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TO: CHIEF OF BUREAU, FRANKFURT

INFO: CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY

FROM: CHIEF, EE

SUBJECT: CALL CATALYST LABATOM
COMMON SIB NAMES AND CLEARANCES

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

FROB 1695, 27 MARCH 1962

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1. THIS DISPATCH SUGGESTS A RULE-OF-THUMB SOLUTION FOR A RATHER VEXING PROBLEM WHICH ARISES WHEN POA'S ARE REQUESTED FOR SUPPORT AGENTS WITH EXTREMELY COMMON FAMILY NAMES. THE TWO REFERENCES ARE CASES IN POINT. BECAUSE OF THE COMMONNESS OF THE AGENT'S SURNAMES, POA HAS BEEN GRANTED ONLY FOR CONTACT, ASSESSMENT AND LCFLUTTER. NO OPERATIONAL USE CAN BE AUTHORIZED UNTIL IT CAN BE ESTABLISHED THAT SUBJECTS ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH NUMEROUS PERSONS OF THE SAME SURNAME WHO APPEAR /SOMETIMES IN FBI FORM/ IN VARIOUS DEROGATORY CONTEXTS. THE PROVISION OF FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON THE PROSPECTIVE AGENTS IS UNLIKELY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM ENTIRELY, SIMPLY BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH IS KNOWN ABOUT THE PERSON TO WHOM THE DEROGATORY INFORMATION APPLIES. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE FIELD PROVIDES AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF BIO DATA, OR EVEN A COMPLETE LEHENDLAUF ON A HERMAN MUELLER, IT PROBABLY WILL NOT PERMIT HEADQUARTERS TO DECIDE THAT ALL THE HERMAN AND FBI MUELLER'S WHO ARE CARRIED AS SIS AGENTS, FORMER GESTAPO TYPES, N'S AGENTS, ETC. ARE NOT IDENTICAL. WE CAN NEVER REALLY SQUARE THIS CIRCLE ON THE BASIS OF BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON OUR PROSPECTIVE AGENT, BECAUSE THE INFORMATION WE ARE COMPARING IT WITH SELDOM GIVES US SUCH INFORMATION AS DATE OF BIRTH OR HOME ADDRESS OF THE HOSTILE ASSET WHOSE NAME IS THE SAME AS THAT OF OUR SUBJECT.

2. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE CAN NEVER GET CLEARANCE ON A MUELLER OR A SCHMIDT. IT DOES MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT UNLESS THE AGENT CANDIDATE HAS OUTSTANDING QUALITIES OR UNIQUE ACCESS, IT IS HARDLY WORTH THE LABOR INVOLVED TO SORT OUT ALL THE BAD MUELLERS AND SCHMIDTS WHO MIGHT BE IDENTICAL. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE A SIMPLE RULE-OF-THUMB FOR SUPPORT AGENT CASES, WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES

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ARE NEEDED, LITTLE OF A CLASSIFIED NATURE WILL BE REVEALED TO THE AGENT, AND THE PRIMARY REQUISITE NEEDED IN THE INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE IS RELIABILITY. WE FEEL SUCH A RULE WILL SAVE MANY HOURS OF LABOR ON BOTH SIDES OF THE OCEAN, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO SUCH PROGRAMS AS CABATON.

3. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GRANT CLEARANCE ON A PROSPECTIVE LIVE LETTER DROP NAMED MUELLER, IF HE PASSES LCFLUTTER, EVEN IN THE FACE OF A DOZEN CARDS ALLEGING THAT SOME MUELLER WAS A HOSTILE AGENT. IF IN A GIVEN CASE THE FIELD ASSESSMENT IS THAT THEIR PROSPECT WOULD SUBMIT READILY TO LCFLUTTER AND THIS COURSE IS ELECTED, WE ARE PREPARED TO GRANT POA FOR LIMITED OPS SUPPORT USE UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF LCFLUTTER, SHOULD THE FIELD DETERMINE THAT IT IS NOT WORTH THE PERSUASION AND ARRANGEMENTS NEEDED TO PERFORM LCFLUTTER IN SUCH A CASE, WE RECOMMEND THIS CANDIDATE BE DROPPED FROM ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND WE GO ON TO OTHERS WHO PRESENT FEWER PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF SECURITY INVESTIGATION AND CLEARANCES.

4. WE REALIZE THERE ARE THEORETICAL DRAWBACKS AND OBJECTIONS IN PRINCIPLE TO SUCH A DRASTIC RULE, BUT GIVEN THE NATURE OF SOME OF CI INFORMATION THAT DEVELOPED BY A GREEN LIST CHECK, FOR INSTANCE, WE SEE NO OTHER PRACTICAL SOLUTION. TO PUT IT ON A PRACTICAL BASIS, IF WE NEED 25 LETTERDROPS WE CANNOT AFFORD TO ENGAGE IN EXHAUSTIVE RESEARCH AND CORRESPONDENCE TO CLEAR ANY GIVEN ONE OF THEM. YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WILL BE WELCOME.

5. COS/B - IF THE ABOVE IS SATISFACTORY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROPOSAL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE OTHER BASES OF THE GERMAN STATION.

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