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18 OCTOBER 1960

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RE DIR 05202 (RELAYING BONN HAMB)

1. UPHILL MATERIAL PASSED [REDACTED] CONSISTS OF FIVE PAGE DOUBLE-SPACED MEMORANDUM ATTEMPTING SHOW COMMUNIST EXPLOITATION OF MERTEN DESIRE CLEAR HIS NAME IN GERMANY. UPHILL COMES TO CONCLUSION THAT MERTEN PRIMARY ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST FEDREP GOVERNMENT AND SOME OF ITS LEADING MEMBERS. SECONDARY EFFECT IS CREATE MISTRUST BY WESTERN ALLIES AGAINST FEDREP AND THEREBY WEAKEN WESTERN DEFENSE <sup>POSTURE</sup> ~~LEAD~~ AGAINST COMMUNISM. UPHILL CHARGES MERTEN WITH DIRECT CONTACTS IN "EAST BERLIN" WITHOUT BEING ABLE SPECIFY INDIVIDUALS. ~~MERTEN (PORTION CITED BEING MERTEN/SPD)~~ HEINEMANN RELATIONSHIP DATES FROM LATE 1920'S. POSSER ALLEGEDLY IN CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH EAST ZONE OFFICIALS THEREBY ASSISTING COMMUNIST SUBVERSION SPD AND INFO COLLECTION FROM LEFTIST POLITICAL CIRCLES IN FEDREP.

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2. SECOND PART UPHILL MATERIAL TURNED OVER TO US CONSISTS OF GERMAN TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE BY AKROPOLIS CORRESPONDENT DATELINED HAMBURG 8 OCT. ARTICLE CONTAINS LINE VERY SIMILAR PARA ONE HAMB 1612. ARTICLE GIVES THUMBNAIL DESCRIPTIONS OF MERTEN, RHEINEMANN, POSSER, AUGSTEIN, CHIEF EDITOR HAMBURGER ECHO HANS HENRICH, KLAUS AND WALTER MENZEL, AND VIKTOR AGARTZ. DOES NOT CLAIM OFFICIAL SPD INVOLVEMENT IN MERTEN CASE BUT RATHER TRIES MAKE POINT SPD MEMBERS ALIGNED WITH MERTEN BEING MANIPULATED BY COMMUNISTS.

3. NO ITEMS IN UPHILL MATERIAL WHICH NOT ALREADY PUBLISHED IN SOME FORM. POUCHING UPHILL FILE ALL ADDRESSEES.

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