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SUBJECT: Vice-Chancellor (Name-Reportedly Author of a Hitler Inspired Plan for Occupation of the Ukraine and Other Territories East of Germany.

1. Attached is a copy of a memo dated 7 May 63 which Dr. Robert G. Neuman, in his capacity as an advisor to the State Department, sent to J. Robert Schmeissel regarding a detailed plan for the occupation of the Ukraine and other territories east of Germany, reportedly authored by Vice Chancellor Brandt. Dr. Neuman's reason for submitting the memo is his feeling that conceivably the Soviets might know of this plan and try to make propaganda capital of it.

2. According to Dr. Neuman, Mrs. Klara Ehm-Leitz, former wife (or widow) of Dr. Ehm, Brandt's collaborator on the plan, resides in Weisklar and presumably could be contacted if further information on this matter is desired. It is Dr. Neuman's belief that Mrs. Ehm-Leitz either divorced Dr. Ehm or that Dr. Ehm is dead and that she is now married to a Leitz who is associated with the Leitz Camera Co.

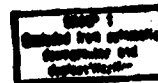
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May 9, 1963

MEMORANDUM

TO: J. Robert Schaetsel

FROM: Robert G. Neumann

SUBJECT: Special Information

The following information has just come to me from a usually very reliable source.

According to this source, Vice Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, then a professor of economics, was charged by "Hitler" (it is not clear whether this means Hitler himself or "The Government") with the detailed planning for the German occupied territory, and those yet to be occupied in the East, especially the Ukraine. The resultant project is composed of a compendium slightly under 500 pages long, of which only six to eight copies were produced. This information comes from the wife, or widow, of a Dr. Kuhn--Mrs. Elsie Kuhn-Leitz and was sent to me by a mutual friend--a French woman. Since Dr. Kuhn was the collaborator of Dr. Erhard in this scheme, I am inclined to give it some credence.

I am sending you this information only because it occurred to me that if the Russians know this, especially if they have a copy of this work which is said to be very detailed and cold-blooded, they are capable of transforming it into a major propaganda stunt, even if they have to torture the truth as they so often do.

It also occurred to me that the time of the President's visit might be one of those moments that may tempt them, or possibly the eve of Erhard's taking over--if he ever does.

The above contains the total of my information on this point. I realize that if the Russians have this information and are willing to use it, there is not a great deal that we can do about it. However, being forewarned might be of some help.