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CONTACT REPORT

BRANCH: FOB S&T
PROJECT: none
CASE OFFICER ALIAS: []
CASE OFFICER PSEUDONYM: []
DATE OF MEETING: 2 Jan 1962
PLACE OF MEETING: Braunschweig
PURPOSE OF MEETING: to brief AEABYSS-1 prior to return to Salavat
CONTACT: As per agreement reached on last meeting on 11 Dec 61.

AGENT CRYPTONYM: AEABYSS-1
AGENT TRUE NAME:
AGENT OPERATIONAL ALIAS:
DATE OF REPORT: 5 Jan 62
TIME OF MEETING: 1800 HRS TO 2200
ALSO PRESENT: Fritz Kutznitz (phonetic)
PERIOD COVERED: []

AEABYSS-1 arrived punctually at 1800 at the Gewandhaus Restaurant in Braunschweig but not with [] as expected, but with a stranger whom AE-1 introduced as Fritz Kutznitz (phonetic), a close friend and co-worker of AE-1 at the AEABYSS plant. Ten minutes later [] showed up. Whether or not [] knew that AE-1 would bring Kutznitz along could not be determined. In any event it was clear that [] also knew Kutznitz. Both AE-1 and [] seemed to trust Kutznitz completely since much conversation during dinner, though general in character, was on the subject of communism, the DDR and the USSR and highly derogatory. Kutznitz himself has never travelled in the USSR, but was equally outspoken in his criticism toward communism. No operational matters affecting AE-1 were of course discussed. It was clear, however, that Kutznitz knew that the writer was an American, but it is not clear what explanations AE-1 may have given to Kutznitz for meeting with writer. When asked about this later, AE-1 responded he had been with Kutznitz for the better part of the day and could not drop him before the meeting. AE-1 said that Kutznitz would be entirely trustworthy and that he, AE-1, had mentioned to him he would meet a friend of [] who wanted to talk about his son in Chicago. Shortly before 2100 AE-1 said he had to go to the Braunschweig RR Station to check his train connections for ~~XXXXXXXX~~ the following day and offered to take writer along. (AE-1 employed this maneuver to break away from the others). [] took Kutznitz into his car and writer proceeded to the Braunschweig RR Station in AE-1's new Volkswagen.

SUBSTANCE: See EGFA 36122

AE-1 and writer spent one hour in the Station Restaurant. The briefing was accepted by AE-1 with interest. He still appears highly motivated and almost anxious to engage in activities directed against the Soviet State. Although his movements in the USSR are severely restricted he should still be able, with some luck, to bring back some worthwhile information. The great disadvantage is that AE-1 speaks no Russian. This fact alone limits his usefulness considerably and makes it virtually impossible for him to seek private conversations with any Soviet.

While on X'mas leave in Braunschweig, AE-1 was informed that his mother who resided in Dresden, had suddenly died. He travelled to Dresden for the funeral. A sister, brother-in-law, and some nephews are still living in Dresden. Another nephew, 30 years old, is a physicist and has been offered a professorship at some University in the FRG. AE-1 would rather see the nephew go to the US and inquired how he should go about it. We advised as best as we could. AE-1 has three fingers of his right hand missing. They were lost years ago accidentally.

AE-1 asked whether we had any relations with UPHILL. We denied. AE-1 does not trust UPHILL and wants to have nothing to do with them. Stated he had heard of a complaint by a German employed by MIAG (Muehlenbau und Industrie GmbH, Braunschweig) a sub-contractor in Salavat, that an approach had been made to him by a "Gehlen man" prior to his departure to the USSR. The approach, so the stories goes, had been so unskilled and rude, that the German had thrown the man out. AE-1 said he had been told that this complaint by the MIAG employee had been overheard by some Soviets.

GAVE AE-1 A CARTON OF GERMAN CIGARETTES AS BELATED X'MAS GIFT. [] A BOX OF CIGARS. BOTH GIFTS WERE ACCEPTED WITH OBVIOUS PLEASURE.

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