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15 November 1946

TO: SC, WASHINGTON
FROM: SC, AMZON
SUBJECT: Gerhart von MENDE
REF: X-8486

1) No further information is available regarding the present utilization of Subject's services by the Americans, except that he is not in any way connected with the War Department Detachment.

2) Files at this headquarters disclose that Subject, in 1945, was considered for an SI operation. Subsequent to his release from the Interrogation Center at Oberursel the following was written by Lt Lazare TEPER:

"While Mende is without doubt a man of exceptional intelligence and an outstanding linguist, it is hard to speak of him as a person who 'kept his personal integrity and cleanliness to the last'. While there is little doubt that Mende would work for the Americans (he indicated in the course of his interrogation that with conditions being what they are in Germany, he actually had no other way of making a living), there is also little doubt that he would be an untrustworthy contact unless the Americans would agree to swallow fully his ideology and approach to the handling of the USSR problem."

3) A special agent of CIC, Bad Reichenhall, Region IV, who is in direct contact with Michael ALCHIBAYA, scion of a prominent Georgian family and apparently recognized as the official spokesman of the Georgian colony in Germany, informs us that ALCHIBAYA received a telegram from Subject the other day. In this telegram, sent from the British Zone, Subject requested ALCHIBAYA to come to the British Zone for a meeting on 20 November. ALCHIBAYA commented to the CIC agent that Subject is working for the British Intelligence Service (ALCHIBAYA did not say in what capacity) and that the meeting had been called to consummate "working arrangement" between the Georgians and the British I.S. We have asked the CIC agent to de-brief ALCHIBAYA thoroughly on his return from the British Zone.

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4) For MUNICH: Did you send a reply to our query regarding MENDE, LX-003-211, dated 11 February 1946? We cannot find it in our files.

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