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| FROM               | Chief of Base, Frankfurt  |   | DATE <b>1 December 1959</b>  |
| SUBJECT            | Operational/CABATON/AMATEUR<br>Introduction of [ ] to Prospective CABATON   |   | RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)   |
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| REFERENCE(S)       | <p>A. PROB 4860, 21 July 1959<br/>B. MEFA-27838, 17 September 1959</p> <p>1. On 13 November 1959 [ ] introduced [ ] to Subject of references. [ ] used the alias [ ] for which he is documented. [ ] presented the story that he had recently met [ ] at the Frankfurt Officers' Club. During a conversation, [ ] had asked about local camera repair facilities. [ ] had immediately thought of Subject. Since business at the Air Base had brought [ ] to Wiesbaden, he had taken this opportunity to visit Subject, as well as to bring along his acquaintance [ ] who backed up his part of the fable by actually producing a very sick Exakta. This introduction, stressing the casual nature of [ ] and [ ] acquaintance, should serve to protect [ ] from the stain of espionage should [ ] attempt to recruit Subject.</p> <p>2. Subject, a master craftsman in fine-mechanics, has a small but very active workshop. He employs two shifts of six or seven apprentices. He is presently engaged in the manufacture of his own complete opera glasses, and he manufactures under contracts specific components, such as shutters and lenses, for various cameras. He has recently obtained the franchise for the repair of all East Zone cameras in West Germany: Zeiss-Jena, the East Zone Leica, Exakta, and so forth (Subject remarked that [ ] Exakta would eventually have reached him no matter where in West Germany it might have been taken for repair). Subject furthermore is the official examiner for all apprentices in fine-mechanics in Hesse-Nassau, and is in charge of maintaining and repairing optical surveillance equipment for either the Wiesbaden or the Hesse-Nassau police.</p> <p>3. After a brief conversation at the workshop, Subject conducted [ ] and [ ] to his nearby apartment. Subject's wife and infant daughter were present, as well as the wife's upper-teen-age nephew who goes to school in Wiesbaden. Hesseafe and gin were served. Since the conversation was family talk -- it will be recalled that Subject's family and [ ] are personal friends -- [ ] merely listened and observed.</p> <p>4. Although Subject's apartment indicates financial caution, Subject is evidently doing very well in business. He is probably saving assiduously in order to expand, since his enterprise is presently limited by space and by the amount of precision machinery he owns. Subject appears to be a shrewd, hard-working business man and manager; a man who obviously enjoys his work. It is not yet known how Subject got the contract for the repair of all East Zone cameras in West Germany, but one may speculate that he has good ties with the East German optical industry. The financial value of these connections, as well as the financial and prestige value of his official standing with the police and as chief examiner in his field for Hesse-Nassau may restrain his eagerness in leaping to accept espionage connections. On the other hand, his connections with the East should provide a degree of cover for CABATON activities.</p> <p>5. [ ] in maintaining his overt personal connection with Subject, will continue to elicit information which will aid in establishing Subject's susceptibility to recruitment, in which manner he may best be targeted, and other pertinent material. Although Subject may hesitate to become involved in the apparently piddling yet potentially compromising job of receiving mail from denied areas, he may rejoice in espionage of a higher level. Although CABATON work is our primary aim for Subject at this time, Subject will be thoroughly examined for other possibilities.</p> |   |  |
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