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REFS: A. BEMA 9246 - Filed 10 56 Vol. II Production
B. BEMA 9276

1. Regarding Subject, paragraph 3 reference A notes that it is important that you realize we cannot indicate to the Sicherungsgruppe that we obtain these reports. A short review of the CARAVEL file will make this point clear. Paragraph 2b reference B states, CARAVEL says these reports are received in two copies. One goes direct to his chief and is then filed by his personal assistant and the other goes to CARAVEL, who either destroys or returns it to the personal assistant after he is finished with it.

2. Some comments by CARPENMAKER during his recent visit to the USA were pertinent on this matter. In one conversation which [] had with CARPENMAKER, the subject of SG reporting, coding, filing, and general routing of correspondence was discussed. CARPENMAKER said that most SG correspondence is prepared in four copies: two for the SG, one for the GSA, and one for you. [] states that the exact meaning of this comment is not clear and he can not attempt to clarify it with CARPENMAKER. However, it may indicate that CARPENMAKER is aware either officially or unofficially that KUBARK is receiving copies of SG reports.

3. Of additional interest is the fact that several times when CARPENMAKER was speaking to members of KUBARK, he mentioned CARAVEL's name as if he were well known to those present. No one pursued the topic (even though CARAVEL's present position of responsibility should have been reason enough to have warranted at least one comment) and no one indicated that CARAVEL was a personality in whom KUBARK has an interest. Silence in this case may not have been the wisest course.

4. In light of the above, it is possible that CARPENMAKER, knowing something of CARAVEL's war and post-war relations with KOTVIN, may be aware that CARAVEL maintains good relations with KUBARK. It is also possible that CARPENMAKER may have been fishing for a reaction to help confirm or allay his suspicions. At any rate, we believe this information should be known to you to guide you in the future if you should receive indications

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of CARPENTER's knowledge of the nature of our contact with GREEN.

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