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SUBJECT: Proposed CSR Net
TO : Chief, CIC, Land Salzburg Sub-Detachment
APO 541, US Army

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1. Reference is made to IRC, Hq, 430th CIC Det., dated 31 January 1950, Subject: "Proposed CSR Net"; IRS, Hq 430th CIC Det., dated 9 February 1950, Subject: "USSR - Klopitok Airdrome and 21st Separate Regiment"; and Disposition Form, OSDI (Ops), dated 6 February 1950, Subject: "CIC Report S-6007, Subject: 'USSR - Klopitok Airdrome and 21st Separate Regiment'".

2. Subject net was tested over a long period and found wanting. Numerous reports were submitted and local research determined them to be so general and inaccurate that they were adjudged unworthy of distribution. Several of the more complete ones were disseminated for evaluation purposes, among which was the DCI, Land Salzburg Sub-Detachment (Ref. No. S-6007), which was subsequently reported to have been received by the FIS as well. Direct liaison and checking with CIC, Land Upper Austria Sub-Detachment, determined that they were receiving reports that were amazingly similar, if not exactly like, those received in Salzburg.

3. Informant 3142, main cut-out for the proposed net, was contacted and the matter discussed with him. Thereupon, SWORQDA Miles, ex-TIB operative and key operative of the Czech net, was called in for an explanation. SWORQDA expressed surprise and denied that he had been peddling his information elsewhere. He also denied that he had been in contact with one WALTER Hans, through whom, it had been suspected, the duplicate reports were submitted to CIC, Upper Austria. SWORQDA, who seemed sincere, did not attempt to refute the conjecture that members of his net might have been doubling and making other arrangements unknown to him. The conjecture that ROETTE Willi was cutting

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into the chain of operatives known to him as well as SWOBODA was advanced and considered a possibility. However, SWOBODA denied any knowledge of such an occurrence and, in fact, vowed that he would never again knowingly have anything to do with Willi. When confronted with some features of the duplications, he readily admitted that they appeared to have stemmed from the same source but could not explain how it could have occurred. Subsequent checks made with SWOBODA and WAGNER elicited no satisfactory explanations, whereupon the entire proposed Czech net, complete with its alleged USSR and Hungarian branches, was dropped because of general unreliability.

4. Informant 3142 agreed that it was useless to continue contact with SWOBODA and WAGNER. It is the opinion of the undersigned that Informant 3142, himself, was acting in good faith when he offered the Czech net for exploitation. Informant was approached by SWOBODA, of whom he knew little or nothing, and was impressed at what seemed a rather extensive network into the CBR. Informant has also severed his connections with SWOBODA and WAGNER. He has been retained as a registered informant of this Sub-Detachment because it is believed that he can be successfully exploited for CI matters. He is not in contact with any other intelligence agency except the budding Austrian Abwehr. It is for this reason that he has been retained.

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