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DATE: 28 MAY 1955

TO: Chief, EE
FROM: Chief of Base, Pullach
SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational/ZIPPER

INFO: COS

SUBJEC: Franz Josef Ritter von Hentschel von GILGENHEIM
REF: ECOW 1761

1. According to ZIPPER who was queried on Subject, von GILGENHEIM is a former lieutenant colonel residing at Munich 19, Lappadistr. 12/II. According to a 1952 report he is the second chairman of the "Gesellschaft fuer Politik". In a December 1953 report Subject sent out invitations for a meeting of the "Tafelrunde" on 7 December 1953 at which Dr. Hinmar SCHMIDT would speak. Finally in a ZIPPER report of May 1954, Subject is reported active for the firm EGYTRON which has offices in Rome, Cairo, Munich, Berlin and Dusseldorf. EGYTRON is in contact with the firms WILS & CO., Munich 13, Turkenstr. which is engaged in wholesale exports to the south. Subject is believed to have functions as a courier between Rome, Paris and Munich for the firm KUEHLER & REINER, transport agents, Munich, Schwanthalerstr. 10a. Subject is a personal friend of Hermann GRILLER (born 2 April 1910 and residing Kricheldorf a.d. Krems, Austria) who pretends to be a lawyer but really is not.

2. ZIPPER states that Subject is not and never has been in contact with them and they have no information of a connection by Subject with STAFNER, KIRWAYR or FREYBORN. ZIPPER has no further information on Hermann GRILLER or the above named firms.

3. The above information is from ZIPPER Headquarters' files in response to a routine IOB name trace. IOB received no response to the question put to ZIPPER with this trace request that Subject might possibly be using ZIPPER as cover for activities on behalf of Wilhelm KOETTL in view of the fact that KIRWAYR and FREYBORN are old contacts of KOETTL. Actually ZIPPER's name trace section is in no position to answer such a question, but this makes interesting speculation. IOB does not intend to pursue the matter further unless Headquarters indicates otherwise. Any further information on Subject's activities would, of course, be welcomed here. Please note the corrected spelling of Subject's surname with an "H" instead of "R".

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