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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

21 JUN 1956

ATTN: Mr. J. Daunt
Liaison Agent

RE: AUGUST WILHELM PASCH,
aka: FRED BAILEY (DOB: 14 Apr 1913)
Member of the Crew of an Unidentified
Tanker of Liberian Register

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our letter dated 6 March 1956 concerning the above SUBJECT. Attached for your information is a copy of an OSI memorandum setting forth the details of the interview of the SUBJECT.

You will be apprised of any further information received in this matter.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED *Sincerely,*
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Date 3 March 1956

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SUBJECT: Essential Elements of Information

FROM: Detachment Commander, Detachment 206, APO 856, New York, N.Y.

TO: District Commander, Counter Intelligence Division

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1. This is to confirm the spot report from this detachment of 3 March 1956 and to furnish additional information pertaining to this matter.

2. At 0115 hours, 3 March 1956, the Officer of the Day telephonically notified the undersigned that a Mr. PASCH, a German National, had told Captain JOHNSON, Duty Officer, 503rd Operations that he had been offered a sum of money to kidnap or kill a United States Security Official in Germany recently.

The undersigned repaired to Kinley Air Force Base and interviewed Captain JOHNSON, AD 2/7/42, Duty Officer, 503rd Air Refueling Squadron this station. JOHNSON advised the undersigned that he received a telephone call from Airman FADY of his organization, who advised that Mr. PASCH wanted to talk to an American Intelligence Officer and volunteered to come out to the base. JOHNSON advised that the St. George Town Patrol drove PASCH to the base and escorted him into the operations office, 503rd Air Refueling Squadron at which time Captain JOHNSON interviewed PASCH. JOHNSON advised that PASCH smelled of alcohol however appeared to have complete control of his senses. JOHNSON stated that PASCH refused to have anyone in addition to JOHNSON present while he (PASCH) talked to him. JOHNSON advised that he believed he better get the information and therefore interviewed him. JOHNSON advised that at the conclusion of the interview PASCH was taken back to St. George Base. JOHNSON advised that PASCH was staying at the White Horse Tavern, St. George, Florida.

3. At 0700 hours 3 March 1956, the undersigned was contacted by PASCH at the White Horse Tavern and advised that he was willing to talk to the undersigned at the base where he was interviewed by the writer.

4. The undersigned, a German National, advised that he was born at [redacted], Rhineland, Germany on 1 April 1916. PASCH advised that he was raised in the United States, explaining that he first entered an Italian [redacted] near [redacted] his parents. He added that both his parents were American citizens.

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and his father is now deceased. He stated that his mother is MARY DURBAN, was MARY PASCH; present address: East Flanders Street (Street number unknown) Portland, Oregon. PASCH advised that his mother lived at 2313 West Belmont, Phoenix, Arizona prior to moving to Portland. PASCH advised that prior to being deported from the United States in June or July 1934, he was married to MAXINE PASCH, nee: FOSTER and was divorced from her. PASCH stated that he had a daughter JOAN PASCH by that marriage who is presently residing with her mother at East 15th Street, Portland, Oregon. PASCH added that he is presently married to ELSA PASCH, German National, who lives at Amburg, Altona, Gilbert Street 21, Germany. The undersigned inspected PASCH'S passport which disclosed the following information: Passport No. 772/54; Deutsch No. 1861231; issued to AUGUST WILHELM PASCH, born 14 April 1913, on 13 September 1934 at the German Consulate, San Francisco, California. (PASCH advised that the reason the passport was not issued in Germany was due to the fact that he had lost a passport that had been issued in Germany).

PASCH advised that he was raised in the United States since the year 1922 and his address prior to being deported to Germany in June or July of 1934 was 695 East 11th Street, Portland, Oregon.

