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SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational - BEDOX
SPECIFIC Progress Report - Subject "A" of BRLN-8752

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Reference: A. EGBA-40153 C. STUT-3738 E. STUT-3889 G. BRLN-1064
B. BRLN-0471 D. BRLN-0639 F. PULL-7340 (3504)

SUMMARY: Subject was met in Ulm at 1700 hours on 31 March, per reference B. The meeting was held in a vehicle rented through an auto rental agency in Stuttgart. The report of her debriefing is related herein. As will be noted, certain developments have occurred which will cause us to alter our original operational planning.

1. Developments since Last Meeting:

a. Disappearance and Return of Daughter: As reported in paragraph 5 of reference A., Subject's daughter disappeared for a short time on 24-25 February. Subject stated that after telephoning the case officer, she reported the disappearance to the Ulm and State Police. She, her son, and several of the Lager residents then made a search of the public places in the city of Ulm. Apparently her daughter, being very depressed over their personal situation, suddenly decided to run away from it all. Subject discovered the absence upon her return from the movies on the 24th. At approximately 0400 hours on 25 February, the daughter returned, very much upset. The Police were notified and they were interested in the possibilities of foul play being involved. Her daughter, refusing to talk, was examined by a Doctor but no evidence of her mistreatment was discovered. Finally after a few days, she admitted to her mother that she just decided on the spur of the moment to run away, hoping to reach Berlin. She allegedly walked away from the Lager and reached the outskirts of Ulm without incident. Due to the fact that it was a cold, rainy night, she changed her mind and, after a few hours of standing in the doorway of a building, returned to the Lager tired, cold and very distressed. Being embarrassed over what had occurred, she stubbornly refused to talk about the incident, letting everyone concerned draw their own conclusions, hoping thereby to gain sympathy from her mother and Lager associates.

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b. Award of Spaethelkehrer's Benefits: On or about 18 March 1957, Subject was advised that a decision in her favor had been made and she was entitled to the 6480 DMW settlement, 6000 DMW of which was still on deposit in a blocked bank account. Upon receipt of this information, Subject immediately withdrew the 6000 DMW from the bank. Thrilled by the decision, Subject under the coaxing of her family (now more endeared to her) proceeded to purchase a new car, valued at more than 7000 DMW. She showed the case officer a statement dated 23 March 1957 from the firm of Hanser und Lieber, Opel Dealers, 21 Neutarstr., Ulm-Donau, on which the sale of one 1957 Opel-Rekord, color-Cordablau, Motor No. 1,5L57,07423, with license plate number UL-K-368, was recorded. This purchase is unusual also, because of the fact that Subject does not have an operator's license, nor are her children qualified for one by reason of their ages. The vehicle is operated by one Herbert OLSCHEWSKI, a Lager friend. OLSCHEWSKI, currently on sick leave (since the day following the purchase of the car) uses the vehicle to chauffeur his and Subject's family about everyday. According to Subject, he "gets the children out of her way" by taking them on sight-seeing trips to Baden-Wurtemberg and Bavaria. In response to the big question of "Why" she purchased a car, Subject could only say that she wanted to spend the money so it couldn't be taken away from her and succumbing to pressure from her children decided to do it on the spur of the moment. She has no idea nor does she seem to be concerned about the payment of the balance due on the car. About her only way of so doing would be by cutting in OLSCHEWSKI, as a part-owner, making him pay that way for his virtual sole use of the car. The case officer did not commend her for this act.

c. Herbert OLSCHEWSKI: Resides at the Ulm Lager with his family consisting of wife and one daughter. OLSCHEWSKI, born ca 1933, a former resident of East Prussia, is married to one Inge (maiden name unknown), OLSCHEWSKI born ca 1935, in Pommerania. They have a child about two years of age named Monika and Inge is expecting another. Subject does not know very much about OLSCHEWSKI or his wife, in spite of the fact that they are her closest associates at the Lager. OLSCHEWSKI, gainfully employed in a factory in Ulm, repatriated from Poland about three years ago. Allegedly while undergoing processing at Giessen ODOPAL gave him a difficult time for some unspecified reason. Subject does not know where OLSCHEWSKI and his wife were married, though she believes they were married in Poland.

