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REFERENCE(S)

A. EGBA-60276, 27 October 1959

B. EGBA-60838, 16 November 1959

C. EGFA-28355, 24 November 1959

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1. We appreciate very much the CAECTOMY investigation reported on in reference C. On 3 December 1959 we discovered, somewhat belatedly, the identity of (fnu) GROSS or (fnu) DROSS of references, who is the actual object of our interest. He is

Armin * DROSS
DOB: Unknown
POB: Unknown
Editor of "West-Ost Berichte"
Bad Oeyenhausen
Koblenzerstr. 3/I
Telephone 3774

He apparently was formerly (or still is) associated with the

*Freunde der Staette der Begegnung e.V.
Vlotho/Weser
Suedfeldstr. 4
Telephone 388/389.

2. This information came to us through CALLIKAK coverage of the Polish Military Mission in West Berlin. On 1 December 1959 DROSS wrote a letter to Helene RODE nee ADAMCZEWSKA stating that in January or February 1960 he plans to write an article in the "West-Ost Berichte" about contemporary Polish movies. He asked for still photos from such movies as "Der Kanal" and "Ein Mann auf den Schienen." He also thanked RODE for sending information material. The letter was written on a letterhead of the Freunde der Staette der Begegnung, but DROSS had x'd out the address of this outfit and substituted the address of the "West-Ost Berichte."

3. While the above information is interesting, it sheds no light on DROSS' dealings with Boleslaw MARCZAK, which we continue to believe have intelligence connotations. This belief was strengthened by the CAECTOMY report, which indicated that the "Arbeitskreis fuer Ost-West-Fragen" was a rather mysterious outfit. We have little doubt that there is a connection between the "Arbeitskreis" and DROSS' magazine, particularly since they share the same telephone and presumably the same office. While there is no point in sending the CAECTOMY team back to Bad Oeynhausen, we request that they be asked the following questions:

a. In their investigations, did the CAECTOMYs come across the name of Armin DROSS or the "West-Ost Berichte" in any connection?

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b. In paragraph 1 (h) of reference C it is indicated that the office of the Arbeitskreis is "on the second floor of Koblenzerstr. 3." Is this the American or European second floor (note that the address of the "West-Ost Berichte" is Koblenzerstr. 3/I, which would be second floor American)?

4. COS: We have been informed that the "Freunde der Staette der Begegnung" is known to KUBARK. Is there any record of this organization in COS files, or do any old German hands at COS recall the organization?

5. There are no BOB traces.

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