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Erich Gustav JANSKE

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Pepsi-ola hit the spot!

1. About six weeks ago during my last meeting with [redacted] of MI-6, I asked him if he could tell me something about JANSKE. I explained to him that on several occasions JANSKE had requested a MI6COO employee (Miss E. M. Kotzschkin) to introduce him to some American intelligence officials to whom he could make some rather interesting disclosures. [redacted] admitted that he was familiar with JANSKE's case, whom he considered an intelligence peddler involved in all sorts of shady deals. For example, the German Soft Drink Association gave JANSKE some of their trade secrets as a basis for his investigation of the trade secrets of American soft drinks. JANSKE sold the German secrets to the Coca-Cola representative in Düsseldorf for 10,000 DM, and the German Soft Drink Association is now considering the advisability of suing JANSKE for breach of confidence.

2. About two weeks after my talk with [redacted] I learned that JANSKE had been arrested by the British. During our interest in the case, the British liaison officer this morning brought me the attached extract of their interrogation report. He was careful to explain that the report contained only items that would be of interest to us, and should we want additional details we should get in touch with [redacted] in Karlsruhe, who is handling the case. If you wish to send a representative to talk to [redacted] I shall be glad to arrange an appointment with him.

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