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4. ALBERT LEIDL

Ludwig ALBERT was a longtime ZIPPER staff employee who consistently held sensitive jobs in ZIPPER's CI/CE field agency. When denounced as an SFS agent by a reliable informant and arrested for interrogation, ALBERT hanged himself. It is now assumed that ALBERT, who had as broad a view of ZIPPER operations and personalities as almost any conceivable ZIPPER field staff member could have had, was an SFS penetration of ZIPPER, probably for several years. Simultaneously, ALBERT was employed by CIC to penetrate ZIPPER, and kept UTILITY completely informed of the FBI's given him by CIC. In effect, the CIC operation, which was entirely uncoordinated with KUBARK and specifically denied on several occasions, provided insignificant results (compared to the results of POB's UJDREGER project), but served the SFS well as cover for an extremely effective penetration of ZIPPER. Ironically, the ZIPPER CI/CE agency, headed by LEIDL has emerged as the principal known successful target of hostile penetration (since the catastrophic ALBERT case is not the only one). By now there appear reason enough to terminate LEIDL, on grounds of incompetence if not actual suspicion of complicity with ALBERT, but until now he has successfully played the role of the injured innocent bystander, as UTILITY does not see fit to take final action against him.

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