d. Contact with ODOPAL: Subject claims that subsequent to the last visit of the case officer, generally not feeling well, she was examined further by Lager medical authorities and it was decided that she should be confined immediately to a Sanitarium at some unspecified location in the Schwarzwald. Subject delayed setting a date for departure using various excuses such as the children, her improvement, etc. According to her, her principal reason for not moving, not divulged to the authorities, was Richard KRAJEWSKI. She felt that he would have a difficult time in locating and maintaining contact with her if she were suddenly removed from

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the Lager and he came out at that time. She claims further that about the 22nd of March the Lager medical authorities firmly insisted upon her departure for the Sanitarium in a few days time. Shortly thereafter she received a letter from Richard KRAJEWSKI and she believed that the news of her immediate departure from the Lager coupled with a possible imminent arrival of KRAJEWSKI on the scene required immediate action to ensure that the case officer was notified. Disregarding caution she decided to contact ODOPAL in Ulm. There on 25 March, she was interviewed by ODOPAL agent "Herr FREY", initially through a German interpreter. Later "FREY" attempted to handle the interview alone but Subject felt that he didn't clearly understand her due to his language shortcoming. In essence she maintains that she told him of her connection with the case officer in Berlin and requested ODOPAL assistance in reaching him. When asked the reason for this request, Subject told him that an American in Berlin was interested in contacting KRAJEWSKI and had maintained correspondence contact with her for that purpose. To impress him with the seriousness of the recent development she told him her background and identified "K" to him. Thereupon he made arrangements to take her to Stuttgart the following day. At Stuttgart Subject was interviewed in an automobile by one Joseph BOEHM, a representative of ODOPAL. She stated that BOEHM spoke native German, allegedly confirmed by his reference to the fact that he emigrated to the U.S. about seven years previously. BOEHM, after getting the story from her, told her to return to the Lager as she would be contacted by her Berlin friend, meaning the case officer. According to Subject, BOEHM said that it would be better for her, of course, if this matter were handled from Stuttgart as it would be so much easier to maintain contact. He also allegedly said that they would give her a job if she needed one and could house her in Stuttgart where she would be more comfortable.

(NOTE: At this point the case officer queried Subject as to why she had informed ODOPAL that she had been instructed to do so in event of emergency. She of course denied that she had advised ODOPAL to that effect, saying that "FREY's" German was so poor he must have misunderstood her. She acknowledged that she had not been instructed to do this and recalled that her briefing in Berlin warned her against the possibility of ODOPAL investigating her. She claims that she knows enough about ODOPAL, from previous experience, to have realized also that the case officer's sponsor probably was not ODOPAL. For the record, she was never told that the case officer represented any unit other than "AIS".)

e. Personal Problems:

(1) Pregnancy: On the occasion of the previous meeting with the case officer, it was noted that Subject looked a bit heavier in the face, but due to the fact that she kept her coat on during the meetings it was not possible to observe her general body form. The suspicion that she could be pregnant at that time flashed through

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temporarily, saying that it didn't mean that she didn't want her children, but that she felt it best for all, including the children if they separated for a while. Later upon questioning she admitted that she had her fill of them for the time being.

f. UPSWING: Subject's reference to UPSWING brought a question from the case officer as to what contact she had with UPSWING since our last meeting. She stated that the Ulm doctor who examined her, one Dr. DROSCH (phonetic spelling) of Roemer Strasse, upon noting certain marks on her back asked her where and how she had obtained them. She thereupon told him of her incarceration in Polish prisons and the abuses she had undergone. The Doctor asked her if she had reported this information to UPSWING, and when Subject replied negatively, he said she must do so as they would be very interested in her experiences. Subject claims that he admonished her for not reporting this information to German authorities, he claiming that it was her duty to do so. The Doctor also said that he could arrange an interview either in Ulm or later when she is in a Sanitarium. Subject said that perhaps she might contact UPSWING later, hoping to stall the Doctor. Subject maintains that she did not tell the KRAJEWSKI story to the Doctor. She also said that she has not had any contact with UPSWING personnel, through if we cannot solve her pressing problems, she will reluctantly go to UPSWING.

