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ATOM BOMB EXPLOSION PLANS - THE OPPOSITION SERVICES.

Synopsis of Events: UPSWING has a double-agent ~~who came to work~~ ^{who} ~~was in contact~~, apparently for the MIS ~~source~~ ^{source} ~~Mr. Muench~~ ^{Mr. Muench} ~~or, am Messerschmidt~~. Messerschmidt was allegedly instructed by the ~~MI~~ through Muecher, to check up on Wolfgang MUECHER, who is an employee in logistics at the now German controlled (but still US AF watched) Erding Airbase.

A handle developed between PALL and FRAN, on the point that, if we trace MUECHER with OSI, the OSI will want full details, probably from Muench, which would blow UPSWING up.

UPSWING in the meantime obtained permission for Messerschmidt to pass build-up on ~~MI~~ ^{MI} ~~to Muench~~ ^{to Muench} ~~by the name of~~ ^{by the name of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~MI~~ ^{MI} ~~source~~ ^{source} ~~Mr. Muench~~ ^{Mr. Muench} ~~or, am Messerschmidt~~ ^{or, am Messerschmidt}.

In the course of the PALL negotiations with the A-2 officer in the Munich area, a former ~~MI~~ ^{MI} ~~man~~ ^{man} ~~named~~ ^{named} ~~J~~ ^J told the CIA man, pseud ~~name~~ ^{name} that Air Force H & Wiesbaden had information that an East German service had recruited an employee at ERDING. At a certain time, the Erding employee would be introduced to three other Erding employees already recruited by the hostile service who in some manner were to be instrumental in a picnic when bombs said to be held by the Americans at Bisburg. The person recruited reported his recruitment to OSI. "The obvious conclusion is that Erding is an important MIS (and/or ~~consultant~~ XIX) target and the OSI is busy at work." This last piece of information came in here in ENLA 24970 dated 10 September, 1957, 5 days after the interview with YULL.

A Fran cable (0895) dated 29 August 1957 stated among other things that the OSI HQ chief had spent a lot of time at Fran recently ~~at~~ on his burning interest in anti-sabotage operations.... Presumably this was the result of his discovery of the bomb plot...

Now, it is clear that the interest of the reporting parties at this point is focussed on the question of how to trace Muench and protect the UPSWING operation and that it has been pretty well lost sight of that there is an absolutely devastating enemy op in progress to blow up an atom bomb. The repercussions of such an "accident" as blowing up sitting, where apparently the bombs are stored, could be catastrophic.

It seems to me that EE/Division is, with its field components, the proper organization to do full traces on the unidentified employee who turned himself in at Erding. So far as I know, we do not know who this man is, although it is not impossible that OSI has used the buried name technique in asking us for traces. For that matter, some 70 ~~unidentified~~ armed forces trace requests ~~pass us~~ ^{pass us} entirely, as they land in RI/Corresp through RI/Source control.... so that a very routine check might have been conducted on a man on whom a crash tracing program would have been called for. At this point a DDP routine trace action does not amount to much.

The matter was discussed with ~~CI~~ ^{CI} ~~and later~~ ^{and later} ~~CI~~ ^{CI} ~~and a cable~~ ^{and a cable} ~~was drafted.~~ ^{was drafted.}

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