

MUNI 126 (IN 39242), 17 October 1956

Rupert REISS, DOB 21 March 1928, Bocholt/Westphalia, acting as agent for Dr. Max PRIMBS, DOB 31 Jan 1910, Hohenpeissenberg, Germany, present address 29 Wiedermayerstrasse, Munich. REISS, claiming to be agent for Swiss firm contacted ODOPAL Munich, offering 1200 kilos of U-238 at DM 110 per gram, 500 kilos Uranium oxide at DM 6 per gram and 5 kilos Thorium. Partner of Dr. Karl KOENIG, DOB 19 Nov 1921 Munich. ODOPAL Chief Munich talked to REISS on 12 October, assessed him as a low caliber hot air merchant and fabricator. Max know of some uranium deal in Switzerland. After interview Munich learned the following from ODOPAL:

1. Subject is acting as agent for PRIMBS. Said PRIMBS wanted to meet ODOPAL chief.
2. According to REISS, PRIMBS is an old friend of UTILITY and had given the general story to UTILITY in order to cover himself in case of police involvement in the future. UTILITY did not seem interested.
3. ODOPAL Chief Munich met PRIMBS on 15 October. PRIMBS stated that he was in contact with Dr. Rudolf FURRER, DOB 5 April 1931 in Switzerland, address Immerweg 35 or Staffenbachstrasse 60, Zurich. FURRER allegedly was the actual agent for the Swiss firm in possession of the uranium. PRIMBS' offer was generally the same as indicated in MUNI 126. ODOPAL Chief's response was cold. However, he stated that he would be willing to meet FURRER in Germany to discuss the entire matter further.

No MUNI traces. UPSWING traces developed the following:

1. Liaison report, probably Swiss 1955, stated that Otto SKORZENY is head of an organization dealing with uranium produced since the war, stored in the Black Forest. Middleman for this organization: PFEIFENBRING, DNU, auto dealer from Darmstadt.
2. July 1956: V-2982 reported that Dr. Max PRIMBS claimed to be on the trail of a uranium selling organization, contact man from PFEIFENBRING.
3. UPSWING has wartime and postwar record on PRIMBS, states he had an unsavory background.

MOB plans no further action pending possible ODOPAL meeting FURRER.

11 April 1951 info from Austrian state police files:

An Innsbruck Kaufmann was in Bavaria and there met with former Kreisleiter Dr. Max PRIMBS. PRIMBS said that he had run into the former Gauleiter Franz KOFER in the Rhineland under an assumed name. He lived there with another woman.

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EGMA 34976, 9 June 1958

UPSI/ING has informed us of an RIS case in which the agent has been instructed to attempt a penetration of UPS/ING. The case is designated by the KUBARK cryptonym UJNUTLET. (See EGMA 34599, 6 June 1958 for details.)

EGMA 35615, 7 July 1958

Several meetings were held during June 1958 between members of the CE Branch, MB/LD and UPS/ING CE staff officers to discuss UPS/ING cases previously reported to us. In the RIS field attention was devoted to...UJNUTLET. IN the latter instance, we have been provided with a description of: the agent's SW system; his Soviet case officer; the microdots sent to the agent; and the safehouse used for the meeting between the agent and his case officer in the Karlshorst Compound. A dispatch covering these items and other points in the UJNUTLET case will be forwarded as soon as time permits.

EGMA 36567, 19 August 1958

Additional data have been developed on the UJNUTLET operation and will be forwarded in the immediate future.

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EGMA 37186, 16 Sept 1958

Routine discussions were also held in August with SKUTZBACH on the subject of UJNUTLET. These dealt mainly with the subject of the commo arrangements in the operation, details of which have been reported in EGMA 36747, 8 September 1958. Other details discussed in connection with this operation will be incorporated in a dispatch at a future date.

EGMA 38141, 24 October 1958

Also quiescent at the moment is the UJNUTLET operation. The RIS case officer is likewise on leave, and the agent's wife is not expected to live as a result of cancer. Both UPSWING and the RIS are therefore not attempting to involve the agent in anything but the minimum amount of activity. It will be interesting to note in the future, however, the consequences of the RIS case officer's latest proposal that after his return from the Soviet Union perhaps the agent would like to come to East Berlin for a meeting.

