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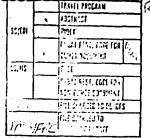
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SUBJECT: LINTONE INVESTIGATION OF KLAUS ALTMAN/BARBIE



- ENTONE HAS PECENTLY LAUNCHED A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE PAST ACTIVITIES OF KLAUS ALTMAN/BARRIE FROM THE LATE FORTIES UNTIL THE PRESENT. AS PAPT OF THE INVESTIGATION, LATONE HAS PROUESTED LAND SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED) A REVIEW OF ALL PNEXCEL INFORMATION RELATING TO ALTMAN/SARBIE.
- 2. PNEXCEL HAS RESPONDED TO ENTONES REQUEST BY MAKING AVAILABLE TO ENTONE FOR THEIR REVIEW ALL FILE HOLDINGS RELATING TO ALTMAN/BARBIE. AS IS PNEXCEL POLICY IN SUCH AN INVESTIGATION. PNEXCEL HAS OFFICALLY NEITHER CONFIRMED OR DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PNEXCEL AND ALTMAN/BARBIE.
- 3. IDEN A THROUGH NVIDEA CHANNELS HAS ARRANGED TO VISIT LA PAZ. BOLIVIA FROM 16 THROUGH 23 APRIL 1983 PRIMARILY TO MEET WITH BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS BUT ALSO TO BRIEF NVENGRAM DEFICERS ON THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE LATONE INVESTIGATION.
- 4. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, IDEN A HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH C TTO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE CONCERNING A RELATIONSHIP WITH BARBIE FROM 1951 TO 1982. AND TO DETERMINE IF INVESTIGATION IN OTHER AREAS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. HOS CONCURS IN IDEN A REQUEST.
- 5. FOR ZINFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS RECENT HOS COMPILED BACKGROUNDER ON ALTHAN/BARBIE. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO NVIDEA:
- A. DURING WORLD WAR II BARBIE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN SECURITY SERVICE, PRINCIPALLY IN LYONS, FRANCE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS

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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.

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

C. 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 IMPORTACE UNDER SECURE OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS BEFORE WE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN COORDINATING ANY PROPOSAL. (NOTHING FURTHER WAS HEARD ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL.)

D. 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 ABSENTIA IN 1947. THAT HE HAD BEEN USED BY US INTELLIGENCE AND THE CASCOPE SERVICE. AND THAT HE HAD BEEN PROTECTEDBY US INTELLIGENCE AGAINST FRENCH ATTEMPTS TO HAVE HIM EXTRADICTED FROM WEST GERMANY. AT THIS POINT GENERAL WALTERS. WHO WAS IN PARIS. WAS TO BE BRIEFED. NO FURTHER INFO).

E. 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. IDEN & WILL BE NVIDEANNVENGRAM ACTION AFFICER CONCERNING IDEN A VISIT.

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