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TO Chief of Mission, Frankfurt
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FROM Chief, EE

SUBJECT GENERAL Operational/CALL
SPECIFIC Notes on Eugen HEBELER, CARAVEL and ZIPPER

REF: MGLA-3036 (1950)

1. Eugen HEBELER, formerly Chief of the Sicherungsgruppe and now in charge of Security in the Blank Office, has also been a figure in the CARAVEL operation. CARAVEL and HEBELER had, of course, a great deal of official contact and I believe that CARAVEL played a major role in removing HEBELER as Chief of the Sicherungsgruppe and confining him to supervision of the physical security and bodyguard force before HEBELER transferred to the Blank Office. Gaines will also recall that in the famous "synthetic diamonds" incident it was HEBELER who came to CARAVEL with the first story about the visit by two KURARK Americans to Herbert MAINTZ, the phonics scientist.
2. An old trace, MGLA-3036 (1950), indicates that HEBELER may have been a contact or agent of ZIPPER's GVL. This referenced memorandum, which is a comprehensive progress report on GVL, states Eugen HEBELER, Wiesbaden, has been transferred to ALBERT. "ALBERT" refers to Ludwig ALBERT, a GVL employee in Frankfurt, formerly a secret field police official. No more is known about HEBELER's possible connection with GVL.
3. The famous ZIPPER GVL report, which stated that CARAVEL was an ODYOKE agent and which appeared only a short time after the diamond uproar, has never been satisfactorily explained. Since the source of most of the information of the ZIPPER report was obviously Christian FRIES, now Chief of the Frankfurt City Office, it is possible that Ludwig ALBERT was the ZIPPER contact of FRIES and that Eugen HEBELER was the man who gave ALBERT the idea. All of this is conjecture, but HEBELER no doubt was a little tense about CARAVEL at that time.

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4. We would like [] to question CARAVEL about HEBELER, his background and how he got his Sicherungsgruppe job. Our traces show that HEBELER was a Captain (also a Lt. Colonel) in the Abwehr in Kassel between March 1939 and March 1945 and that his local address there was Virchowstr. 18. He was also a member of the German Armistice Commission, Abteilung Abwehr, Messenerhof, Wiesbaden. This was presumably the German-French Armistice Commission in 1940.
5. Pullach: Please check HEBELER with American sources. Both [] and Pullach should know that a new source of ours in the Security Group-- CARARIC 1--is a good friend of HEBELER.

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