EGMA 38557, 14 November 1958

The UJNUTLET case continues in low gear. The agent's wife died at the end of September and the RIS appears satisfied to have him concentrate his efforts on the cultivation of V-2982. The handling of the case at UPSWING Headquarters has been transferred from SKUTZBACH to FRIESEN in conformity with the policy to build up the area desk concept.

EGMA 39354, 22 December 1958

A new development in the UJNUTLET case was reported to us in November. UJNUTLET has written a letter to the RIS case officer stating that V-2982 had recently requested UJNUTLET to act as a letter drop for him. UJNUTLET also included in his letter to the RIS the fact that V-2982 has now admitted to UJNUTLET that he is chief of a special Dienststelle which is in contact with various sources who come to Germany on ships touching at various ports. Although UPSWING cannot of course predict exactly how the RIS will respond to this letter, there is the hope that the RIS' interest in UJNUTLET will be increased by this latest development. The sending of this information constitutes the first instance of UPSWING's intention to play the operation somewhat aggressively. Up to this time it will be recalled UJNUTLET has been permitted to report to the RIS only the fact that he has been able to establish contact with V-2982, that he had been able to cultivate him quite well and that although UJNUTLET was not positive, it seems quite clear that V-2982 is in the intelligence business (the latter would hardly have been news to the RIS which first alerted UJNUTLET to the fact that V-2982 is indeed engaged in intelligence activities.). FRIESEN indicated that he hopes the RIS will react to UJNUTLET's latest information in such a way that the creation of a "Scheidnerts" will be possible so that the RIS will respond in such a way that a deception play can be arranged. UJ

EGMA 40123, 30 January 1959

UJNUTLET received a reply in December to his letter addressed to the MOB in November. The agent was told not to refuse V-2982's request to act as a letter drop but precise instructions were given about not tampering with or opening any mail designated for UPSWING (such mail will be distinguishable from the agent's own mail by the use of an initial or shortening of the first name not normally so used by the agent.) The MOB case officer wrote that he feared the possibility

of an UPSWING trap in V-2982's request that UJNUTLET act as an accommodation address; nevertheless, he was instructed to advise the KGB about the extent of the mail and its place of origin (since, as previously reported, this mail will come from a wide variety of places to show that V-2982 is involved in considerable activity, UPSWING sees certain advantages accruing from this latest development even if the agent was told not to try to read the letters). In fact, considering the slow developmental pace of the operation, it would probably have been a most unusual, if not suspicious, move for the KGB to have instructed the agent otherwise. He is merely to continue his association with VAC982 and no mention has been made about a meeting with his KGB case officer in East Berlin or elsewhere.

EGMA 40792, 27 February 1959

UJNUTLET was not discussed in January.

EGMA 41207, 23 March 1959

The UJNUTLET case was discussed in February with the result that we learned that the agent, under UPSWING instruction, wrote to his KGB case officer to ask for a meeting in connection with legal action pending against him on a war crimes charge. The meeting was arranged and UJNUTLET was in East Berlin on 22-23 February. His KGB case officer said that all possible assistance would be rendered the agent at such time as his file is actually transferred to Soviet authorities by the German government. (note: apparently the war crime was committed against a Soviet, not a French officer as had been originally believed). It is interesting to note that at this meeting, the first since the agent has been resident in the Federal Republic, a change was made in the communications system of the operation. The agent was instructed to OWL and is to receive all future KGB instructions and guidance via this means. Details will be provided in a separate dispatch as soon as they are received. No change in the agent's targets was made. In reporting this latest data, FRIESEN commented that it is the only SIS case UPSWING has involving OWL.

Assistance provided to UPSWING: KUPARK comments on UJNUTLET's S/W system were forwarded.

EGMA 42132, 30 April 1959

Routine discussions were held in March on the UJNUTLET case. No significant developments were reported. FRIESEN has again said that he would try to provide us with a written summary of such details as safehouse and case officer descriptions and the OWL system now in use. The problem is the old one of finding time to write the report, and FRIESEN is about as badly off in this regard as any Headquarters operational case officer could be.

EGMA 45549, 21 October 1959 (first CE summary since EGMA 42132)

During the period August-September, discussions were held in the UJNUTLET case.