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SUBJECT: TRACE REQUEST - KLAUS BARBIE/ALTMANN (201-19126)

REF: [] 61850 (NOT SENT/NEEDED [])

1. DURING WORLD WAR II BARBIE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN SECURITY SERVICE, PRINCIPALLY IN LYONS, FRANCE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING BRUTAL AND CRUEL AND REPORTEDLY SHOT HIS FRENCH AGENTS WHEN NO LONGER USEFUL. AFTER THE WAR THE COMMUNIST PRESS ACCUSED HIM OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF 5,000 PARTISANS. FOLLOWING THE WAR HE WAS A WITNESS IN SEVERAL TRIALS INVOLVING WAR CRIMINALS AND HIS WARTIME ACTIVITIES WERE INVESTIGATED BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. THE INVESTIGATION WAS INCONCLUSIVE AND HE WAS RELEASED.

2. FROM 1946 TO EARLY 51, SUBJECT WAS A SOURCE FOR CIC (IN WEST GERMANY) AND WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A VALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION. IN 1951 BECAUSE OF FRENCH AND GERMAN EFFORTS TO APPREHEND HIM, HE WAS DOCUMENTED AS KLAUS ALTMANN AND ROUTED THROUGH AUSTRIA AND ITALY TO BOLIVIA WHERE HE WAS RESETTLED. THE US ARMY HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM FOLLOWING HIS SETTLEMENT IN BOLIVIA.

3. IN 1967 ACSI EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATING AN OPERATION INVOLVING SUBJECT. THEY HAD UNCOVERED THE CASE FOLLOWING A DECISION TO EXPLOIT GERMAN ETHNIC GROUPS IN LATIN AMERICA FOR INTEL PURPOSES. PNEXCEL'S POSITION AT THAT TIME WAS THAT WAR CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST SUBJECT REQUIRED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SINCE EXPOSURE OF CIC'S ROLE IN EVACUATING HIM FROM GERMANY TO AVOID PROSECUTION WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE US GOVERNMENT. ACSI WOULD HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE SUBJECT'S ABILITY TO SUPPLY UNIQUE INFORMATION OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE UNDER SECURE OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS BEFORE WE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN COORDINATING

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ANY PROPOSAL. (NOTHING FURTHER WAS HEARD ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL.)

4. IN APRIL 1970 A NEWSPAPER IN PARIS PLANNED TO PUBLISH A STORY ON BARBIE. THE STORY WAS THAT HE HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN ARSENTIA IN 1947, THAT HE HAD BEEN USED BY US INTELLIGENCE AND THE CASCOPE SERVICE, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN PROTECTED BY US INTELLIGENCE AGAINST FRENCH ATTEMPTS TO HAVE HIM EXTRADITED FROM WEST GERMANY. AT THIS POINT GENERAL WALTERS, WHO WAS IN PARIS, WAS TO BE BRIEFED. NO FURTHER INFO).

5. IN MAY 1970 ACSI ADVISED THAT SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER IN JUNE 66 REGARDING BARBIE. (NO FURTHER INFO) SENATOR JAVITS HAD SENT THE LETTER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHO SENT THE LETTER TO THE ARMY, WHO RESPONDED. (NO FURTHER INFO)

6. PNEXCEL HAS HAD NO CONTACT, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, WITH BARBIE/ALTMANN.

7. ABOVE BEING RELAYED HQS LEVEL TO STATE DEPARTMENT AND WE ALERTING ARMY ACSI OF ABOVE.

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