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SUBJECT: Meeting with @ Dr. KLAUSNER, 16 August 1955

1. @ Dr. KLAUSNER brought up the WEINMANN/BURKHARDT case. He said that they were trying "to get to" SCHWANKOWSKI (I do not remember the name exactly). SCHWANKOWSKI was BURKHARDT's first SFS case officer, has travelled in West Germany, is a member of the Zentralrat of the National Front, and an employee of the SED Central Committee. SCHWANKOWSKI apparently was given intelligence missions for West Germany and money for these missions. He did not carry them out; however, he pocketed the money and asked BURKHARDT to carry them out for him. Therefore, ZIPPER believes that SCHWANKOWSKI cannot afford to explain the true situation to his SFS superiors.

2. @ Dr. KLAUSNER said that the BERGER of the SFS was BURKHARDT's friend and that BURKHARDT was unwilling to incriminate him. He is also the one whom BURKHARDT had previously described as the SFS colonel to whom ZIPPER "could talk in West Germany," but whom they could not defect because "he was doing too well in the East."

3. KELBASSA, @ Dr. KLAUSNER said, was BURKHARDT's first wife from whom he had been divorced. She was the "motherly" girlfriend that had been mentioned previously. Now ZIPPER is about to move her to Heilbronn. She is supposed to get an extra room and BURKHARDT will be moved into that one. @ Dr. KLAUSNER explained that there ZIPPER was able to keep an eye on the two.

4. BURKHARDT will be legalized in a very complicated manner. Part of it is already underway. After he gets out of jail, he will first move to North Rhine/Westphalia where ZIPPER has already made the appropriate police arrangements with the BfV, LfV and local Kripo. As soon as he is installed in North Rhine/Westphalia, he will move from there to Heilbronn. As soon as he is "angemeldet" in Heilbronn, the North Rhine/Westphalia police contact will pull BURKHARDT's registration card out of the North Rhine/Westphalia city Einwohner Meldeamt, wherever this may be (presumably in the vicinity of Duesseldorf), and will destroy the Meldekarte. In this manner, ZIPPER feels, BURKHARDT will properly and legally become a resident of Heilbronn, and yet anyone trying to trace his background or movements will run into a stone wall.

5. Concerning BURKHARDT's brother, @ Dr. KLAUSNER said that he is living in Frankenthal, is much less intelligent than BURKHARDT, and had apparently been a semi-witting SFS agent. @ Dr. KLAUSNER explained that BURKHARDT had used him once to act as a courier to East Berlin, and that the brother must have had some idea of what he was doing, but probably had not been briefed too much. @ Dr. KLAUSNER added that they would try to transfer BURKHARDT's car to his brother.

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6. @ Dr. KLAUSNER then discussed ALBERT. ALBERT had owned 18 suits, each one costing 500 DM's. @ Dr. KLAUSNER shook his head at this and commented that he had one suit that had cost that much of which he was very proud and which he needed for official things and special festivities, but that he thought ALBERT had really been overdoing it. He added that they had found bills for these suits in ALBERT's house. ALBERT had always paid cash for everything including the 3,500 DM's which some of his many rugs had cost him. I asked whether PAPAIZIAN/TIGRIS were possibly mixed up in this rug business. @ Dr. KLAUSNER was not willing to speculate on that, but merely said it was possible.

7. The intelligence reports found in ALBERT's basement were mostly dated 1954 and very few were from 1951, 1952 or 1953. @ Dr. KLAUSNER believed that this signified that at one time ALBERT had made a clean sweep of all the material in his basement and that then had permitted the stuff to accumulate again. The entire registry of GV L, according to @ Dr. KLAUSNER, was something that baffled them. Every secret report received by GV L would normally receive a numerical stamp as soon as received. The identical number would also be stamped into an incoming log together with a short description of the subject and other data. Some of the intelligence reports found in ALBERT's basement had that number stamped on them, but when ZIPPER checked the log, they found that that particular number missing. This, @ Dr. KLAUSNER said, led ZIPPER to wonder whether or not the clerk keeping the "Eingangstagebuch" had been in cahoots with ALBERT. @ Dr. KLAUSNER said that among the batches of secret reports found in the basement, there were, of course, many which according to their security regulations should have been in the safes of the office and which could have been found missing at any routine inspection. Also in the basement were found @ Dr. KLAUSNER's Aufklaerungsforderung 600. This had been found with the staples removed, indicating without a doubt that ALBERT had photographed it.

