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MEMORANDUM FOR : DC/CI
VIA : C/CI/R&A
SUBJECT : Hans W. EGGEN's Possible Contact With
an RIS Operative in Switzerland

1. Outlined below is a lead which can be pursued, because the key person (EGGEN) is alive in West Germany and can be debriefed.

2. In the final stages of WW II SCHELLENBERG received word that, through the Japanese in Switzerland, he might be able to establish contact with several Soviets who were interested in peace negotiations. The Japanese primarily involved were: SAKAI, KOJIMA, and OKAMOTO. According to OSS records, this situation developed sometime at the end of 1944 (or February 1945). SCHELLENBERG assigned EGGEN to handle this matter.

3. In the course of his debriefing SCHELLENBERG stated that EGGEN made arrangements through SAKAI to meet an RIS operative in Switzerland. The meeting was to have taken place at the home of OKAMOTO, but nothing came of it, because OKAMOTO became seriously ill (he apparently had a heart attack). I have looked everywhere but have been unable to find any further information about the meeting. There is no information to show that the meeting between OKAMOTO and the Soviet agent actually took place.

4. Concerning the RIS agent, SCHELLENBERG states that his name was ORLOVSKIY (German spelling ORLOWSKI), or a name similar to that one. He supposedly was a professor at one

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of the Swiss universities, possibly Zurich. SCHELLENBERG says that he assigned Lt. Col. (Dr.) STEIMLE and Lt. Col. FREUND to conduct an investigation concerning ORLOVSKIY. Although SCHELLENBERG could not recall whether the contact with the Soviets had been established, he did remember that the investigation showed that there was such a person as ORLOVSKIY. We have done extensive searching on this man, but were unable to find any further information about him. Also, his name has not figured in the Rote Kapelle or Rote Drei information available to us.

5. According to another OSS document, ORLOVSKIY had been the chief RIS agent in Switzerland.

6. Naoe SAKAI is the subject of [redacted]. Lt. Gen. Kiyotomi OKAMOTO was the Japanese Military Attache in Berne - at that time. Rear Admiral Hideo KOJIMA was the Japanese Naval Attache probably in Berlin.

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