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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach
SUBJECT: ~~GENERAL~~-Operational/CART
 specific ~~UJ-DROLLERY~~ # 125
REF: PULL-1722, 1 September 1955

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SYNOPSIS: UJ-DROLLERY # 125, which we viewed as probably our most valuable East German CART operation, has fallen through due to the unreliability and independent attitude of the agent involved. CARINIUS, who is still regarded with suspicion, will be kept in loose contact with his ZIPPER case officer; no attempt will be made to exploit him further, but attention will be paid to two leads which have come out of the case.

1. At a meeting in Stuttgart on the evening of 23 August 1955, V-2665 (Identity 1), V-2978 (Identity 2), G. KUPZACK and [] heard what appeared to be a preliminary post mortem on UJ-DROLLERY # 125. The irrepressible CARINIUS has blown himself to a variety of West German offices. He also has been caught in a deliberate lie to his case officer. Further, he is guilty of improper operational conduct; i.e., appealing for outside support without prior notification to ZIPPER. Because there seems to be little reward in continuing a CART operation with such a dubious agent, a preliminary decision has been reached to drop any further attempts at the INF through CARINIUS.

2. In early August, CARINIUS told his case officer, V-2665, that he was still unhappy about his treatment in West Germany. He complained that he had been honorable and direct in his dealings with Western representatives and that in return he had been viewed with such suspicion that he had been forced to take a menial job in order to support himself. V-2665 told CARINIUS that his only hope for a better living in West Germany was full and honest cooperation with ZIPPER. Upon proof of his good will, ZIPPER would undertake to better his lot. This promise, however, apparently did not satisfy CARINIUS. On 7 August the agent wrote to the Darmstadt Verwaltungsgericht appealing for political recognition. He attached the two refusals which had been adjudged by the Giessen refugee authority. His

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Letter contained a revelation of his relationships with [redacted] (Identity 3), and V-2665, using the aliases by which he knew them. In short order, CAHNIUS's classification was brought to the attention of LTV Hesse. ZIPPER got wind of the facts; their preliminary concern was the security of V-2665 because the LTV Hesse is SPD-controlled and is not considered secure by STRYER GALT authorities. The court and the LTV Hesse will be informed through official channels that ZIPPER will not guarantee the security or reliability of CAHNIUS. Steps have been taken to prevent undue outside scrutiny of V-2665.

3. On the heels of this development, CAHNIUS was caught in a bold lie. POB had received, through an intercept dated 8 August, information that Frau CAHNIUS planned to come to West Germany on 13 August, provided that her husband concurred. She had "legally" obtained an international pass from the DMJ valid until 2 September. CAHNIUS told V-2665 that his wife and daughter Jutta had arrived to visit him on that date without his permission. This, despite the fact that the intercepted letter from Frau CAHNIUS specifically stated that she would not come without telegraphic approval from her husband. Allegedly, the reasons for his wife's sudden visit include her concern that CAHNIUS might be kidnapped by his East German principals, a Ja Major Sylvester/FISAU (see PRU-3678--the censor of the operation was publicized under the name of FISER).

4. Another instance of CAHNIUS's irresponsibility has been reported in PRU-2704, BRU-0798 and PRU-6730 (none of these to H). CAHNIUS wrote a letter to the ODDM office in Glessen assuming [redacted] of being the ultimate cause for his current predicament and requesting reimbursement for travel costs incurred during his early days in West Germany. Once again after the fact CAHNIUS informed V-2665 of his action.

5. V-2665 met CAHNIUS, wife and daughter on 13 August in Karlsruhe. CAHNIUS realized that the case officer wished to ask his wife certain questions and suggested that they talk without him present. Since V-2665 wanted to see the wife answer his searching questions with her husband present, he rejected this suggestion. Her answers to his questions were given in a halting manner and, throughout the conversation, the wife kept her eyes on CAHNIUS. V-2665 drew the implication from the wife's conduct that CAHNIUS had thoroughly briefed his wife before the meeting, or that she was a recruited agent of FISER. (See also the fact that Frau CAHNIUS brought her daughter to West Germany--a strange occurrence for a "Yankee's" family.) V-2665 states that the wife's first allegiance is to CAHNIUS and that his welfare is primary in her mind. He also says that CAHNIUS treats his wife in an extremely harsh manner; for instance, he demanded that she find work to support herself during the two weeks that she was visiting him in Karlsruhe.

