Referat" - but resigned from HIAG when it became evident that the authorities were watching this organization closely, and built his own informal intelligence network, the so-called "Kameradschafts-ND". This network is composed of former members of the Waffen-SS (HIAG), RSHA, and SD, and allegedly possesses contacts in all walks of life, including political parties, police, Bundeswehr, industry, trade organizations, etc. According to Identity 2, the goal of his network is to continue fighting against Communism and left-wing Socialism in the FRG by means of providing the opposition parties CDU/CSU) with precise information about individuals who cooperate with the East. Identity 2, who showed several of his reports to STRAUSS, BARZEL, and other outstanding members of the opposition, and the thank-you letters he has received in return, stated that he is willing to furnish BKTRUST with similar or better information.

4. BKTRUST and CENTREG traces are requested on the following individuals who belong to the circle of Identity 2's informants:

- a. Paul ~~HAUSER~~, former SS-General who resides in Darmstadt and is the "Father of HIAG".
- b. Former SS-Lt. Colonel Richard ~~SCHULZE-KOSSENS~~, Duesseldorf, Karl-Moeller Str. 18A, who was HITLER's SS-Adjutant.
- c. Graf SCHWERIN von KROSIGK, 43 Essen, Wilhelm Weg 23, who in the closing days of the war succeeded Joachim von RIBBENTROP as Foreign Minister.
- d. Horst ISSEL, Hamburg-Reinbek, Schmiedesberg 2b, a former SS-Officer who is Identity 2's deputy in the "Kameradschafts-ND".
- e. Hubert MEYER, Leverkusen 5, Richard Wagner Str. 18, the current head of the HIAG.

(Field Comment: We realize that our information on the above-listed individuals is less than the optimum for tracing purposes, but we have decided against pressing Identity 2 for all details on them at this stage of our contact. He has promised to furnish us with complete data on his active informants (ca 15-20) at a later date.)

III. FUTURE PLANS:

We plan to continue contact with Identities 1 and 2 until we have obtained full PRQ data and all details regarding the identities and nature of their contacts. It is planned to have continue their assessment after his return from Home Leave in July 1972.