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COMMENT: Detailed material concerning subj orgn, a German affiliate of CHURCHILL's British "New Commonwealth Society" which sponsors the idea of a pan-European Federation, plus material concerning the activities of COLONEL, who has been commissioned to organize the Union in Land Hesse.

As can be seen from [Redacted], organizational activities are well underway, and it is planned that [Redacted] take over the active office work for the Union in Hesse in view of the potential dangers inherent in the structure of the Union. A survey of the important features of the orgn is to be found in the cover report attached.

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About 15 January 1947, [ ] reported that an acquaintance of a former Abwehr officer now living in Frankfurt/Main, had been offered the job of organizing an alleged "non-political" organization within the US Zone.

On 20 Jan 47, [ ] reported that the acquaintance, one Walter SCHWEBBACH, was under city arrest (allegedly by order of the P30 L and SO, Frankfurt/M (Major LESPERANCE) and that he feared not being able to obtain the necessary permission to found the organization and travel as required. [ ] was asked by SCHWEBBACH to take the situation in hand, make inquiries as to the requirements for licensing, and conduct the negotiations with the Central Office of the organization in München-Gladbach/Rheinland (Brizon). The documents marked as "ANNEX A/1,2, etc" were turned over by SCHWEBBACH at this time. Interesting is perhaps: the fact that, from the correspondence, it becomes apparent that SCHWEBBACH's being under city-arrest by the US authorities made no unfavorable impression on the central office of the organization, EUROPA-UNI hereinafter referred to as EU.

negotiations were taken over by [ ] Inquiries were made of Civil Administration Division, Office of Military Government for Hesse, Wiesbaden, as to the requirements for licensing of an organization such as EU, and on 27 Jan 47 the Managing Chairman of the Central Office, München-Gladbach, one W. HERMES, invited [ ] through SCHWEBBACH to München-Gladbach for further negotiations. Copies of correspondence involved are included as ANNEX B.

On 6 and 7 Feb 47, [ ] traveled to München-Gladbach to confer with President HERMES regarding the establishment of EU in the American Zone. HERMES, a nephew of former CDU chief in Berlin HERMES (the latter a friend of Maria SEVENICH), lives in München-Gladbach, Hermannstr 6. The following points were noted in the course of the visit:

a). The EU, because of its nature as a non-partisan organization (open to all persons from all current German parties, clubs or any other type of organization), will in all probability attract an immense following, aside from the fact that the idea of a United States of Europe will be especially popular with the Germans and

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the present circumstances. Therefore the EU will offer a fact haven for Germans from all political camps and social classes. It offers a platform for the continuation of the Nazi-militaristic ideology under the cloak of a federalistic Europe. In short, the Pan-Germanic idea lives on in all its different shades and theories.

b). The EU will try to absorb as many organizations and clubs as possible (organizations with similar ideas, students' clubs, sports clubs, etc). Its aim is to become a mass-movement and for that reason it provides the opportunity of more facile penetration of other organizations, since the EU plans to maintain contact with these. Directives and some initial material to that effect have already been given to [redacted]

c). [redacted] has further been directed to establish contact with all political parties and win their support for EU through name-politicians in all parties. These contacts should give better than ever penetration of the political parties.

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d). For the "Founding Committee" in Hesse, the EU wants not only politicians, but prominent personalities as well, as e.g. mayors, businessmen, former or present Ministers with non-partisan ties. Here, too, there are excellent "penetration" possibilities.

e). Ties with the Communist Party or individual Communists are not especially desired by the EU, yet the instructions were such that [redacted] was advised to be very diplomatic with Communists and their Party. In case (which is believed unlikely) a Communist insists on being a member of the EU, he is to be taken

The following factors are also deserving of consideration. The EU calls itself the "German branch of the New Commonwealth Society" (a British organization, currently led by CHURCHILL). Through the NCS, EU is affiliated with similar Pan-European organizations in Switzerland, France and other countries.

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[redacted] Interesting, but not of vital significance, is the confession made to [redacted] by HERMES that the latter is related, by marriage, to Dr Josef GOEBBELS.

[redacted] on the HERMES visit is attached as ANNEX C.

Contact has already been established with Prof Dr GELLER in Wiesbaden. GELLER is wary of accepting the Presidency of EU for Hesse (he appears to have expected the Presidency for Amazon but has assured his membership and support. GELLER is being

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asked for recommendations of good candidates for the Presidency. [ ] will retain the function of managing secretary. Contact is also being established with Willi KNOTHE (SPD), Leo BAUER (KPD), Dr HILPERT (CDU) and Dr EULER (LDP). When the required 25 sponsors have been recruited, application will be made to OMGH for a license on Land level. It should be pointed out that HERMES in München-Gkadbach has provided [ ] with several letters of introduction to leading personalities and groups in Hesse. Since possible attacks on the EU are to be expected from the Frankfurter Rundschau, editor and licensee Karl GEROLD is to be recruited as a sponsor and member in order to provide an element of security.

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