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Developments in Connection with the GOTTWITZ Trial

RE: MEMO-1234, 23 Sept 1957

QUESTIONS: The following dispatch presents comments by GOTTWITZ, a representative and others regarding the opening of the GOTTWITZ trial. Information regarding the current situation in connection with the trial of GOTTWITZ and information concerning the recently held hearings between Charles E. HENNING and Richard HENNING. The dispatch also includes a report concerning Fritz ARND, HENNING's participation of the HENNING-HENNING-GOTTWITZ group who turned himself in to the police on Saturday, 19 October in answer to a grand warrant issued by the Justice Attorney in Stuttgart. In attachments we are forwarding news and press clippings from West Berlin newspapers which indicate the type of press coverage currently being given to the ☐ trial.

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AREND and arranged to meet him. He met with AREND shortly thereafter, explained to him that he was now generally known that he was wanted in Freiburg and talked him into turning himself in. [] accompanied him to the police station, provided him with RM 200.00 for pocket money, provided him with cigarettes and told him to let him know if there was anything else he could do for him. Note: The loss of AREND actually isn't particularly significant since there wasn't a great deal more that he could do for him in his capacity as a penetration of GSAUTH and HENNIG, particularly in view of the fact that HENNIG now has direct contact with HENNIG. We feel, however, that he has been of service to us and that we should be glad to provide him with reasonable assistance, e.g., cigarettes, pocket money, etc. to the tune of RM 200.00 or so. We currently have no information regarding the nature of the charges against him but expect that we will hear about them during the next few months.

12. There is one further point regarding AREND which should be made before closing the cell door behind him. On 5 October he met, quite by chance, with Werner GLASCHAPP on Mehringdamm in Neukölln. GLASCHAPP, who has been suspiciously quiet of late, appeared to be fully conversant regarding the latest happenings in the [] case and also regarding the current activities of both HENNIG and AREND. He accused AREND of having contact with HENNIG's enemies [] and told him that this was certainly no way to repay the hospitality which HENNIG had showed to him. He also accused AREND of failing to provide HENNIG with certain written declarations (schriftlichen Erklärungen) despite the fact that he had promised to do so. AREND countered by reminding GLASCHAPP that HENNIG had put him (AREND) in contact with one "Herr HENKE" who requested him to prepare written reports regarding his discussions with [] in Hannover in April 1951 (see paragraph 40 of BBBA-41201) and concerning certain former DILLON co-workers about whom AREND had knowledge; when AREND hesitated, "Herr HENKE" suggested that possibly AREND would rather think it over in jail. AREND pointed out to GLASCHAPP that "Herr HENKE" was in fact [] and implied to GLASCHAPP that this deceit on HENNIG's part also was not particularly hospitable. He told GLASCHAPP that this was the reason why HENNIG let it be known to certain of his friends that he (AREND) had contact to his (HENNIG's) enemies. This apparently stalemated the discussion and they parted with the understanding that they would meet again, GLASCHAPP promising to contact HENNIG in the meantime.

13. A second meeting between the two of them took place a few days later which was not substantially different from the first. GLASCHAPP had been unable to contact HENNIG directly and therefore had little information to pass on to AREND. They parted once again with the understanding that AREND would telephone GLASCHAPP to arrange yet another meeting. To our knowledge, a third meeting did not take place. Note: The content of these discussions between AREND and GLASCHAPP does not appear to be particularly significant. The fact that GLASCHAPP is still playing some kind of a role in the [] case, however, may be of considerable significance. We know through CALLINAK that he continues to intrigue

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in connection with the Berlin segment of the DF/VVP. We also know that he has a very extensive correspondence and is in contact with enumerable politicians and businessmen both in West Berlin and West Germany. We shall continue to watch him in the hope that we will turn up something which will explain his activities. We still feel that he has Eastern contacts.

14. We are forwarding a number of newspaper clippings regarding [] and his trial which have been appearing in recent editions of various West Berlin newspapers. Although coverage to date has been generally restrained, the [] trial may at any time become the major news story of the day in West Berlin. We shall keep you advised.

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