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U.S. Contact to Identity

Reference: A. ECIA-23411  
B. FBI-L-7412, 29 April 1957  
C. VIEN-0046, 1 May 1957

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1. In accordance with Reference C, we transmitted to U.S. PROVING the information contained in VIEN-001 of 6 December 1954 regarding the messages which at that time attached to V-14802. In subsequent conversation with COMINTSAR of the U.S. PROVING Soviet Operations Section, it was mentioned that V-14802 originated and currently maintains the U.S. PROVING contact to Identity. *Informant* In answer to our query, COMINTSAR stated that Identity is the only contact held by V-14802 to the Soviet Trade Delegation in Vienna.

2. Although the following is necessarily supposition on our part, it may be assumed that the contact to Identity was established by V-14802 on behalf of Blumenthal 2 which, in its efforts against the PTD, Vienna, came under the supervision of the Soviet Operations Section at U.S. PROVING Headquarters level. (This Section would not necessarily have known of the contacts concerning V-14802 expressed in December 1954 to the Satellite Operations Section). COMINTSAR stated, in the conversation cited in paragraph one above, that his request for traces on V-14802, forwarded in Reference B, was based on information regarding Identity reported by V-14802 which conflicted with personality data contained in the Bureau 100 report mentioned in Reference 1. In the latter compilation, Identity is described as speaking very good German, while V-14802 has consistently reported Identity as incapable of speaking German and bad. For this reason, reported that U.S. PROVING put a Russian-speaker and economic expert in touch with Identity. COMINTSAR said that the conflicting reports plus the request for another contact to Identity had caused him to check with the U.S. PROVING Satellite Section on the

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past record of V-14802; presumably, the disclosure of the information reported in November 1954 had caused SCIAF to request clarification of our doubts and my recent pertinent information on V-14802.

3. On 23 May 1957, [ ] learned from G-2 of the USSTIC Berlin Task that V-14802 is still in contact with Identity but that the entire operation is isolated from other operations directed against the FRG, Vienna, by USSTIC's Buero Beiria, which, in turn, is guided in this effort by the Soviet Operations section. This information tends to confirm SCIAF's statement that V-14802 is still in touch with Identity but that all information reported by V-14802 is checked carefully against data recovered by Buero Beiria sources. USSTIC also indicated that USSTIC is permitting the contact to continue pending an attempted investigation of V-14802. SCIAF further informed Vilhelm on 23 May that V-14802 has recently asked Dienststelle 2 to provide him with commercial cover; USSTIC suspected that this request indicates a desire on the part of V-14802 for financial security, but it may, if V-14802 is a penetration of Dienststelle 2, represent an attempt to probe USSTIC's support and cover facilities.

3. We shall report further on this case as information becomes available from USSTIC.

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