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SUBJECT: AQUATIC/Briefing of President Hubert Schruiebbbers

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1. On 25 June 1965 the Chief of the Federal Republic of Germany's BfV, Mr. Hubert Schruiebbbers, was given a three-hour briefing on KURIOT capabilities. The briefing was conducted in German by the undersigned employing the alias, (IDEN/1 - USC)
2. The first part of the briefing concentrated on general organization and management problems. We described KURIOT's role in Clandestine Services, its field capabilities, the headquarters/field relationship, and its management problems in attracting and keeping qualified personnel. We discussed KURIOT's approach to Development and Engineering, the pros and cons of the contractor vs. 'in-house' capabilities, and the problems of persuading the larger industrial enterprises to undertake limited production-run contracts.
3. These discussions were followed by an equipment display including photographic, audio and concealment devices. With the exception of the VIS-2 Optical Trigger and [] no audio or photo devices were shown to Mr. Schruiebbbers that had not been exposed previously to the BfV.
4. Mr. Schruiebbbers asked about the status of [] type equipment and we replied that it was still in the laboratory state. He did not pursue the matter further.

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5. During the briefing Mr. Schrubbers talked freely about his past cases and about statutory limitations imposed upon his activities. He stated that the Soviets are using microdots to an ever-increasing extent as an agent-to-base communications link, and commented that the Soviets appear to be 'convoying' their more important personal meeting cases with counter-surveillance assets equipped with radio-sweep capabilities. The East German MfS, he stated, has a very thorough document authentication capability but appears to rely heavily upon the use of 'altered originals' - West German documents which they have stolen and then altered to fit a new identity. The MfS also appears to have a fairly substantial supply of Federal Republic 'blank originals' - identity documents that were stolen from issuing offices.

6. The BfV apparently maintains a liaison relationship with ☐ Mr. Schrubbers mentioned that the BfV had discovered how to penetrate a special KGB concealment device used for the transport of exposed film. The device contained an acid which would destroy the film if an unauthorized person tampered with it. Mr. Schrubbers said the ☐ came across a similar concealment device and the BfV was able to show them how to penetrate it. (Comment: Upon the occasion of their last visit to Headquarters in 1963, ☐ and ☐ described this concealment device to us and asked whether we knew how to penetrate it).

7. Mr. Schrubbers stated that the man who counterfeited the British pound notes for the Abwehr during World War II is now in retirement but continues to serve as a consultant to the BfV on difficult, Questioned Documents cases.

8. The entire briefing proceeded along friendly and relaxed lines. Mr. Schrubbers indicated that he considered future exchanges of this nature to be both healthy and necessary in spite of his realization that there would always be techniques and devices which neither side would care to discuss with the other.

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