(NOTE: A check of the latest Ulm telephone directory revealed a (Dr.) Walter DURSCH, Roemerstr. 22, Ulm-Donau, telephone 4444. In all probability this person is identical with the DORSCH referred to above.)

g. Letter from KRAJEWSKI: Subject turned over an airmail letter and envelope addressed to her bearing Warsaw postmark 16 March 1957-19, and a return address of "KRAJEWSKI, Ryszard - P.O.W. Stuzewiec, Warsaw, Ul. Bokserska Nr. 1, Dow Administracyj". The enclosure dated 9 March 1957 written in Polish allegedly is from KRAJEWSKI. A rough translation of the letter is set forth below. A photocopy of the original is forwarded as a separate cover attachment hereto (for EE and POB only).

Translation of Letter

"Warsaw
9 March 1957

"Dear Hilda:

"Your letter brought me untold joy. Forgive me for not writing sooner for I wasn't home. Don't think that I have forgotten you, as a matter of fact I remember you very well and sincerely love you, and as for not writing right away, it is unfortunate for me that I have such work which keeps me away from home often. But as soon as I returned and found your letter I immediately answered it. I am

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"very disturbed by your illness, which I suffer through with you, but I believe that the bad will pass and the good return which with all my heart I hope for your sake. Darling Hilda, you lament that we are so far from one another, that is true, but it won't remain so for the hour is approaching when we two will be together and happy as two pigeons in a coop. The coming month, which is May, I have my leave and will join you where we will be together till the end of our lives. We shall recall the hours we spent together. You mentioned in your letter that you are pregnant and this pleases me. You say that you pray to God that it will be a girl, and I hope for the opposite - a boy. Darling Hilda, you are always in my thoughts. No pleasures lure me, and I will think of pleasure when we are together, etc. etc. Darling, I have a favor to ask of you. In your next letter send me your photo only not one of half of you but a full length picture.

"I await your answer and send sincerest wishes for granting your every wish and fruitful work.

"Yours without any limits

"Rysio"

(NOTE: Please note date of letter (9 March 1957); date of postmark on envelope (16 March 1957); reference in letter to the coming month of May; and a further reference to leave at that time. It certainly is not clear from the letter just when KRAJEWSKI is to take his leave.)

h. Change in Attitude toward KRAJEWSKI: Assuming all along that Subject was so taken with KRAJEWSKI that she genuinely was interested in his welfare, the case officer was surprised to learn that she is now only interested in using him to strike a blow against the UB, for Nationalist Poland, the U.S., the West, etc., in any way seen fit. She said that she has no personal interest in him, except that if he is a bona fide defector she hopes that he gets along well and that we can help him. She now acknowledges that in all probability this is part of a UB play and he is carrying out his role in it, therefore she doesn't care what happens to him. However, she hopes to participate in what we might do with him, as a means of working for us against Poland, the Communists, the UB, etc. Hence, according to her, the need for us to solve the pregnancy and children problem.

3. Instructions to Subject: Pending receipt of further instructions from the case officer, Subject was told to revise the communication system between herself and the case officer in order to provide for quick notification to the case officer in case KRAJEWSKI suddenly appears on the scene. The changes include the use of an open code telegram between Subject and the case officer (sent to the Post Office Box address). The following contingencies were covered:

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a. If and when KRAJEWSKI appears she should send a telegram containing the phrase "Rufen Sie mich an." which means that KRAJEWSKI is at hand, but is remaining only a stipulated period of time and the case officer should come immediately.

b. In the event KRAJEWSKI appears and intends to remain in West Germany as a defector she should send a telegram containing the phrase, "Ich fahre zum Sanitarium." which means that KRAJEWSKI is at hand and intends to remain in West Germany.

c. In the event any person contacts her claiming to be a representative of KRAJEWSKI's she should stall him if possible, and send a telegram which includes the phrase, "Ich habe einen Besucher." which means that someone other than KRAJEWSKI is on the scene representing him.

