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TO : Chief, SR
Attn: []
FROM : Chief of Base, Munich []

DATE: 20 May 1957

INFO: EE, COS/O, POB

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/REDWOOD/LCIMPROVE/AEBATH

SPECIFIC— Otto KRUEGER

Reference: ECMA-24735, 11 January 1957

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Action Required: POB, see below

~~The~~ attachment and its enclosures bring AECAPKELIN/1's reporting on ~~Otto KRUEGER~~ and Frau ~~Klara DEKBACH~~'s relationship with AECAPKELIN/1 up to date. (The enclosures are letters from Frau DEKBACH to AECAPKELIN/1.)

2. Note that AECAPKELIN/1 countermanded the undersigned's instructions not to contact Frau DEKBACH and sent a telegram, ostensibly to aid her in the sale of one of her rugs (he claims that his mistress wanted it). Certainly, this could have been a legitimate transaction. However, in view of the manner in which AECAPKELIN/1 has conducted himself vis-a-vis UPSWING (i.e., withholding and possibly fabricating; see ECMA-25849, 18 March 1957, and others), it is possible that he is passing KUBARK enough information on KRUEGER to keep us satisfied while working more closely with UPSWING. See the reference for earlier AECAPKELIN/1 and POB comments on KRUEGER and UPSWING's interest in the latter.

3. POB: We presume that UPSWING has not yet passed further details on their top secret memorandum (as mentioned in the reference). Please request UPSWING for its details.

Approved: []

Attachment: as stated, Herewith

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REDWOOD
Att. to BGMA-26948

SUBJECT: AECAPELIN/1 and Else DEKBACH

1. During the 9 January 1957 contact with AECAPELIN/1, he reported that on 8 January 1957 he received a letter, dated 2 January 1957, from Frau Else DEKBACH (of Berlin). Accompanying this letter were notes from her daughter, Monika DEKBACH, to AECAPELINs 1 and 2. (See Enclosure A for a translation of this letter.)

A. AECAPELIN/1 continues to suspect that DEKBACH is entangled with Otto KRUEGER who unexpectedly visited AECAPELIN/1 earlier (see BGMA-24735, dated 11 January 1957). He points out the glaring absence in the above-mentioned letter of any mention of KRUEGER's alleged visit to DEKBACH which allegedly inspired KRUEGER's visit to AECAPELIN/1. This suspicion leads him to suspect further that KRUEGER was assigned by an Eastern IS to check out AECAPELIN/1. All of AECAPELIN/1's current suspicions are predicated on DEKBACH's Summer 1956 visit to KRUEGER in the East Zone of Germany.

2. During the 11 April 1957 contact, AECAPELIN/1 reported that he took the initiative and telegraphed DEKBACH (allegedly because he had not heard from her) concerning the sale of one of her rugs in AECAPELIN/1's possession. The following is the text of the cable: "HABE INTERRESSENTEN FUER TEPPICH. BITTET 100 DM. ERSUCHE ANTWORT: JA ODER NEIN." On 5 April 1957, he received the following reply: "ROTER TEPPICH JA BRIEF UNTERWEGS." See Enclosure B for a copy of the German-language letter sent by DEKBACH.

A. AECAPELIN/1's suspicions, after his analysis of DEKBACH's letter, were stronger and he appears to be convinced that KRUEGER's travels in West Germany were tied in with an Eastern IS's interest in AECAPELIN/1. It seems that, according to DEKBACH, KRUEGER visited DEKBACH after KRUEGER visited AECAPELIN/1 who says he has not once mentioned KRUEGER to DEKBACH.

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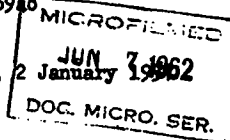
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Enclosure A to Attachment,
EAMA-26915

Berlin, 2



Elsa Dexbach
Berlin NW 87
Hallerstr. 24

Dear AECAPPELIN/1:

I send you greetings for your Christmas and wish you only the best of health and lots of luck for the coming year.

At the same time I want to thank you and AECAPPELIN/2 for everything that you sent us and Monika for Christmas. I want to thank you especially for the money and the care package. It was a great help for us. I want to tell you the contents of the package:

1 can of powdered milk, 2 lbs. of rice, 2 lbs. of sugar, cheese and a can of shortening. We use these valuable items very sparingly. The winter season is very expensive for us since we continuously have to use coal. I saved part of the money for Monika's confirmation in the spring. Monika will write a thank-you note to you and AECAPPELIN/2. She was very happy with the purse, and also with the soap and the perfume. I had bought everything she needed and with your aid I was able to fulfill her wish and buy her a wool jacket. She was even happier when your purse arrived.

Dear AECAPPELIN/1. I am not angry at you that I had not heard from you for such a long time. I knew that you are so busy, and time goes so fast.

We live alone since 1 December. Our tenant was able to get a small apartment and moved. We have not been able to furnish the room because of the heating problem. I would like to try to rent the room at least until I have found a position, since the rent is now DM 80 per month.