8. @ Dr. KLAUSNER then cited the case of "Forschung ANNI" (NOTE: Never previously reported to POB). @ Dr. KLAUSNER said that @ DIRK while at GV L had handled "Forschung ANNI" and then was transferred to Dienststelle 161. While there, he once wanted to refer back to the case and accordingly asked Headquarters for the old file. Headquarters thereupon asked @ LEIDL to send the "Forschung ANNI" file to Headquarters. @ LEIDL replied that, unfortunately, this file had been destroyed. Now ZIPPER had found the file in ALBERT's basement.

9. In January, 1954, ALBERT had gotten himself new vehicle license plates and papers for his ZIPPER vehicle. He had reported to the Neu Isenburg police the loss of his pocketbook and all his identity documents together with his vehicle papers. In this manner he obtained brand-new papers and through his excellent connection at the Neu Isenburg police, was able to prevent the police from writing to Munich to ask for the "Kraftfahrzeugbrief." However, nobody in ZIPPER had ever noticed that ALBERT was driving around with brand-new plates. @ Dr. KLAUSNER marveled at the nerve of ALBERT in doing this and said that any routine administrative inspection would have shown this up. Yet, ALBERT felt that he was protected by everybody and that if anything went wrong the following would cover him: ZIPPER, the Americans, the German Criminal Police, the SPD (since he was an active member), and the SFS.

10. @ Dr. KLAUSNER explained that BURKHARDT was on a trip through West Germany accompanied by the Security Group, "travelling from Kiel to Reichenhall."

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In this manner his memory would be refreshed on many additional points. BURKHARDT knew of two other possible SFS penetrations of ZIPPER--one in Dueseldorf and one in Wiesbaden. In both instances, they had used city maps in order to pinpoint BURKHARDT's meetings, but that actual trips to the areas would be a more satisfactory means of reconstructing these. In Wiesbaden, the penetration lived close to the railroad station. When I brought up SCHMITZ and SCHWEITZER, @ Dr. KLAUSNER said that SCHMITZ's Wiesbaden address was Luxemburgerstrasse and asked me whether I happened to know if Luxemburgerstrasse was near the railroad station. I didn't know. During September the Security Group plans to take BURKHARDT on another trip throughout Germany, the purpose of which @ Dr. KLAUSNER did not explain.

11. Regarding KARSTNER, @ Dr. KLAUSNER said that they were now suspecting a member of the Weidenkams school staff to be the SFS penetration. BURKHARDT had seen this man dressed in a trench coat and wearing sunglasses; therefore, BURKHARDT recently had been shown various ZIPPER staff members who had worked at the school before it had been closed down. Naturally, these ZIPPERites were not aware of the fact that they were paraded for BURKHARDT's inspection. In this manner BURKHARDT had tentatively identified one man and had seen him both walking and with sunglasses on, but, unfortunately, had not been able to see him dressed in a trench coat. This man is at present at his home in Nuernberg.

12. As a sign that the SFS had not yet fully appreciated what had happened in West Germany, @ Dr. KLAUSNER cited the fact that "long after the arrests," the SFS had transmitted a blind radio broadcast to West Germany which ZIPPER had received and was able to read since they were in possession of the necessary code ciphers and signal plan. As one of the next moves of the SFS, @ Dr. KLAUSNER said, they expected someone to contact BURKHARDT's brother.

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