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file Landseer 10

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Chief, Foreign Division M] 6 September 1951
Attention: []
Chief of Station, Vienna

Operational
Landseer 10 Progress and Turn-over Report

Reference: MABA-581

1. During the meeting described in reference memorandum it had been agreed that [] and Landseer 10 would meet again in Innsbruck in early August 1951. On 1 August [] wrote to Landseer 10's mother, suggested a meeting in Innsbruck on 9 August, and asked Landseer 10 to write a pre-arranged Salzburg letterbox, in the event he should be unable to travel to Innsbruck. When no letter from Landseer 10 had arrived by 8 August, [] proceeded to Innsbruck but Landseer 10 failed to appear. A few days later he wrote a letter to the Salzburg letterbox explaining that official business had prevented him at the last minute from keeping the Innsbruck appointment.

2. In the meantime it had been decided to turn over Landseer 10 to [] and [], again by letter to Landseer 10's mother, proposed a meeting in Bregenz on 27 August. Landseer 10 promptly replied that he would be willing to meet with [] at that time.

3. On 27 August [] introduced [] to Landseer 10 as [] of G-2, USFA. Landseer 10 invited [] and [] to his new apartment in Bregenz-Vorkloster, Feldweg, Jaegernorsiedlung. Landseer 10 explained that he had obtained the apartment, located in a newly constructed building, through the intervention of the Security Director to whom he had complained about his unsatisfactory quarters in Wolfurt.

4. Discussing his Zipper connections Landseer 10 stated that he had received his usual 2000 schillings through Dr. Erich MUELLER on 5 August 1951. At the request of [], [] told Landseer 10 that the Americans had decided to cut off MANDL and that the payment received by Landseer 10 in August would probably be the last one. Landseer 10 reiterated that he would be very willing to

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collaborate with [] and [] in that case and promised to notify [] by mail should MUELLER fail to pay him in September. He added that the payment from Zipper was due on about 5 September and that he had so far not been notified that payments from Rupert MANDL via MUELLER would stop.

5. Landseer 10 commented, that in the event of MANDL being out off, there was a danger of MUELLER going over to the FIS without the knowledge of Landseer 10. In such a case MUELLER could go on paying Landseer 10 his 2000 schillings a month and since there is no direct contact between Landseer 10 and MANDL, the former would be unable to check whether the funds came from MANDL (Zipper) or from the FIS. In this connection it is noteworthy that MUELLER requested Landseer 10 to procure background information on Alfons STAEGER (MAAA-559 and 371) and another photographer named Oskar SPANG, an ethnic German from Rumania, living in Bregenz, Quellenstrasse 49. MUELLER told Landseer 10 that this was a request from MANDL and that STAEGER and SPANG were of interest to the U.S. Air Force as photography experts. In view of Headquarters' decision to bring the [] into the STAEGER case (WASH-36781 and WFPW-5528), after the [] STAEGER negotiations had led to no results, it must be assumed that the request for background information on STAEGER did not originate with Zipper, as claimed by MUELLER, but with the FIS. [] had previously asked Landseer 10 for a police file check on STAEGER and had told Landseer 10 in general terms that STAEGER had offered a secret Germany army file to U.S. authorities. SPANG, whom Landseer 10 described as a racketeer well known to the Bregenz Police, had not come up previously in connection with the Katyn film, and it appears probable that this is a lead developed by the FIS in their investigation of the STAEGER, SPITTLER & Co.

6. Landseer 10 loaned [] and [] his file on German officers serving in Syria, which Landseer 10 had obtained from the mother of an Austrian who had served in Syria and who was killed in an automobile accident in Germany in late 1950. The file which contains a lot of incoherent correspondence, documents, etc. is being sifted by [] and excerpts will be forwarded to Headquarters shortly.

7. Landseer 10 stated that he had reported to Greengrocer 1 that Police Inspector Maximilian MATTES, (a former informant of [] at present stationed in Klagenfurt, is serving as an agent of the Israeli IS under Simon WIESENTHAL. As reported in para 3, c, of reference memorandum, Jan GAJEWSKI and MATTES had wittingly deceived Landseer 10 by introducing WIESENTHAL to him as "Mr. SIMON of OIC." Landseer 10 hopes that his report to Green-Grocer 1 will result in a formal investigation of MATTES' activities.

8. In a previous meeting Landseer 10 had mentioned the BEGUS case and he now reports that BEGUS was used by the FIS to penetrate the Swiss IS and had established contact with Major HAUBAMANN. Through his Swiss police contact Emil RUTHEMANN, reported in para 3,d, of reference memorandum, Landseer 10 obtained a copy of a report passed by BEGUS to HAUBAMANN in late 1958 and showed it to [redacted] [redacted] The so-called report, signed "Otto", was violently anti-American in tone and dwelled in great length on alleged American recruitment of Austrian nationals for military service in Korea.

9. Landseer 10 passed on several other bits of intelligence interest which are being checked and processed by [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] If and when the Landseer 10-Zipper relationship ends, [redacted] will meet with Landseer 10 again in [redacted] [redacted] told Landseer 10 that he was leaving and that [redacted] would meet with him in the future. In the meantime [redacted] is being asked to determine whether MANDEL has stopped payments to MUELLER as per POB orders.

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