Everything is very hard here, since we are isolated in Berlin. There is so much unemployment because there are only a few Ministries here. Perhaps it will become reality soon that a few Ministries will be moved from Bonn to Berlin. I hope that I will then find a position. I go out everyday in search of a position but younger people are more desired because they do not get such high salaries.

My mother is very sad that I have not found a position. She thinks we ought to go back to the Soviet Zone, since we have a house there and would not have to pay rent, and that I would be able to find a job immediately over there. I am still hesitating, it would be such a sad destiny. Monika also wants to make her Abiturium here, and I still hope that I will find a job until spring, so that I won't have to take her out of school. I am still fighting for her education assistance in the amount of DM 60, which was taken away, because my husband had debts in Bavaria. The city of Munich contacted the Lastenausgleichsamt in Berlin and I have to turn over everything to the State of Bavaria. I don't think that I will be lucky to get this assistance ever again. Everything will be all right, if I will be able to find employment in the Senate. I trust in God that everything will turn out as wanted during the year. When the situation is at its worst, God's assistance is the closest, is an old saying and has always come true.

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I expected a very sad Christmas, and because of you we received so many gifts and so many of our troubles were lessened. I don't know how I should ever take care of my debts with you, dear AECAPKELIN/1. But some day I hope I can do it. Monika always tells me: "Mother, don't worry so much. After I earn money, I will take care of all our debts with AECAPKELIN/1.

The address in Freising, where my belongings are stored, is:

Eduard Kohn, Freising/Obb.
Munchebergerstr. 32

He is our former carpenter. He lives in the back in a wooden barrack. I will write to him and enclose a stamped post card. He is to inform you when he will be at home so that you will not make your trip there in vain.

Can you use the Ukrainian music instruments? If so, I would send them to you as "piece goods" through a moving firm. My husband brought them from Kiev.

Incidentally, you can also send my belongings as "piece goods" through a moving firm. This is less expensive. Miss HAASER sent my two suitcases through the firm Schenker, Munich.

In order to please you a little, dear AECAPKELIN/1, I bought a set of ash trays, and Monika selected a set for AECAPKELIN/2. Please take the set which you like best. I can send you only a little gift, dear AECAPKELIN/1, but it comes from the heart.

I sadly recall the Ukrainian Christmases. How nice everything was, when my husband was still alive. But one cannot argue with fate and can only hope that some day the sun will shine for us again.

Monika gives me such pleasure. She is so reasonable and understanding. She brings very good reports from school and always finds words of comfort when I seem to lose my courage.

For today I want to thank you and AECAPKELIN/2 again for all you have done.

Your grateful Else Daxbach and Mother.

P.S. My dear brother is very ill. He had a brain injury during the last war. We don't know what will happen with him. The doctors are not very optimistic. He hardly eats and becomes less all the time. My mother and I are very worried.

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Enclosure B to Attachment,
EGMA-26948

Else Daxbach
Berlin N 87
Hallerstr. 24

Berlin, 5 April 1957

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Dear

A. CAPELLINI,

Finally I heard from you. Today your telegram arrived, and I answered immediately with another telegram.

Dear _____, your telegram is not clear enough to see which rug you meant. If you meant the large red rug, which is so infinitively big, you can sell it for the mentioned price. I would like to keep the other big rug, because I would like to rent a room after Monika's confirmation. The room is very large, and with the aid of the rug, I would like to furnish it nicely, since I can then rent it for more money. I would like to sell the rug with the Persian design.

I thank you very much for your efforts. I would be very grateful, if you would turn over my belongings to a transportation company after Easter. Did Mr. Khon get in touch with you? Even though I enclosed a card with postage stamps, he did not reply. Various persons in Freising still owe me money for the furniture which I sold them. Mr. Kohn was to collect the installment payments, but is now more than three years, and the remainder (it is not much) should have been paid.

Perhaps I will be able to get a reduction on a railroad ticket for Monika in the summer. Then she would like to travel to Freising and also check our Vati's grave. She will look up also those people who bought my furniture to find out what the matter is.

Dear _____, we thought that you are not well or that you are angry that Herr Krueger came to see you. He told me that he asked you about my belongings. This annoyed me very much. Whatever are you thinking of me now! I did not ask him to do this, because I know how limited your time is.

Did you receive our little Christmas package? And also the invitation to Monika's confirmation? I hope that you and Herr Wlodko will come. I also invited Colonel Schmalschlaeger.

In the meantime I have worked "inofficially" and now I am able to make the celebration of Monika's confirmation very nice. She should never feel that she has no more father. Her outfit for the confirmation is just as nice as the one of a child whose father is still living. Her day of confirmation is to be a nice remembrance for her.

My mother had pneumonia. She received penicillin immediately, and went back to normal again. My brother almost died - everything happened in March - but I took him to a hospital immediately, and his life was saved. He also is better again. We hope now that summer will give us new strength and recovery.

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I also invited Miss Amy and Herr Oster, but they have not replied as yet whether they will come. People in West Germany are often afraid to come to Berlin because the Russians are so close, but it is half as bad. We don't feel their presence at all.

I do hope you are well, dear

For today my very best regards, also from Monika and my mother.

Your Else Dexbach.

Many regards for Herr *SECRET/1/2.*

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