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SUBJECT: The British Arrest of NAUMANN and Nazis

- 1. Recently C I of COM asked me for a report on the reaction at Zipper, specifically the 40 Section to the British arrests. However, this probably would be best handled as a regular base report, comprehensive, from either 25.35 or 25.
- 2. According to 25.35 two Zipper connections, JACOBI and Dr. OHEIMB, have been in touch with NAUMANN who is described as a non-singleter figure and the association probably nothing more than old friends flocking together like birds of a feather.

3. A Spiegel article reports that the British arrests are based really on fear of German business competition in the Near East. Also an alleged Vatican view is reported to the effect that days of the Christian Democratic Parties are numbered and that it is necessary to get stronger Nationalist Parties.

4. 40's views were that there is probably nothing to the of SCHEEL in alleged group but a natural flocking together. See birds of a constitution of the dramatic British action including involvement of Eden; all apparently taken for public effect for the following possible dismitted lit as a reasons:

a. Political. Driving a further wedge in Franco-German relations.

b. Economic. Following the Spiegel explanation that is is based on fear of German competition in the Near East, 40 mentioned in this connection an article of 27 Jan. in a newspaper from Basel, Switzerland, quoting a Swedish newspaper. 40 made reference to the well known traditional Scandinavian closeness to the British.

(Note: I am reporting separately on ancoverage between Ingenieur Franz NEUHAUSEN, ex-German Consul-General to Yugoslavia, with the director of Rheinmetall firm, and a Dr. VOSS from Hamburg which included mention that the British action was based on fear of considerable purchase by Egypt of the new German monorail railroad with from Cai which NAUMANN is connected.

The seizure of documents including technical patents and information on this subject allegedly had a great deal to do with this

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