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SUBJECT	UPHILL/Operational Identification of Fabricator Reporting to UPHILL		RE: "43-3" - CHECK "X" ONLY MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
ACTION REQUIRED	See paragraph 7.		

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ECMA-50152, dated 14 July 1960.

1. Thanks to some research done recently by the Austrian desk, we stumbled across the identity of a notorious fabricator whose output appears in the UPHILL production. In view of UPHILL's expressed interest in determining whether UPHILL's information on international communism contains fabrication, this discovery is very timely and we feel that the main facts of the case can be passed on to UPHILL.

2. We obtained recently for review a volume of raw reports, purportedly intelligence, volunteered to a private US organization by a Western European organization of similar purpose. With a little bit of luck and research, we were able to establish the originator of several of these reports as an Austrian active in European resistance circles. His name is Dr. Leopold VOLLER, alias Franz KAUFMANN, and his last known residence is Salzburg. Old files dating from the occupation of Austria clearly identify VOLLER as a prolific and unreliable intelligence peddler whose name was linked at one time or another to almost every Western service in Europe as well as to the RIS. Our perusal of these recent examples of VOLLER's work makes it clear that the quality of his product has not improved. The sample of his current writings was not broad, but it suggested that he still pretends to capabilities in a number of fields, while specializing in international communist information.

3. Staffers familiar with the UPHILL production on international communism and the Austrian CP concluded that the VOLLER material which we obtained bears an extraordinary resemblance to recent UPHILL information in those two targets. One of our raw VOLLER reports was found to be a duplication of ECK-26320, concerning a meeting of dissident communists in Copenhagen. Unfortunately, our selection of VOLLER reports was not large enough for us to find any more specific duplications, but there is no doubt that VOLLER is reporting to UPHILL and that it is old paper-mill VOLLER who achieved such notoriety prior to 1955.

4. The foregoing may be told to UPHILL. We would like to impart, in particular, the impression that we obtained VOLLER's recent reports by chance, through a private US organization, that we do not have any further access to his reporting and that we have had nothing further on VOLLER's activities since 1955.

5. For your own information only, the following additional details will be of interest. There is no question about the identification of VOLLER or the fact that he is an UPHILL source. In fact, we found six duplications with little effort and have concluded that VOLLER originates a sizable part of UPHILL's communist information. Two possible channels for VOLLER's information to UPHILL have been identified: the most likely one appears to be Salzburg Stage official Johann AUGERER, who has been named consistently over a period of years by well-placed sources as an UPHILL agent; the other possible channel is Wolfgang MUELLER of Duesseldorf, who is prominent in German veterans and persecutee affairs. Traces linking MUELLER to UPHILL are less convincing than those on AUGERER.

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6. The fullness of our knowledge about VOLLER suggests that voices may be raised on his behalf within UPHILL, mainly because his international communist information is not entirely fabrication. He is active among organized resistance and persecutee groups. He does have contacts in the communist-run FIR, as well as in ill-informed circles on the periphery of the Austrian CP. We have found his FIR information of interest now and then. Furthermore, he apparently works as a guide for eastern European tourist groups visiting Salzburg and uses the gossip picked up from them to freshen his product. The quality of his information varies greatly and it is to UPHILL's credit that we have not found them disseminating the worst of it. His military information is particularly bad, a fact which UPHILL apparently recognizes, since they do not appear to have given us any of it. On balance, however, there is no question but that VOLLER is an irresponsible fabricator whose total production should be kept out of intelligence channels.

7. Therefore, we would be most appreciative of any efforts on your part to stress to UPHILL the need to annul VOLLER's information. We would be interested in UPHILL's reaction to our identification of VOLLER and any available information on what action is taken on this matter by UPHILL.

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