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The Secretary of State Attention: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey Director, Office of Security

FROM:

Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: HUEER, Franz

1. Reference is made to your SY memorandum VO/671, dated 1 July 1957, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office. The files contain the following information concerning an individual who is probably identical with the subject of your request.

- 2. A report dated 2 February 1953, from an official British source indicated that Franz Paul HUBER, representative of the AGFA Kameraverk, was born 6 April 1912 in Munich, Germany. In 1953 he was reported to be in Hong Kong. He was believed to be identical with Franz HUBER, a former Gestapo major who served in the Far East from 1938-1945, and who, while Police Attache in Shanghai, China, from 1942-1945, was reported to have specialized in counter-Soviet intelligence (sic).
- 3. A report dated 24 October 1945, from a source who was considered fairly reliable, containing information appraised as possibly true, indicated that one HUHER, probably identical with the Franz Paul HUHER mentioned in paragraph 2 above, was the German Police Attache and Mazi Standard Leader in Shanghai, China. The exact time of HUHER's arrival in the Far East was not known, but it was known that he was operating as an agent in Bangkok, Thailand, prior to going to China, probably in July 1942. It was believed that he was connected with the Gestapo, rather than with the Abwehr. After the surrender of Germany, HUHER remained active at the German Embassy as Police Attache, and was known to be working actively for the Japanese. There was no knowledge that HUHER was engaged in espionage work, although there seemed to be a possibility that he was. HUHER probably carried on propaganda work for the Japanese, and it was believed that he was connected with the Japanese Secret Service.
- 4. A report dated 7 October 1945, from the files of a predecessor organization, indicated that Police Attache HUBER became a member of the

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German Shanghai Office in accordance with instructions from Berlin during 1943. He was classified as "Special Attache". The jurisdiction of the Police Attache was not clearly defined; however, within the sphere of this office came the problems of eligibility for German citizenship, the issue of German immigrants, information and investigation of opponents to the Hitler regime in China within and without the German colony, and responsibility for Communist intelligence. HUBER's main interest was intelligence on Soviet Russia. The extent of his cooperation and liaison with the Japanese was not known.

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