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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, [REDACTED]

ATTENTION:

FROM:

Chief, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

DOJ/OSI Investigation of Klaus Barbie (U)

REFERENCES:

(A) OGC 83-02579 dated 29 March 1983 via
IMS, [REDACTED] Memo dated 1 April 1983

(B) OGC 83-03138 dated 15 April 1983 [REDACTED]

1. The following is a summary of an intensive search of the files and indices of the Directorate of Operations which surfaced voluminous records pertaining to individuals and/or elements listed in reference (A) and no identifiable information concerning War Department Detachment mentioned in reference (A). (S)

2. U.S. Army 430th CIC "Rat Line": There were cables and memos on the 430th CIC Detachment activities and progress reports in Austria from July 1949 thru July 1955 contained in folder 7 of [REDACTED] but according to [REDACTED] this file was destroyed.

3. George Neagoy: Neagoy has a [REDACTED] File [REDACTED] which revealed that Neagoy was a special agent of the 430th CIC detachment but there was no mention of him having been responsible for the "Rat line" operation. He was also a former witting collaborator whose relationship was terminated. [REDACTED]

4. Father Krunoslav Dragonivich: Dragonivich has a [REDACTED] File [REDACTED] which revealed he was one of the [REDACTED]

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prime movers in the CIC/Austria disposal rat-line which operated circa 1948-1951 or later (EGRA-37554 dated 6 December 1956). Additional undated and unevaluated information listed Father Dragonovich as a CIC rat-line chief in Italy (EGRA-85997 dated 23 January 1957). He was listed in the ISR (ISRM 6239) for the Department of Army, Service No. SD 7350, and dropped with prejudice on 23 January 1962 for security reasons and lack of control. Attached for your review is Dragonovich's [redacted] (Att. 2).

5. Operation Rusty: Several records were surfaced concerning Operation Rusty but of the obtainable records only one was pertinent. Attached for your retention are copies of Operation Rusty/Odeum (Att. 3), 1946 through 1949 [redacted].

6. 7821 Composite Group: There is reference to this Group in the Operation Rusty file (Att. 3). There was also mention of this Group in Col. W.R. Philp's file (see paragraph 9). Attached for your retention is a copy of [redacted] file (Att. 4) pertaining to 7821 Composite Group. If any additional information is needed concerning this file, please contact [redacted].

7. 7707 European Command Intelligence Center (ECIC): Three references to ECIC reports were surfaced but [redacted] was unable to locate them.

8. Department of Army Detachment (DAD): The only records surfaced concerning DAD were from [redacted] and attached for your retention are copies of these records (Att. 5). You can contact [redacted] should you require additional information concerning these records. [redacted]

9. Col. W.R. Philp: Philp has [redacted] which reveals he was employed by the Department of Army as Commanding Officer of the 7821 Composite Group which supported U.S. intelligence organizations in Europe. [redacted]

[redacted] Attached for your review is Philp's [redacted] (Att. 6).

10. Intelligence Division, EUCOM (U.S. Army Command,

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Europe): There is reference to EWCOM in the attached Rusty file (Att. 3). Also attached are "Record Copies" of summaries of Headquarters European Command, Office of the Deputy Director of Intelligence, reports dated 8 December 1947 (Att. 7) and 22 December 1947 (Att. 8). All other references to EWCOM were in files that were destroyed. [REDACTED]

11. Office of Intelligence, HICOG (High Commission for Germany): There were numerous references to HICOG and except for attachment 9, all other records were destroyed. [REDACTED]

12. A review of all obtainable records pertaining to paragraphs 2 thru 11 revealed no mention of Klaus Barbie. [REDACTED]

13. Kurt Merk (Merck): Merk has a [REDACTED] File [REDACTED] which reveals he was a former German intelligence officer and leader of a CI reconnaissance detachment in France during World War II, and he also worked for CIC, Augsburg. Allegedly, with the consent of CIC, Merk was in contact with [REDACTED] Intelligence Service. He was considered to be an efficient intelligence worker but allegedly was involved in a large black market affair. Klaus Barbie was a good friend and close intelligence collaborator of Merk. Merk was dropped (without prejudice) as an informant by U.S. intelligence agencies in the U.S. occupied zones of Austria and Germany on 19 October 1949. Merk died on 5 September 1951. Attached for your review is Merk's [REDACTED] (Att. 10). (S)

14. According to information provided this Directorate by DDA/IPD, there is no indication that the individuals and/or elements listed in references have ever been the subjects of an FOIA/PA request. (U)

Enclosures - Attachments 1 thru 10

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