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TO : Chief, EE

DATE 17 January 1958

FROM : Chief of Base, Frankfurt

INFO: COS

SUBJECT: General— Operational/CALL

Specific— Hannover Meeting with CABATON 19

REF: EGFA 18940, 7 November 1957 - *Cabatton - 1*

1. Purpose of Meeting:

Since case officer's last meeting with Subject in Lübeck, he has obtained a new position working as an agricultural equipment salesman on the outskirts of Hannover. Purpose of this meeting was to attempt to obtain biographical data on the other occupants of the house in which Subject is residing and to determine the feasibility of utilizing him as an accommodation address. The meeting took place at 2000 hours in front of the Hannover Bahnhof on Thursday, 19 December 1957.

2. Meeting:

a. The case officer and Subject proceeded to the Uhu Cafe on Bahnhofstrasse for dinner. The initial part of the conversation concerned itself with Subject's present situation and the feasibility of using him as an accommodation address. CABATON 19 currently has a room in a farmhouse owned by his employer, Identity A. The farmhouse is occupied by Identity B and his family, who is also an employee of Identity A. CABATON 19 stated that although his mail was delivered to the house along with the mail of the occupants, he did not believe, in view of the fact that he received mail regularly from his family in the East Zone, that occasional operational letters addressed to him from the East would attract undue attention on the part of the other members of the household. During the few months he has been living with these people, he has developed a very warm relationship and feels confident that they are reliable. The husband is a former resident of the DDR whose family has suffered under the regime and Subject is convinced of his thoroughly anticommunistic attitude. In view of this, and

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as soon as CABATON 19 can make their biographic data available, FOB will request clearance on the other occupants of CABATON 19's residence in order to utilize him as an accommodation address or for activity mentioned in the following paragraphs.

b. When CABATON 19 was originally turned over to the present case officer by the BOB case officer, he pointed out that Subject's primary reason for coming to the West was his desire to advance himself professionally. The BOB case officer felt that Subject was thoroughly anticommunistic and that his attitude merely reflected the rather cautious manner in which the Subject conducted his own personal affairs. Subject did not come to the West until he had complete assurances of a position with a firm dealing in agricultural tools and equipment. At that time the BOB case officer said that he was sure Subject would cooperate with us in any manner which did not interfere with the conduct of his job. In view of this background, case officer discussed with Subject the reasons for his recent job change. They appear to have been entirely economic, and in spite of the change he is still not satisfied with the income he receives from his present position. Subject states that after taxes, etc., his take-home pay is 320 DM a month. Subject acknowledges that he is getting on in years, and that it is time for him to consider marriage but that at the present time it is obviously not economically feasible. Case officer pointed out to Subject that he had refrained from proposing any more detailed operational activity for him in view of the previous attitude. Subject acknowledged that his personal situation had not worked out as favorably as he had hoped and that he was quite willing to consider more involved operational proposals than he had in the past contemplated. Case officer did not pursue the point any further and said that at the next meeting they could discuss Subject's situation in greater detail.

COMMENT: Case officer has in mind the possibility of utilizing CABATON 19 in proposed border-crossing activities (see reference). This matter will be discussed at length in a later dispatch.

3. Subject's Mother's Visit to Hannover:

At the time of the last meeting, it had been subject's intention to fly to West Berlin for a reunion with his mother. However, the pressure of his work had prevented his going, and in spite of the fact that she had been refused a travel visa to the Bundes Republik by the DDR authorities, she crossed into West Berlin on her own initiative and flew to West Germany for a visit. Subject

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appears to be quite bitter about the inconvenience which the DDR Regime imposes on his family and would undoubtedly bring his mother and sister to the West were it financially feasible.

4. Future Meeting Arrangements:

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on whatever weekday the case officer designated, at the west end of an arcade on Rothenaustrasse between Bahnhofstrasse and Louisenstrasse at 2000 hours. Subject was paid a retainer of 50 DM and the meeting was concluded at 2300 hours.

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Identity List

Identity A - Friedrich Pluns

Identity B - Siegfried Neujahr

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