

# OFFICIAL DISPATCH

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DISPATCH NO. EOON-5194

CLASSIFICATION

TO : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt  
Attn: Pallasch  
FROM : Chief, IE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational  
SPECIFIC - V-2998

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE/METHOD/EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2006

REF : MEA-685

1. V-2998 is identical with CATALAN, a former source of BOB. CATALAN's PBO Part I was transmitted in MEA-6702 of 21 August 1948. He was to be used to furnish political intelligence. MEA-7096 of 18 January 1951 reported that CATALAN had been dropped because he was either a fraud or a Russian controlled agent. CATALAN furnished reports which were never too specific, which could hardly ever be checked for accuracy and which were on too high a level to be accessible to a man of CATALAN's status. He was asked to supply documentary proof of his statements or at least permit BOB to interview some of his sub-sources. CATALAN never complied with BOB's request.

2. The only other pertinent information here on CATALAN is the inclusion of a person with a similar name (no location given) in a dropped agents list forwarded with MEA-8042 of 3 May 1949. This person was dropped for ineptitude by an unknown agency on 1 June 1948.

3. Undoubtedly V-2998, after his arrest, gave the RIB the name of V-2996, his case officer, and this, in turn, was one of the reasons why V-2996 was later kidnapped. It also seems possible that V-2998 could have been in contact with the RIB for some time before his disappearance. Possibly the current investigation of V-2996's abduction may shed some light on V-2998's fate and loyalties.

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Orig 16 March 1953

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