In the event she receives mail notification from anywhere giving an estimated or exact date of KRAJEWSKI's arrival she should, providing time allows, send a letter to the usual address requesting the case officer's presence by a stipulated date. In response to any of the foregoing messages the case officer will write her a letter setting forth the exact time and date for his meeting with her, the place not to be included therein but understood to be the usual meeting place set-up in the original meeting plan.

4. Field Comment: It is obvious from the above that this operation has just about struck an impasse, in the form of the problems posed to us by the Subject. Obviously we cannot afford to risk aiding or abetting her in her personal plans regarding her pregnancy and her children, if for no other reason that if we seriously entertained so doing and our program misfired, we would be readily identified because of the widespread knowledge of our interest in her. It is hard to understand the role of KRAJEWSKI in this operation. To say it is a different approach by the UB is to put it mildly, unless we are considered to be so stupid that we would buy him outright as a bona fide defector without reservation. The possibility of fabrication of the KRAJEWSKI angle is also to be considered, although it must be admitted that the pregnancy is very real. The attitude of Subject, as manifested by her during the recent meeting, probably is reminiscent of the old "SS Lager Fuehrerin", who, as it will be remembered, had at least two other pregnancies without benefit of a conventional marriage. It should also be added that Subject for the first time exhibited real interest in the operational aspects of our future moves, i.e. she on her own suggested her removal to Berlin in order to better carry this play off if KRAJEWSKI should defect and not be a bona fide defector, reasoning rightly that the Berlin scene would be most conducive to further UB follow-up activities assuming that they knew that both KRAJEWSKI and Subject were in Berlin together. Subject was informed that she would be notified as soon as possible as to our next moves in this operation.

5. Subsequent Developments: Since the last meeting between the case officer and Subject, she has written several letters to the case officer requesting information as to our current plans. On 13 April, the case officer received a letter dated 12 April in which Subject forwarded several enclosures. They were

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- a. Notification from the Federal Republic Refugee Authorities that she and her family were to be transferred on 16 April 1957 to the "Erholungsheim, Hettingenbeuren, Kreis Buchen". (Note: As of 23 April Subject was still at Ulm. See reference G.)
- b. A financial statement from Maier and Company, Ulm-Donau, Olgastr. 139, a finance company, of the schedule of payments on the balance of DMW 2,784.10, due on the purchase of the Opel Rekord automobile. The first payment on this car is due 22 April 1957, in the amount of DMW 232.10, followed thereafter at monthly intervals, payments of DMW 232.00 each until 22 March 1958 inclusive.
- c. A statement from Radio Stuber, Radio and Television Company, Ulm-Donau, Molktestrasse 72, citing a balance of DMW 482.60, for the installation of a radio in her car.

Upon receipt of the above the case officer wrote to advise that we would pay the first installment on the car, as well as DMW 250.00 towards the balance due on the radio. These funds were transmitted directly to the creditors concerned via Postanweisung remittances, sent in Subject's name. Upon receipt of Subject's new address, we will transmit the receipts to her. We have retained copies of all correspondence, and remittances made to creditors. While we were reluctant to expend any additional funds in this operation, these disbursements were considered necessary in order to keep the operation viable.

6. Recommendations: Our basic recommendation for the further operational exploitation of Subject was contained in paragraph 2 of reference D. Arrangements to hand Subject over to UPSWING per reference F., are in process. Copies of reports in form suitable for passing to UPSWING will be forwarded soonest.

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TO: Chief, EE

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