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TO Chief of Station, Germany

DATE 25 OCT 56 11 32z

FROM Chief, EE

Info: COB, Bonn
CACROZE
COB, Frankfurt

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/CALL
SPECIFIC Political KEI's for West Germany

REFERENCE: ESQA-81840 []

ACTION REQUIRED: None

1. [] memorandum for the report on his conversations with @ Horn was read with great interest and given dissemination to the appropriate members of the Washington intelligence community.

2. The topics listed in the cable note to [] from [] appear to be quite suitable for discussion with an officer of @ Horn's position and background, and we agree that these topics are indeed of priority interest. It seems to us that [] did a very fine job obtaining the desired information.

3. As regards a listing of current KEI's for West Germany we will try to obtain such a listing in the near future. There is no such list now in existence. The Inter-Agency Priorities Committee (IPC) which is the established mechanism for the issuance of authoritative target lists has been devoting attention largely to the denied areas where Odyce of necessity has to rely on clandestine collection.

4. Pending the publication of formal requirements for West Germany, I believe we will not be far off our target if we concentrate on the following:

a. Plans and intentions of the Federal Republic in the field of foreign policy particularly as they may affect the Bonn Government's attitude toward U.S.-supported policies. FedRep relations with the Communist bloc.

b. Any indication of significant difference between the Bonn Government's intentions and their publicly stated policies. Lack of compliance with treaty obligations and the reasons for same.

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(Coordinating officer)

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c. Information on weaknesses or unusual strains threatening the stability of constitutional government in West Germany. Dangers to democracy.

d. Covert plans and policies of the major political parties, including information on behind-the-scenes maneuvers of their leading personalities.

e. Activities of the extreme right and the extreme left.

f. Information bearing on the security and reliability of the Federal Republic from the U.S. point of view; under this category we seek knowledge on infiltration or subversion of the Federal Republic by hostile elements, on the corruption, opportunism or hostility toward the West and in particular the U.S. on the part of key personnel whether on the Federal or Land level; drifts toward the East; illegal or clandestine connections of prominent personalities, etc.

g. Organization, personnel, plans, policies, capabilities and activities of the West German intelligence and security services.

h. Classified (covert) research and developmental activities in the scientific and technical field.

5. The above EKI's are not listed in any order of relative importance, nor should we concentrate on satisfying any one of them at the expense of the others. They are meant to serve as general guide lines for the direction of our clandestine collection effort in West Germany.

6. It is perhaps unnecessary to state that information obtained in the course of our activities should be reported regardless of their bearing on the above EKI's. There are many analysts in Washington and their appetite for information could never be satisfied. Therefore additional morsels will always be welcome. However, because of the limited resources available for KUDOVE collection we cannot organize the collection effort primarily on basis of what is welcomed by the analysts since experience shows that everything is appreciated, partly because few people here read the German press. In their "post mortems" KUJAZZ has stated repeatedly that information needs on Western Europe can be satisfied to a large extent through the efficient collation and analysis of the large masses of available overt information. We are inclined to agree with that, and

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