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TO : Chief, EE

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FROM : Chief of Base, Frankfurt

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational (J E) Support
SPECIFIC— Request for OO on IDENTITY A

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1. IDENTITY A is the father of (C) who brought him to our attention as being of possible interest to FOB/SAP as a spotter in our Legal Travel program. Since IDENTITY A has spent most of his life in Europe and was described as having numerous business contacts with West German firms, we expressed interest in meeting IDEN A on a purely social basis as a preliminary step to possible subsequent development as a cleared spotter and support asset for FOB/SAP. Accordingly (C), using his (C) was recently introduced socially to IDEN A by (C) at the latter's residence here in Frankfurt during one of his periodic visits to West Germany.

2. During this occasion we spent considerable time discussing a mutually interesting topic, East-West trade. He is a Vice Director of IDENTITY B, which is concerned with the export and import of large shipments of primarily raw materials for manufacturing purposes between West European countries and the United States. His background experience in European business circles is very extensive and dates back to his first job in Germany from 1928 to 1937 when he was employed with the Berlin branch of the National City Bank of New York. At the end of 1937 he transferred with the same bank to England where he served in the London Branch office until 1940. Later, in 1940, he spent some time in Germany on business; returned to the United States late 1940 when he (assigned) from the National City Bank of New York. He then took a job with IDENTITY C with whom he worked until 1945. He returned to Europe in the early part of 1946 as a representative of the KRAFT Cheese Company, spending most of his time in West Germany. In 1947 he joined IDEN B. He has been resident at his present address (see IDEN A) since early 1946.

3. Although IDEN A could be described as a sort of "Jack-of-all-Trades," he seems finally to have found in his present firm, the kind of work he likes most. His numerous contacts in West Germany, dating as far back as 1928, are apparently being used by him to the very best advantage in promoting business deals for his firm. Vance was particularly interested in his close contacts with many of the senior executives in the BADISCHE ANILIN U. SODAFABRIK in Ludwigshafen, and the FARBERWERKE-HOEBST in Frankfurt. He stated that these firms are making rapid progress

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in re-establishing their former dominant position (as I.G. FARBEN) in chemical trade with the Satellites, and that they have inaugurated long-term programs which might be described as a "private Point Four" approach to develop extensive trade with the Satellites and the Far East. This includes special training courses of Satellite technicians as well as the dispatch of numerous representatives and technicians from these firms into Satellite countries to re-establish the former contacts of the I.G. FARBEN combine. Among his close German friends here in Frankfurt is Herman J. ABS, head of the influential SUEDEDEUTSCHE Bank in Frankfurt.

4. IDEN A is a typical American businessman in that his primary interest is to make money. He believes that the American Government's expenditure of vast amounts of funds for foreign aid programs is not the most prudent use of our taxpayer's money and that the same goals could be accomplished more effectively if American private business were given the opportunity to assist under-developed countries through economic trade. He cited the recent visits to India and the Middle Eastern countries by Alfred KRUPP and Fritz BERG, president of the BUND DEUTSCHER INDUSTRIE, both of whom appear to be making substantial progress in doing exactly what IDEN A is referring to.

5. At the end of the evening, the undersigned drove IDEN A to his downtown hotel, during which time he volunteered the fact that he was an old friend of William DONOVAN. Perhaps this was intended as a cue for me to reveal my true interests, if he suspected them. The undersigned merely expressed interest in this and hoped we would meet again soon. He agreed to be my dinner guest during one of his early visits to Frankfurt.

6. COS files contain no traces on Subject. The undersigned intends to assess him further before drawing a final conclusion regarding his usefulness, but it appears that he could be helpful, especially to introduce some of our case officers to German businessmen of the type who could serve as legal travel spotters for us. It is also conceivable that he might be able to furnish good commercial cover backstopping for one or two agents in West Germany. It is therefore requested that Headquarters furnish an operational clearance as soon as possible to permit the undersigned to gradually develop and recruit IDEN A for the above purpose.

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IDENTITIES

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- A: HANTA, Kenneth W. Vice Director of IDEN B; age 63;
widower - divorced first wife, second wife deceased.
White hair; approx 175 lbs., distinguished appearance.
Present address: Hotel Baur au Lac, Zurich,
Switzerland
- B: World Commerce Corporation
- C: * MANN, Henry. Trader in phosphates, New York City

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