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1. We have received a copy of a report number 1311 dated 21 December 1954, written by Alexander F. KIEFER, Chief Eastern Economic Relations Division of HICOG, Bonn, concerning the activities of Transmichon, Zurich and Claude M. BOLLAS. Included in the report is an "unofficial translation" of an undated and unidentified memorandum in French, located in HICOG records, which presumably came from French intelligence sources, which is extracted below for Headquarters' information:

"At the commercial and industrial fair of Leipzig, the firm Sylvain BOLLAS - of the Swiss Consortium of Watch factories" of Geneva had an exhibition stand constantly occupied by Claude BOLLAS and KIRVES, who carried out certain commercial transactions on the account of the DDR, outside their official attributions:

Purchase from Gile of 5,000 tons of electrolytic copper at the price of \$285 U.S. per ton cif Eastock or another port of the DDR.

Purchase in Spain of 1200 tons of electrolytic lead at the price of \$100 U.S. per ton cif Eastock or another port of the DDR (payment in cash).

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"These operations, which have a legal character, will be carried out through the intermediary of the Swiss firm W. & A. of Geneva, which will act in transit covers. The suppliers will carry out their exports for destination Switzerland (S). In these transactions, the firm W. & A. will realize a profit of 15 Swiss dollars per ton by serving as intermediary for the DDR."

2. We believe the (fnu) alias of the above report to be identical with the Horst KLAVAS who was employed in the WZB of WZB, and who was responsible for the abduction of Wolfgang MOHRER from West Berlin in early 1953. Since his release from WZB in August 1953, we have known little if anything about his whereabouts except for the following reports: (a) Bonn-23 report, Bonn-1071, that subject "formerly with the WZB Central Commercial Dept., left his job at WZB in the summer of 1953 and reportedly went to work for a Swiss trading firm in East Berlin". (b) The WZB report of 20 November 1953 covering the debriefing of KUNDE, indicates that source had no further information concerning KLAVAS, following the latter's departure from WZB, but that as of September 1953 subject still could be seen driving around East Berlin in a large car. (c) Another WZB report of 23 November 1953, covering the debriefing of Dr. HENSEL of the WZB Legal Section, contained the following information concerning subject's date of Infot October 1953.

"KLAVAS frequently used to be in West Germany. KLAVAS reported sick six months ago (March 1953) and informant in his capacity of Welfare Officer, made enquiries after a considerable time as to how long KLAVAS would be out of action. He (informant) found KLAVAS to all appearance in the best of health, and was told by KLAVAS not to pursue his enquiries. In August 1953 KLAVAS gave notice, and his present whereabouts are unknown. Personally KLAVAS was a highly enterprising, and intelligent man, non-party, and took many liberties with apparent impunity."

(d) Bonn-6547, of 1 September 1953, Date of Infot 1950-March 1954, Evaluation U-3, reported that subject was at WZB from before 1950 until Spring 1953, when he resigned voluntarily, reportedly to accept a better-paying position elsewhere. After he left WZB he still appeared to have dealings with the WZB organization as he was seen on WZB premises both at Askania Haus in Weissensee and in the Walter Allee buildings in Karlshorst.

3. If we can establish a positive identification of subject with the individual who is affiliated with Claude A. NOLAN, who has offices at Berlin NW 7, Friedrichstrasse 113a, we may have uncovered a very interesting and operationally significant channel of Soviet procurement, with particular reference to their AK requirements. It is requested that the WZB station or COK procure for us the additional referenced Bonn NIGAU dispatches for the report reference in paragraph 1 above, which consist of the following: Bonn-D-1022 and D-1023 of 15 November 1954 and Bonn-U-1078 of 19 November 1954. It is requested that FOS inform us of any additional background information they may have available on the Claude A. NOLAN firm and on subject, concerning involvement in procurement for the Soviets, and any continuing interest which may exist in having us attempt coverage of this firm via WZB operations.

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