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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Further Developments in the West German Police  
Investigation of the Paramilitary Adjunct of the  
League of German Youth

REFERENCE ; Secret Memorandum to DD(P), Same Subject, dated

1. The German Mission reports the following developments in connection with the West German Police investigation of the League of German Youth (Bund Deutsche Jugend)(BDJ):

a. The joint U.S./German Commission examined the second witness on 30 October 1952. This witness stated that the so-called "proscription" lists merely identified persons who might collaborate with the invading Soviet forces. Collection of this information had taken place only during October 1951 and, in any case, all executive action taken against these persons was supposed to be accomplished by the Western Military Forces. The dossiers of information on SPD members consisted of only raw reports received from private intelligence sources. These latter were never processed and had no connection with the so-called "proscription" lists.

b. On the following day, the CIA representative on the Commission requested that certain omissions concerning this testimony be added to the protocol which had been prepared by the German Chairman.

The Chairman refused to allow this proposal and announced his

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Withdrawal. As a result, discussions were held between Assistant U.S. High Commissioner Debevoise, Hessian Minister-President Zinn, and other interested U.S. and German officials. Thereupon, Zinn expressed his lack of confidence in the future findings of the Commission because he considered that there was evidence of collusion among the witnesses who were not in custody. On 5 November 1952, agreement was reached on seven of the eight alleged discrepancies between the PM and the actual testimony. Disagreement on the other point was recorded with the U.S. representative and the Federal Security Agency representative in agreement and the Commission Chairman in opposition.

c. The Public Prosecutor for the Federal High Court in Karlsruhe <sup>an</sup> has been conducting/independent investigation of the SPD charges against the PM group. He recommended that the investigation be conducted only by his office which has the legal right to investigate and felt that any conclusions reached by the joint Commission would be based on political motives rather than on law. It is believed that the refusal of the Hessian representative to continue the joint Commission inquiry will now result in the delegation of all responsibility for further West German investigations to the Public Prosecutor.

d. Meanwhile, Zinn has not been able to substantiate his charges that the so-called "liquidation" lists or "proscription" lists ever existed or that there is any connection between the partisan warfare plans of the PM group and the alleged plot to assassinate SPD leaders.

e. The Assistant Chief of the German Mission has conferred with Dr. Erich Ollenhauer, SPD Federal Chairman, on the question of future U.S. cold war operations in Germany. [ ] assured Ollenhauer that our only target is the Communists and that we plan to work through

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legitimate German organs and to coordinate with Federal Republic authorities. He recommended that further discussions be held on projects that were currently in the process of liquidation. Ollenhauer reacted favorably and had only two comments. He felt that the Americans should support only those organizations which "have their roots in German" and that the various U.S. subsidized organizations, such as political parties, should be permitted to fight Communism, each in its own way.

f. Ollenhauer also commented on the recent McGloy press statement which pointed out that neither McGloy nor his staff were aware of or would have tolerated the so-called "anti-SPD" plot of the PM unit. Ollenhauer felt that the plan for evacuation of leading West German personalities should not have been revealed in a press statement. The U.S. High Commission also felt that this evacuation plan should have been kept secret; however, the McGloy statement was carried straight by most West German newspapers and seems to have aroused little public comment.

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