PASCH advised that prior to being deported from the United States in June or July 1934, he had been employed by BOB EVANS who was a bootlegger and he (PASCH) was involved in a robbery with three (3) other men and the victim was killed and he was charged with manslaughter. PASCH advised that he was also charged with two (2) charges of bank robbery and was deported to Germany for having committed a criminal act. PASCH stated that during the year 1934, he was convicted of larceny by a German Court, and was sent to prison in Hamburg, Germany. PASCH advised that a man RICHARD CRABES, author of "Out of The Night" (pen name JOHN WALTON) in this prison and at that time CRABES told him that he (CRABES) had been deported to Germany from the United States after having been convicted of robbery in San Francisco, California during the year 1928 or 1929. PASCH stated that CRABES told him the incident was actually an assault for political reasons however was passed off as a robbery. PASCH advised that the Germans allowed CRABES to escape from this prison in 1935 in order that CRABES could act as an informant for the Germans. PASCH stated that CRABES furnished the Germans with information which led to the execution of the Germans of a Danish fisherman who was supplying the underground with forged passports. PASCH added that CRABES then got back to the United States the same year (1935).

PASCH advised that he also met ERIC SLOTT in the Hamburg prison.

PASCH advised that he was convicted of larceny and he spent 1941 to 1943 as an inmate of Concentration Camp No. 3, located near Papenburg, Germany, where he met ERIC SLOTT who was a political prisoner. PASCH states that ERIC SLOTT was a "convicted" communist. PASCH added that he and ERIC SLOTT were taken to Schneiderhahn, Germany to work in a factory (forced labor) in 1943. PASCH stated that he (PASCH) was transferred from factory to another concentration camp near Danzig and changed names only a few days prior to Christmas 1944. PASCH stated that he obtained a German uniform, was recaptured by the Germans and he (PASCH) was given a new German name by the name of ERIC WALTON and was taken care of with a German soldier's uniform. PASCH stated that he remained until

liberated by American Forces on 3 May 1945. PASCH stated that he told the Americans his story and gave them his correct name. He was then issued a pass and a vehicle and was told to drive it to Hamburg, Germany and deliver it to the British Military Government. PASCH stated that he did this and was not held by the Allies. PASCH stated that from 1945 to 1946 he worked as an interpreter for the Royal Navy (British) and in the first part of 1946 he stowed away on a ship and went to England where he remained for awhile. He stowed away on another ship and went to Cuba. He advised that he spent approximately ten (10) months in Cuba, stowed away on another ship and went to Miami, Florida, where he entered the United States and was caught by American officials and received a six (6) month sentence in the Federal Prison in Tallahassee, Florida. PASCH stated that he escaped from this prison approximately thirty (30) days before his time was up as he had told the officials that he was FRED BAILEY, a British subject from Singapore and he did not want to be deported to Singapore. PASCH stated that he was recaptured in Jacksonville, Florida; was tried for escape in the Federal Court of Tallahassee and was sentenced to a year and a day. PASCH stated that he served his sentence; told the officials his true identity and was deported to Germany in February 1949. PASCH advised that he has been in the Merchant Marine since that date.

PASCH stated that FRIEDRICH FELLEBERG, Burgemeister of a town in the Eastern Sector of Germany, had, on three (3) or four (4) occasions, the most recent being approximately three (3) years ago, offered him Five Hundred Thousand Marks to kidnap FNU/GEHLEN (Phonetic), a former German General and presently employed by the United States Government as a key intelligence official, and to turn him over to the Russians and if he could not capture GEHLEN, to kill him.

