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 SECURITY INFORMATION
 MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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1. CRYPTONYM <u>KMMANLY</u>		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH <u>EE-3</u>	3. COUNTRY(S) <u>Germany</u>	4. ESTIMATED COMPLETION PERCENT DATE	
5. PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC <input type="checkbox"/> PARAMILITARY		DOCUMENT REPORT		NO CHANGE IN CLASS. <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. FINANCIAL MECHANISM <input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY <input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY		PURCHASE OF SERVICES		CLASS. CHANGED TO: <u>TS</u>	
7. PHASE <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING		NEXT REVIEW DATE:		AUTH. <u>HP 70</u> TERMINATED	
8. FUNDING		DATE: <u>1989</u>		REVIEWER: <u>[]</u>	
FY ALLOTMENTS TOTAL TO DATE	OBLIGATIONS CURRENT MONTH	FY OBLIGATIONS CUMUL. TO DATE	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE		

9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER <u>[]</u>	ROOM NO. <u>K2005</u>	EXTENSION <u>3303</u>	SIGNATURE <u>JRM</u>
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10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

a. (1) Four issues of the Deutsche Soldaten Zeitung (German Soldiers' Newspaper) (DSZ) appeared during the reporting period, averaging approximately 34,000 copies per issue. As of October 15, the DSZ has 2,750 regular subscribers, 29,244 copies are sold by the wholesale news distributors (including newspaper stands), and 2,000 copies are sent free through the mails. 2,845 copies are now being taken in Austria. As of Issue No. 18 (4 October 1951), no further copies have been sent to the Saar district because of previous confiscations of the paper by the authorities. This has been challenged by the publishers as well as by the German newspaper guild but, to date, no official ruling has been obtained. An article, in the form of an open letter to the Saar government and severely criticizing its action, is printed in the 18 October issue.

A periodic analysis of the paper's editorial policy indicates continued, interesting, and clever support of Western policy. There are, inter alia, two major lines which appear in every issue: the first concern German military personnel still in Allied hands. Using quotations made by the Allied Powers of World War II, the editors repeat statements to the effect that no war crimes charge could be brought against a soldier or officer who proved that he was acting in accordance with orders. This line is always carried out cleverly, convincingly and unobjectionably. The second line contains very persuasive anti-Communist propaganda. A series, entitled "The Red Sphinx," on the strength, aggressiveness, preparedness, etc., of Soviet Russia is now in the tenth installment. Of the many German post-war books, the DSZ has picked a historical novel about the Cossack divisions once under German command for serialization. The sixth installment is now completed. Apparently, very clearheaded reasoning is indicated by this choice: the Cossack experiment was about the only bright spot in the sad story of Hitler's failure to exploit existing anti-Communist sentiment in Russia. The editor thereby subtly points up the moral that Russian manpower can and must be utilized against Stalin in the event of open war with the U.S.S.R.

(2) A project amendment proposing augmented OPC activity in German veterans' affairs, has been submitted. Since veteran opinion on the German rearmament question is considered significant, since German veterans represent the nucleus of a future German army, and further, since existing organizations are likely to gravitate toward extremism, it is felt that OPC must attempt to gain a greater degree of influence over the rapidly coalescing veterans' groups in West Germany. (over)

The proposal proposes that German veterans groups be utilized, either directly or through publications and other suitable media, as influential instruments in the achievement of Western policy objectives. Specifically, the groups would be:

(a) induced actively to support Germany's participation in Western defense;

(b) encouraged to influence German ex-soldiers and German public opinion in general in favor of democratic ideals and objectives and of the aims of U.S. foreign policy;

(c) used for resistance and stay-behind operations, whether directly or as recruiting grounds, in line with general OPC plans and operations in this field.

(3) In dealing with veterans' organizations, OPC was faced with a policy decision on the matter of the 1944 revolt against Hitler by a group of German soldiers. Although the plotters' action was laudable, the field could not, under present circumstances, advocate a breach of military discipline. Nor could OPC endorse the extreme rightists who are once again attempting to build up the legend that the German army was not beaten at the front but by a "stab-in-the-back." Accordingly, and in order to confuse the issue, a campaign has been undertaken to disassociate "German military honor" from the Nazi regime. Publicity will be given to prominent German soldiers who, during the third Reich, found themselves demoted, in concentration camps, and otherwise persecuted.

(4) "Europäische Sicherheit," (European Security) a magazine devoted to military science and printed by a well known military publishing house, has received OPC financial support for its fourth and fifth issues. It supports, as a primary aim of its editorial policy, the active participation of Western Germany in European unification and preparation for defense against the Soviets. Financial aid was extended largely to keep the magazine alive. Issue No. 4 was printed in 4,000 copies and No. 5 in 2,200 copies. Because of a lack of funds, no advertising whatever was undertaken by the publishing house. This, according to the publisher, is the sole reason for the small sales to date.

b. The preparation of a master project (HTANGÉRD) has been initiated in order to put OPC operations in the field of German veterans' affairs on a clearly defined and more permanent basis. It is contemplated that this master project will embrace as sub-projects those OPC activities which are at present being conducted under KMMANLY and those which are now being developed.