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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Unilateral Penetration of the NPD

In early May 1967 ~~was~~ Werner Theodor GOETTSCH, a fifty-five year old resident of Kiel, approached an officer of the U. S. consulate in Hamburg stating that he was offered a fairly high position in West Germany's extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD). He stated, however, that while being convinced of the potential danger of the NPD, he was willing to join solely for the purpose of reporting to the Americans on the internal affairs of that party.

During this initial interview GOETTSCH readily admitted his ~~NAZI~~ Nazi past, his connections with Dr. Willi HOETTL (known intelligence swindler and possible RIS), and that during WW II was a member of the SCHELLENBERG group, and had contact with Mr. Allen DULLES in Switzerland. (This fact was made known to CI Staff, who in turn contacted Mr. DULLES for any interest he may have in this case. Mr. DULLES requested, and received, a copy of the U. S. Army interrogation report on GOETTSCH dated 24 July 1945.)

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A cautious approach has been taken in regard to the possible recruitment of GOETTSCH by Hamburg Base. He was under pre-trial investigation from 1963 until March 1967 by the Land Hamburg District Attorney for <sup>his involvement in the</sup> ~~assisting the late Alfred NAUJOCKS in 1935~~ ~~in~~ burning down <sup>of</sup> the illegal Black Front RADPD station in Czechoslovakia. <sup>10</sup> The case was closed without coming to trial. <sup>19</sup>

COS, Germany and Headquarters has endorsed Hamburg's cautious approach and have indicated an interest in GOETTSCH not only as a unilateral penetration of the NPD and/or various right-wing groups, but would be flexible enough over ~~an~~ a period of time, to go beyond the confines of any individual group. First, however, we must <sup>determine</sup> ~~ascertain~~ his emotional stability and reliability, and firmly establish his past Nazi activities, what crimes he may have committed, and likelihood of him coming to trial, while bearing in mind the ~~possibility~~ possibility of a provocation or swindle attempt.

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