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STRIDES IN US BDC INVESTIGATION

REF: USBER 2304

1. BERLIN PROSECUTORS HAVE INDICTED FOUR MEN INVOLVED IN THE THEFT AND SALE OF DOCUMENTS FROM THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER (BDC). ALFRED DARKO, FORMER BDC XEROX OPERATOR, ANDRE HUESKEN, HAMBURG AUCTIONEER, AND HERMANN BORMANN AND HENRI BERGER, BERLIN FLEA MARKET TRADERS AND PETTY THIEVES, ARE DUE TO GO ON TRIAL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

2. TRIAL PROCEEDINGS WILL TAKE PLACE TWICE A WEEK AND THE TRIAL SHOULD BE OVER BY JANUARY 1ST. SINCE ALL FOUR DEFENDANTS HAVE PROVIDED AT LEAST PARTIAL

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CONFESSIONS, GUILTY VERDICTS ARE EXPECTED. THE PROSECUTOR, DETLEF MEHLIS, WILL PROBABLY ASK FOR A 2 - 4 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR DARKO. THE OTHER THREE ARE LIKELY TO BE SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS PROBATION AND SIGNIFICANT FINES. THE PRIME DEFENDANT, FORMER BDC DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOLFGANG EBERHARD, CONTINUES TO DENY ANY INVOLVEMENT. HE IS LIKELY TO BE INDICTED AND TRIED AFTER JANUARY 1, 1989.

3. THE FBI HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE FENCING OF BDC DOCUMENTS IN THE US. THE FBI HAS APPARENTLY LOCATED THE STOLEN **KLAUS BARBIE** FILE AND HAS ACCUMULATED INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE AGAINST EMILY STEWART AND WALTER KANZLER OF TOM'S RIVER, NEW JERSEY AND CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO, WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING THE PRIME CONDUIT FOR THE DOCUMENTS' TRANSFER TO THE US. MISSION IS IN CONTACT WITH THE RESPONSIBLE ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY IN NEW JERSEY AND WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.  
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