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SUBJECT UPHILL Bruno Peter /von/ *KLEIST, DOB 29 January 1904							
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REFERENCE(S)

1. During the last contact meetings with C [] asked C [] if she had any pre-war or war acquaintances of German, Baltic, Swedish or any other nationality who might have had clandestine contacts with the Soviets in the past. The point was raised to bring out any useful information pertinent to the current investigations into the C [] cases in Sweden. C [] stated then that she could think only of one personality who had quite recently and unexpectedly made his reappearance in Stockholm, approximately in the beginning of June, had looked her up, and had asked her questions which indicated clearly that he was interested in obtaining information on the GDR Travel and Tourist office in Stockholm, on the GDR Railroad Representative here, and on the general possibilities of inducing defections of GDR citizens via Sweden. C [] identified him as

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Bruno Peter /von/ *KLEIST, age 57-58, a former high official, possibly a "Ministerialrat" of the Nazi German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who had been involved in secret negotiations with the Latvian government in 1939-1940 prior to the occupation of the Baltic by the Soviets in 1940 and who had played some part in secret talks aiming at terminating Soviet-German hostilities through Swedish or Soviet contacts in Stockholm in 1945. Now residing at or in the vicinity of Munich and allegedly engaged in writing books or memoirs. > REPORT OF KLEIST'S ACTIVITIES <

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2. C [] provided the following additional information on Subject:

a. C [] encountered him for the first time in 1939, when the former Latvian Minister of Foreign Affairs, MUNKERS, arranged to meet KLEIST in conditions of secrecy in the home of C [] former husband who was a close collaborator and confidant of MUNKERS. As much as C [] can recollect at this stage, the secret negotiations at that time concerned a possible military assistance by Germany to Latvia if the Soviets should attack the Baltic area. Already at that time, KLEIST seemed to have a solid knowledge of East-European and Soviet affairs and areas.

b. C [] saw Subject again in Berlin in 1940, when she came to Germany as a refugee from Soviet-occupied Latvia and needed some help in her re-settlement. She contacted KLEIST at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1945 it was actually with KLEIST's help that C [] succeeded to establish contact with influential Swedish figures and obtain a permit to leave Berlin and come to Sweden in the last weeks of the war in 1945. According to C [] KLEIST had many good friends among the Swedish government circles, knew Folke BERNADOTTE as a personal friend, and had helped many anti-Nazi Germans and people with Jewish ancestry to get out of Germany semi-legally.

c. In the last period of the war KLEIST conducted or was involved in secret peace negotiations with the Soviets in Stockholm, possibly directly or through Swedish intermediaries. He and his wife, Erika, whom he later divorced and who had been actually a closer friend of C [] than himself, found themselves in Sweden when Germany capitulated. After a certain period KLEIST was sent back to Germany, while his wife remained in Sweden, divorced Subject, remarried, and eventually became a Swedish citizen, though later she too returned to Germany, where she resides now. During the de-Nazification period, KLEIST was apparently cleared and was not, to C [] knowledge, prosecuted or imprisoned. C [] has no specific knowledge of his life and activities in the post-war period up to now. She had not seen him again until the beginning of June of this year.

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d. Some time back in the more distant past, Erika KLEIST relayed to [] from her husband that [] should be extremely careful if she ever ran in Stockholm into one Edward KLAUS, whom KLEIST characterized as a "very dangerous man," implying that he had strange contact with the Soviets and with other intelligence services. Some years ago, possibly in 1950 (but precise date not remembered), [] read in the newspapers that a man by this name had been found murdered in a Stockholm hotel.

e. [] was extremely surprised when KLEIST reappeared in Stockholm and contacted her. Though she owed him considerable gratitude for his assistance in the past, there had been no contact or correspondence between them in the last years. Through his former wife KLEIST could obviously have been informed of [] current work and address; a personal visit would have been quite normal and natural, but [] sensed that he looked her up for some ulterior purposes and that his questions concerning the GDR travel representative, the GDR Railroad representative in Stockholm, and the other rather frank questions about possibilities of inducing defections of GDR citizens, were clearly designed to assess her knowledgeability on the matter and possibly also to gauge her willingness to assist KLEIST in his plans. KLEIST did not ask her any questions concerning her business contacts with the Soviets and did not display a special interest in them. He did not explain whether his interest was of a personal nature and of course did not mention or identify any organization as supporting him. In view of her contact with us, [] did not supply KLEIST with any significant information and did not show any inclination of assisting him in any way. He departed without making any arrangements to see [] again. During their talks he mentioned to [] that KLAUS' murder must have been engineered by the Soviets.

f. [] added to her account that until [] questions about personalities with previous Soviet contacts she had not assigned a particular significance to the matter. Furthermore, since KLEIST had helped her so much in the past, she really was reluctant to point him out as a man with possible Soviet contact, but once the question came up, she felt dutybound to name him, because he was certainly a man who could shed some light on clandestine wartime contacts between Germans and Soviets.

3. In checking out [] information, we found that the [] files containing more specific data on both Bruno Peter KLEIST (file Inf. 99) and Edward Edgar KLAUS (file Inf. 88) were sent to Headquarters in 1957-58. The resumes of the files still available here in File 67-5-0 ("Foreign Intelligence Services -Sweden"), formerly 110-9-A have the following entries:

a. "Bruno Peter KLEIST, b. 29 January 1904, studies law at University of Berlin, had knowledge of Poland, the Baltic States and Sweden derived from his period of domicile in each area; he was instrumental in the termination of Soviet-German hostilities through contact with the Russians. He appeared also to have played no small part in the eventual liberation of many hundreds of people interned in Germany.

b. (Dr) Edward Edgar KLAUS, b. in ^{RCS} Riga, Latvia, ^{DOB} 27 October 1897, Germany citizen. In 1944 was an employee of the German Legation in Stockholm, worked for the Gestapo. He was not a Nazi himself but suspicion pointed to the possibility of his being an Abwehr employee in Stockholm. Prior to Stockholm he was at the Danish Consulate at Riga; according to the British, he tried to find out about the British espionage in Sweden.

A [] file card on KLAUS OSCHOENEMANN states he was an expert provocateur; Russian expert provocateur; Russian expert, connected with film industry - had dealings with all Jews. Attempted penetration S.I.S. (RIS) through Dr. Felix NIEBUHR (1941). An entry dated 21 July 1943 identified him as a German subject, born in Riga, in Stockholm since April 1941. Professed to be disloyal to Germany to collect information, spread German propaganda.

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4. In view of KLEIST's varigated background, current reappearance in Stockholm, and contact with [C], we would like to receive from Headquarters and the addressees of this dispatch full traces and data on KLEIST and on his Stockholm war-time contacts and activities. We would be also interested in hearing if at the present time KLEIST is connected with or working for any branch of the GIS. If this is known to be the case, we wonder if the actual target of his activities in Stockholm at the present time is in fact identical with the one he so frankly revealed to [C] or should possibly be sought among the Soviets. Our prime interest is of course in KLEIST's possible value as a source of information that might be useful for further [C] investigations.

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