6. The case officer met Frau CAHNIUS alone on 24 August. His plan was first to form an impression, which he had been unable to do at the first meeting; then he might attempt to recruit her with the mission of returning to Saarbrücken and developing as much information as possible on FISER and his organization. During the appointment, Frau CAHNIUS reiterated that she had not been sent to West Germany by FISER and that, in fact, she had only met him once. V-2665 achieved a preliminary recruitment, but was later told to drop contact by his superiors. The wife and daughter returned to the DMJ on 1 September.

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7. From the above, FOB agrees with ZIPPER that there is little point in continuing close contact with CANNIUS for the following reasons:

- a. Too many people now know about the operation.
- b. CANNIUS has deliberately violated operational orders.
- c. He has been caught in at least one direct lie to his case officer.
- d. The case poses many unresolved questions which could only be cleared up with the expenditure of much time and effort.
- e. Even if CANNIUS were a reliable agent, there is little promise that he will produce positive CANT information for his Western principals.
- f. His mental state is not conducive to the conduct of a double agent operation.

8. The problem now arises of what can be done with CANNIUS. There is a risky chance that through various official connections of V-2665 and V-2978, an attempt could be made to frighten him into confessing the real nature of his mission in West Germany. LOFLUTTER could be used in a second attempt to get at the truth of the matter, but CANNIUS states that he expects to be FLUTTER'ed again. Since CANNIUS has ostensibly revealed to the various Western services the nature of his mission and his targets, he cannot be prosecuted for withholding security information. As far as we know, there is no law under which he can be prosecuted by the Americans inasmuch as his targets have not threatened U. S. interests. If CANNIUS is allowed to remain free in West Germany, he will pose a security hazard. On the other hand, no agency has the assets necessary to keep him under constant observation for an extended period of time. He is being blacklisted by ZIPPER with West German industrial protection groups, but this is no guarantee that he will not be able to find a job of interest to the East as well as sufficiently rewarding to him.

9. We have discovered from intercepts that CANNIUS has established a liaison with Frau Anita URBAN, currently living in Heilbronn, Im Stahlbuehl 15 (see PULL-1551). A letter dated 25 August from CANNIUS to URBAN contained the following: (Both ZIPPER and FOB are puzzled by the meaning of the German text.)

Liebe Anita,

Bin ueber 2 Naechte hier (Karlsruhe) geblieben. Meine Nachricht von vorgestern wirst Du wohl nicht entziffern koennen. Bin seit Tagen mit Begleitung unterwegs, um ehrenrige Experten zu besuchen. Soll vorlaufig mit Niemanden korrespondieren---. Daher meine Bitte, schreib vorlaeufig nicht. Grunds mundlich am 10.9.55. Mein endgultige wohnsitz wird Ludwigsburg sein. Beste Gruesse und wuensche.

CANNIUS.

The possibility seems to exist that URBAN plays some kind of a role in CANNIUS's mission. The probability is that URBAN reported sometime in June as a refugee in West Germany (see BRU-0577). Further intercepts show that her mother is (fmu) FECHNER, Weiningen/Thuringia, Am ----- (illegible) 149(?). ZIPPER is investigating

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URBAN to the fullest extent possible; however, no attempt was to be made to surveil the meeting on 10 September because of lack of facilities.

10. A second lead which has developed from the case is August Wilbels/~~URB~~
KERNAMP, reported in FULL-1911. KERNAMP has discovered that the individual concerned is in his 60's, and therefore is probably not identical with CAMMIUS's courier. However, it is known that HERRMANN, Sr., has one or two sons; either one of which might fit the bill. This matter is being further investigated.

11. The attached ZIPPER memo gives ZIPPER's official reaction to the CAMMIUS status of the case. Measures to be taken are:

- a. CAMMIUS will be placed on the BIV warning list.
- b. Industrial protection groups will be informed of the doubts about CAMMIUS.
- c. Only loose contact will be maintained with CAMMIUS and he will be kept under limited observation.
- d. The HERRMANN and URBAN leads will be followed up.

Approved: bvt

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