PASCH stated that while he was in Hamburg, Germany on approximately 15 February 1956, he visited the office of Arbeits Amt in an attempt to find out why he had not received his "unemployment money" for the past five (5) weeks. PASCH advised that he was referred to FNU/DZUBER who is the head of all the German employment agencies, namely, Arbeits Amt (Besenbenderhoff), Hamburg, Germany. PASCH stated that he was very surprised to see DZUBER because he had last seen him in prison. PASCH stated that DZUBER talked to him privately and asked him if he had been propositioned to kidnap GEHLEN and failing that, kill him. PASCH indicated that he had whereupon DZUBER asked him how much money FELLEBERG had offered him to do the job. PASCH stated that when he told DZUBER that he was offered Five Hundred Thousand Marks, DZUBER told him that the job now was worth Five Million Marks and was an easy way to be set for life. PASCH would be paid in American money and could live anywhere in the world. PASCH stated that DZUBER told him that the job would be easy because although GEHLEN is under heavy guard "they" ~~know~~ that he is in the habit of visiting a woman and at such times he is not under guard. PASCH advised that he told DZUBER that he was not interested; that he may be a crook but he didn't get mixed up in this type thing. PASCH advised that he asked DZUBER why he wanted him to do the job and DZUBER told him (PASCH) because he spoke good English, was educated in the United States and could get closer to GEHLEN than anyone else.

PASCH advised that both DZUBER and FELLEBERG told him that RICHARD ABES wanted to get GEHLEN and indicated to him (PASCH) that FELLEBERG and DZUBER were receiving their orders from WILLIAM CHAPES, however gave no details.

PASCH stated that FELLEBERG made numerous trips to Hamburg, Germany and that when he had last seen him, it was approximately three (3) years ago, in a bar in Hamburg.

PASCH advised that he got a job at the Shipping Agent's office in Hamburg, Germany on 27 February 1956 to work as a pumpman on the ship Febcal of Liberian Registry which was due into Bermuda on or about 2 March 1956. PASCH stated that he was furnished an airline ticket to Bermuda by the Shipping Agent in Hamburg and left Hamburg via Pan American Airlines on 29 February 1956 and arrived in New York at 1200 hours 1 March 1956. PASCH advised that he remained overnight at the Prince George Hotel on East 28th Street and left for Bermuda via Colonial Airlines, Friday, 2 March 1956, where he arrived at 1630 hours.

PASCH advised that he was in St. George, Bermuda, the night of 2 March 1956 and the above information was preying on his mind so he went to the St. George Police Station to see an American Intelligence Officer, however would not cooperate with him and some Air Policeman took him over to the base where he talked to a Captain (Captain JOHNSON). PASCH advised that he didn't tell anyone about this in Germany because he did not trust anyone.

Physical description of PASCH based on the undersigned's observations and information contained in PASCH'S passport is as follows:

Name: AUGUST WILHELM PASCH, alias FRED BAILEY
Date of Birth: 14 April 1913
Place of Birth: Krefeld, Rheinland, Germany
Race: Caucasian
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 152
Build: Heavy
Hair: Red with streaks of gray; widow's peak, combed straight back.
Complexion: Ruddy (red faced)
Eyes: Light blue; was not wearing glasses.
Occupation: Pumpman, Merchant Marine (oil tanker)
Speech: Speaks slightly broken English, German
Scars and Marks: Faded tattoo as follows:
On top of left hand has crossed flags, British flag on left, American flag on right, American spread eagle on right. Below flags on left wrist in English the sentence "My life for my country".

4. At the time the undersigned talked to PASCH he was not evasive and appeared to be truthful. PASCH advised that his employers know nothing of his past and requested that if they are contacted, that no mention of his past be made known to them nor the reason for their being contacted be made known to them. PASCH advised that he signed a one (1) year contract to work on the ship Febcal and he has been told that the ship's next port of call will be the West Indies. The undersigned advised PASCH that he may be contacted at a future date and he said that that would be perfectly all right.

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5. On 5 March 1956, ERNEST COOPER, Customs Officer, St. George, Bermuda, advised this office that PASCH arrived in Bermuda on Flight 100, Colonial Airlines from New York, passenger list No. 14 on 2 March 1956.

COOPER also advised that the Febcal arrived at the oil dock, St. George on 2 March 1956, discharged it's cargo to Esso Oil Company and left in ballast for Aruba, West Indies on 5 March 1956.

6. This memorandum is classified SECRET pursuant to the authority contained in AFR 205-1.

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Detachment Commander

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