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Date 25 February 1952

From : Chief []

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Eugene DOLLMANN
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To : []
 FROM : []
 Subject: General-- []
 Specific--Eugene DOLLMANN
 Source : []
 Reference: []

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11 February 1952

1. Subject has been in contact with Milan [] for the past few months, working on the hidden arms project mentioned in referenced report. As the operation progressed [] determined that the arms in question amounted to much less than the whole armament of a German Panzer Division; however, from all appearances, the quantity of the arms is still believed to be considerable. []'s efforts are aimed at locating the cache, which is probably located somewhere in Southern Tyrol on this side of the Italo-Austrian border, and eventually confiscating it.
2. In the course of this operation Subject has been in contact with [], who has been acting as a go-between. All correspondence from Subject and the other personalities involved in the search has been addressed to [] in Milan. [] has also come in direct contact with Subject and has taken trips with Subject and with [] (to Southern Tyrol once, and to Innsbruck, Austria, another time) to meet individuals whom Subject had stated would eventually lead them to the arms' cache. (NOTE: [])
3. Subject has received various sums of money from [] in the course of this operation; the total can be estimated at roughly 150,000 lire.
4. It will be remembered that Subject originally crossed into Switzerland with an Italian passport made out to the name of Eugenio DAVON, under which alias he has been living in Lugano. This passport was provided by [] and, when the time came for its renewal (probably around mid-January 1952) Subject surrendered it to [] and [] for renewal. Subject therefore is at present without any documents.
5. On 31 January 1952 [] received a telephone call from Subject in Lugano, requesting an urgent meeting in the Chiasso main square in connection with an important message. Subject added that he could not say too much over the telephone. [] was, or played, ill, and referred the matter to []; the latter agreed to go up and meet Subject and took [] with him. The appointment had been fixed for 1500 hours, 1 February. Upon crossing the border [] ran into [] and another individual, who later turned out to be a Swiss Federal Inspector from Berne. []

[] in this capacity he sees []

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occasionally and on one occasion had lunch with () in Milan.) () and () exchanged greetings and () later remembered that () cracked to his companion: "We should take this boy to Berne with us". Eventually () mentioned that he had an appointment in a cafe of the main square in Chiasso and went on. () stood there chatting with () and the other man. As () reported later, it wasn't long before the man from Berne tugged on ()'s sleeve and broke the conversation up.

6. Meanwhile () had met Subject in a cafe on the main square of Chiasso, very near the frontier. The conversation, dealing with the developments of the arms' operation, had not progressed very far before () and his partner appeared. When they did, () upon entering the cafe and seeing () talking to Subject, spontaneously remarked "So it was you!" or words to that effect. () promptly asked () and the other man to sit in on the conversation (which they did) to show them that his only reason for seeing Subject on Swiss territory was to obtain information on a matter affecting Italian jurisdiction. From the conversation the purpose of Subject's telephone call became clearer.

7. Subject had been under very close surveillance by the Swiss Federal Police for the past few days (it may be inferred that it was since he was without any documents). Subject's every move and phone calls had been monitored, with his knowledge. It is therefore to be presumed that Subject had attempted to ingratiate himself with the Swiss to get () into a trap. (Subject probably did not have a clear idea of who () actually is.) The fact that Subject did not warn () of the impending danger during the few minutes which they were able to speak privately lends credence to this theory. (), who is reported to be rather gullible, as opposed to his companion who is stated by () to be much keener, blew () partially by calling him "Captain" in front of Subject, who was thus able to confirm any suspicions he might have had in the past about his being connected with

8. When it became clear that the trap was not going to snare its quarry () being known to () as an (), the cards were laid on the table and () asked () for the help () in getting Subject out of Switzerland. Subject, () said, had too many debts (a very grave misdemeanor in Swiss eyes); he added that it would be appreciated if the Italians could rid Switzerland of Subject. () dodged the issue for the time, pending consultation with his chief.

9. The course of action was then discussed between ()'s office and () who has the passport for renewal. () opposed having Subject enter Italy, particularly because of the problem of who would pay for Subject's keep. () feels that Subject is completely finished as far as intelligence possibilities are concerned, and has stated that he will not

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spend any more money on him. He felt that the Swiss should put Subject over the Austrian or German border and let him go on from there on his own.

10. [] was summoned to () during the week of 4 February (during which time he saw []. Shortly after his return to (), towards the end of the week, Subject was turned over to the Italians at the Italo-Swiss border. He was whisked to the "Angelicum", house of the Franciscan Community in Via Moscova, Milan, on Thursday, 7 February. Subject was turned over to R (). OFM, who appears to have hidden him so well that even () does not know his present whereabouts.

11. It is expected that a fill-in on the details of the last paragraph will be obtained shortly.

12. [] COMMENT: [] has promised to furnish data on developments. Data on details of the arms cache, which involves Sudtyrolen Volkspartei personalities, are also forthcoming.

Prepared by []

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