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TO:

FROM: DIRECTOR, CIA

SR. REP BERLIN

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FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF INFO FURNISHED BY [] SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE

VAN HAERSOLTE. LATER CONFIRMED BY [] AND SECRETARY OF []

2. IN SUMMER 1951 KIRVIES ENGAGED IN ESTABLISHING DREHSCHETBE
USING FIRM OF INDUSTRIE G.M.B.H., BONN, OWNED AND OPERATED BY ONE
SCHIERBERG. BERLIN REPRESENTATIVE OF FIRM WAS ROBERT BARON VAN
HAERSOLTE VAN DEN DOORN WHO RESIDENT WEST BERLIN SINCE 20 JUNE 1945.
IN WINTER 1951 AND BEGINNING 1952 INDUSTRIE G.M.B.H. HAD CONTRACT
WITH DEUTSCHE WARENVERTRIEBGESELLSCHAFT, EAST BERLIN, CONCERNING SALE
OF LARGE POTASH SHIPMENT. FAILURE TO DELIVER ON PART OF DWV CAUSED
INDUSTRIE G.M.B.H. TO SUE. DIRECTOR OF DWV THEN AND TODAY ONE FNU NEUN,
WHO DEALT PRIMARILY WITH VAN HAERSOLTE. FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO BOTH
OUR SOURCES SCHIERBERG HAD TO LEAVE SUDDENLY AND ESTABLISHED OVERSEAS
CHEMICAL COOPERATION LUGANO. THIS FIRM REPORTED TO BE UNDER SPONSORSHIP

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OF WELL-KNOWN SWISS PUBLIC FIGURE, ALLEGED TO BE FORMER DIRECTOR SWISS NATL BANK. SCHIERBERG ACTUAL MANIPULATOR OF ALL BUSINESS. VAN HAERSOLTE REMAINED IN TOUCH WITH SCHIERBERG. IN FALL OF 52 HE BECAME OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF OVERSEAS CHEMICAL IN BERLIN ALONG-SIDE SCHNEIDER WHO HAD HELD THAT POSITION PRIOR TO THIS DATE.

3. SCHNEIDER LIVED IN APARTMENT OF VAN HAERSOLTE. AS EARLY AS 1949 SCHNEIDER USED ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO WHICH LATER TURNED OUT TO BE VAN HAERSOLTE'S.

4. [] CERTAIN THAT ALL DREHSCHLEIBE PERSONNEL KNEW VAN HAERSOLTE AND SCHNEIDER. THIS INCLUDES DR. HOFFMANN, KIRWES, HOEHER, SCHIERBERG.

5. JANUARY 1953 SCHNEIDER ALLEGEDLY LEFT FIRM AND REPRESENTATION HANDLED BY HAERSOLTE ALONE. HAERSOLTE RECEIVES SALARY OF DMW 475 PER MONTH FROM OVERSEAS CHEMICAL. JUST BEFORE ALLEGED KIDNAPING OF HOEHER HAERSOLTE WENT TO SWITZERLAND WHERE HE WAS AT TIME OF KIDNAPING. UPON RETURN HE TOLD [] THAT OVERSEAS CHEMICAL WAS SUING DWV FOR MORE THAN 2 MILLION DMW. SCHNEIDER ALLEGEDLY WAS IN POSSESSION OF DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD GIVE CASE FAVORABLE TURN FOR OVERSEAS CHEMICAL. SCHNEIDER ALLEGEDLY HAD DEPOSITED DOCUMENTS WITH HOEHER WHO WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD THEM IN HIS POSSESSION AT TIME OF

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KIDNAPPING. HAERSOLTE CONVINCED THAT KIDNAPPING WAS DONE TO GET DOCUMENTS. SCHNEIDER ALLEGED TO HAVE ARRANGED THAT HOEHER HAD DOCUMENTS ON HIM TIME OF KIDNAPPING. THIS QUITE LIKELY SINCE SCHNEIDER SLATED TO BE STAR WITNESS FOR DWV AGAINST HIS FORMER EMPLOYER. HAERSOLTE LATER AMENDED THIS VERSION (HIS ORIGINAL STATEMENT) BY SAYING THAT SCHNEIDER ONLY DEPOSITED PAPERS WITH HOEHER. HAERSOLTE CLAIMS SCHNEIDER WAS SEEN IN BRUSSELS 10 DAYS AFTER KIDNAPPING.

6. ON 8 MARCH HAERSOLTE STATED THAT SCHNEIDER HAD REAPPEARED IN WEST BERLIN AND HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY W. BRLN POLICE. WE ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM.

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