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Operational/Call/Task

Elfriede PAPPOTTA

REF: EGLA-7158 (ref to SOS), EGLA-7243

Deadline:	26 JAN	AM 0800
Hq Acuba Req.	by cable	
See para .....	by pouch	
INFO 1 - SOS, BE		
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1. We have definitely confirmed from ZIPPER that the PAPPOTTA accused by Wolfgang BOHNER as being a Soviet agent (see EGLA-7158) is definitely identical with JAMES agent V-2993.1, identified as Elfriede PAPPOTTA, SCIS secretary.

2. This identification may have security implications more direct and far-reaching than the matter mentioned in EGLA-7243 since PAPPOTTA, in her position as SCIS secretary, may have wide access to SCIS business. It cannot be assumed until determined otherwise that the source of any western intelligence agency information from Berlin Police Abteilung V through SCIS to Public Safety for identification and return to employing agency may come to the attention of PAPPOTTA. We do not know what other capabilities may be involved, as we are not fully informed concerning SCIS functions.

3. We have asked ZIPPER to determine immediately through BOHNER what information is available to PAPPOTTA. Meanwhile, in order to obtain an independent estimate of the situation, perhaps SOS has some way to obtain background data discreetly on PAPPOTTA, and information concerning her official duties. Immediate CIS coverage would appear to be in order, though it is not definite whether PAPPOTTA has a telephone (the 1953 phone book does not list any). We ask that no specific action be taken which might come to ZIPPER's attention without US coordination. On the sole basis of BOHNER's accusation, ZIPPER does not want to be responsible for having PAPPOTTA dismissed. However, SOS believes that even though no further evidence could be obtained, in view of the apparently critical spot PAPPOTTA is in, we would be justified in insisting at a minimum that she be transferred to a non-commissive slot. Could SOS arrange this? Please let us have your comments soonest.

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