

SECRET TELEPOUCH

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FROM - CHIEF OF BASE, HAMBURG  
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1. SUBJECT OF REFERENCES CONTACTED IN KIEL 9 AUGUST BY HOB STAFFER POSING AS LNREAD FRANKFURT. SUBJECT READILY ACKNOWLEDGED HIS PAST, INCLUDING FACT HE WAS UNDER PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION UNTIL MARCH 1967 FOR REASONS MENTIONED REF B. HAMBURG COURT DISCLAIMED JURISDICTION IN CASE. SUBJECT CONSIDERS IT UNLIKELY, THOUGH NOT IMPOSSIBLE, THAT CASE MAY BE REOPENED BY KIEL COURT, BUT SUBJECT FEELS CERTAIN THAT IF CASE CAME TO TRIAL HE WOULD BE ACQUITTED, SINCE CHARGES DATE BACK TO PRE-WORLD WAR II DAYS, ARE RELATIVELY MINOR, NO WITNESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGES, AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WOULD APPLY. SUBJECT ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE PLAYED ONLY MINOR ROLES IN 1939 GLEIWITZ AND 1940 VENLO AFFAIRS.

2. SUBJECT STATED HE BECAME DISILLUSIONED WITH HITLER REGIME IN EARLY 1940'S AFTER HEARING FOR FIRST TIME OF ATROCITIES BEING COMMITTED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. HE CLAIMS NOW TO BE ANXIOUS TO SEE PREVENTION OF RESURGENCE OF EXTREME RIGHT IN GERMANY. HE FEELS THAT THE NPD, THOUGH SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT TODAY, COULD SOME DAY POSE A THREAT AND FOR

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THIS REASON HE WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN NPD AS A PENETRATION ASSET.

3. HIS CONNECTIONS IN NPD ALLEGEDLY ARE GOOD, AND HE HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE CHAIRMAN OF NPD DISTRICT PLOEN THAT HE COULD HAVE THE POSITION OF ORGANIZATION CHIEF OF THE DISTRICT. SUBJECT FEELS THAT [ONCE HE IS IN THE PARTY,] HE COULD EASILY TAKE UP CONTACT WITH [VON THADDEN] AND OTHER LEADING [NPD] FUNCTIONARIES [ON NATIONAL LEVEL.]

4. ASKED WHY HE APPROACHED US RATHER THAN CAVATA, SUBJECT STATED HE HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN GOOD TREATMENT RECEIVED DURING 1945-48 IMPRISONMENT. ALSO FEELS THAT WEST GERMANS NOT SUFFICIENTLY CONCERNED WITH GERMAN PAST AND WITH POTENTIAL THREATS FROM RIGHT RADICAL ELEMENTS.

5. SUBJECT REITERATED THAT HE WOULD JOIN NPD ONLY IF ASKED BY US TO DO SO. FURTHER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE WOULD WANT TO WORK FOR US ONLY AFTER HE FEELS CERTAIN WE ARE SATISFIED WITH HIS BONAFIDES, AND HE REALIZES, IN VIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND, THAT THIS MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME.

6. RETURNING TO THE QUESTION OF CHARGES AGAINST HIM, SUBJECT POINTED OUT THAT HIS NPD MEMBERSHIP MIGHT ENCOURAGE LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO REOPEN INVESTIGATION OF HIS PAST AND TO PRESS FOR TRIAL. HE ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD BE ABLE TO BACK HIM UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND PREVENT CASE FROM COMING TO TRIAL. HE WAS TOLD THAT WE NEITHER WOULD NOR COULD AID HIM UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT WE PROBABLY WOULD NOT CONSIDER USING HIM AS PENETRATION ASSET UNTIL WE WERE FAIRLY CERTAIN HIS CASE WAS CLOSED AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS AND PUBLICITY. //COMMENT: SUBJECT'S PAST WAS MENTIONED IN QUICK MAGAZINE SERIAL IN 1964, AND IN HAMBURGER MORGENPOST IN 1965 AND 1967.//

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7. ALTHOUGH SUBJECT APPEARED SINCERE IN STATEMENTS ABOUT HIS PAST, HIS CHANGE OF POLITICAL THINKING, AND HIS MOTIVES IN OFFERING TO JOIN THE NPD ON OUR BEHALF, MORE MEETINGS WITH HIM WILL BE NECESSARY TO GAIN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF HIM. DESPITE HIS BACKGROUND, SUBJECT MAKES A GOOD PERSONAL IMPRESSION; NEVERTHELESS, WHILE HE MAY BE SINCERELY MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO MAKE AMENDS FOR THE PAST, HIS STORY LEADS ONE TO SUSPECT ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY THAT HE IS SEEKING INSURANCE AGAINST RENEWED LEGAL ACTION. ALSO SOME OF ATTITUDES AND CONTINUED ASSOCIATIONS ARGUE AGAINST HIS CLAIMS.

8. IN THIS CONNECTION WE INTEND TO PROBE FURTHER INTO REASONS WHY SUBJECT VISITED OTTO SKORZENY IN MADRID IN 1966 (WHICH HE MENTIONED BRIEFLY), AND TO EXAMINE MORE FULLY HIS STATEMENT THAT HE STILL CONSIDERS JULY 1944 ATTEMPTED COUP AGAINST HITLER AN ACT OF TREASON AND CRIME AGAINST GERMANY.

9. WE WILL SEE SUBJECT NEXT ON 7 SEPTEMBER AND FOR THE TIME BEING WE WILL AVOID ANY COMMITMENTS OR ENCOURAGEMENT, CONCENTRATING ON FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA. GIVEN THE FACT THAT, REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER UNDERSTANDING MIGHT BE REACHED WITH SUBJECT, WE COULD FIND OURSELVES CONSIDERABLY EMBARRASSED IN ANY RENEWED LEGAL ACTIVITY, WE INTEND TO PROCEED VERY CAUTIOUSLY IN THIS CASE.

10 PLEASE ASSIGN CRYPTONUM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS.

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