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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/CALL/TP&TITLE

SPECIFIC— *Dr. Herbert Kortum*
Identity-1 and Identity-2 — *Dr. Wilhelm Kaemmerer*

REF: A. ECBA-22366
B. EGB-8936

1. The following information was recently obtained from [] and has been confirmed by a big spread in Neues Deutschland, issue of 7 October 1955:

Identity-1 and Identity-2 have been awarded the National Prize, Second Class, and a corresponding award of 50,000 DM for their speedy development and construction of a new digital relay program-controlled computer which permits the rapid carrying out of extremely complicated calculations for optical systems (details concerning this computer have already been disseminated in references "A" and "B"). The monies of this award will be evenly divided with 25,000 DM going to each recipient of the award.

2. Both Subjects at the present time have no plans for defecting to West Germany. Unless the situation at Identity-1 changes much more radically than can normally be expected, it probably will be impossible to persuade Identity-1, who is a priority "A" DRAGON, or Identity-2, who is a priority "B" DRAGON, for the indications given below:

a. Identity-1, even prior to receiving the above-mentioned award, was very satisfied with his personal situation at the target enterprise and his wide scope of authority and responsibility. In addition, he has a long history as an SS officer under the Nazi regime and has misgivings about coming West for fear of possible retaliatory measures which might be instituted against him either by the West Germans on their own or on behalf of the Western Allies. COS has made an attempt through [] and her couriers to convey to Identity-1 that such will not be the case, but on

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the contrary that Identity-1 will be assisted and would have no trouble finding a desirable position with Identity-3, commensurate with his ability and experience. Under the present circumstances it is doubtful, however, that Identity-1 will pay much attention to such statements.

b. Identity-2 is reportedly also well satisfied with his rather high position in the relative hierarchy of Identity-4, and enjoys his scientific work there. Although he is not particularly in favor of the present East German regime, he is basically not a political man, and as long as he is left alone and able to pursue his scientific activities he feels that "all is fine with the world" and he has no desire for a change.

Encl: Identity List

IDENTITY LIST

- Identity 1 - (Dr.) Herbert ¹WERTMANN, Main Development Chief at ¹(VEB) Carl Zeiss, Jena
- Identity 2 - (Dr.) Wilhella ¹KÄMMLER, Development Chief, VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena
- Identity 3 - Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen
- Identity 4 - VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena

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