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From : 30 (34)
To : 25 (25.34) (Translation of letter directed to 30a)
Subject : Headquarters 34

After the failure of our recent negotiations concerning the hiring of new headquarters for 34, it seems advisable to review the whole problem of headquarters 34 as well as of the training school for full-time personnel.

In connection with the preliminary discussions on the budget estimate for FY 1952/53 the necessity of establishing a training school for the full-time personnel of group 34 has become evident. As it proved that the radio base station does not dispose of sufficient room in house Wagner, it was decided to hire a new house in the south of Munich adequate to accommodate the radio base station and the training school. The current expenses as well as the one-time expenses for this project were included in this budget estimate. With memo 25.34 No. 2546 dated 22-7-52, group 34 was authorized to hire such an accommodation. From April to September, 34 was intensively occupied in looking for an adequate house. Of the many objects offered only 4 proved to serve our purposes and were consequently taken into consideration; in one case negotiations had been pushed forward a good deal and the hiring of the object was authorized by procedure of the legalization program. (One-time expenses incl. furniture amounted to DM 17.160.-). The renting of this house failed, however, because it was impossible to get rid of the last tenants.

Due to the above mentioned negative results the problem of duely accommodating group 34 ^{headquarters} has again been thoroughly reviewed and the following conclusions have been attained:

No house was found which proved nearly as adequate for housing the radio base station (especially with regard to the I.S. requirements) as this is the case with house Wagner. In connections with the activity of the radio base station not the slightest frictions or any indication of uncovering have been noticed up to now. It cannot be expected that at another place we shall meet with similar favorable working conditions.

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The situation and conditions of the building and its premises - especially the rooms on the ground floor - are in a high degree fit for accommodating the training school.

As the legalization firm will in the future have anyway to dispose of two separate houses, the "look of a business-firm" will best be attained, if its offices are located in a business house in the city - whilst its laboratory (house Wagner) is established in its surroundings in the country.

Moving the I.S. leading and administrative apparatus to Munich will result in a considerable reduction of the administration costs, since the expenses for motorcars, telephone calls, fares for personnel etc. will be reduced.

Finally, the shorter ways will result in a considerable rationalization of work.

These conclusions showed the advisability to rent a house for headquarters 34 in the area of Munich and to continue the radio base station in house Wagner where the training school will also be established. 34b having discussed this question with 30a and 25.34, 30a was asked with memo Chief 34 (see ref. letter) to authorize this new project and give assistance in finding and renting new headquarters.

In close cooperation with 33 and 37.7 several objects which seemed to answer the purpose were examined and - by procedure of the legalization program - concrete negotiations were initiated to rent an office flat looking fairly adequate. It was, however, not possible to come to a final settlement, as the lessor did not accept the conditions securing the capital invested, especially as he seemed to have found another and more suitable tenant, in the meantime.

25.34 has expressed his desire to examine again the future accommodation of headquarters 34 and its radio base station as well as of the training school. After thoroughly considering, once more, all items involved into the problem, 34 is of the opinion that the best solution would be to keep the radio base station in house Wagner, to establish the training school in the same building and to accommodate the headquarters (with the exception of sections 34c, d and f) in an office flat in Munich. This opinion is based on the considerations exposed in the first part of this memo. 34 would consider it a risk of eventually serious consequences to move the radio base station from premises which, inasmuch as I.S. requirements are concerned, have proved especially adequate for its work.

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On realizing the suggested housing regulation the rooms of house Wagner would be fully used, the more as - due to technical working considerations - it was decided to leave section chief 34c and his secretary also in house Wagner. The upper floor of the building (seven rooms) is entirely needed by the radio base station.

(Distribution of rooms:

Chief of radio base station	1
Transmitting and receiving station	2
Room for the automatic key	1
Rooms for operators	3

For the ground floor (6 rooms) the following distribution is scheduled:

Section 34c	2
Training officer	1
Training rooms (incl. mess)	3)

For the headquarters in Munich appr. 12 rooms would be needed inclusive the lodgings for the married janitor couple.

In the meantime, 34 has made new inquiries as to adequate offices. However, before receiving a new positive decision no concrete negotiations will be initiated, considering that the situation on the housing market makes it necessary to act rather quickly in case of a favorable offer.

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