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Der Oberbundesanwalt
bei dem Bundesgerichtshof

Karlsruhe, den 27. Februar
Fernsprecher 640

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Mr. Cunningham hat mir heute eine Erklärung des
Generals Truscott vom 20. Februar d.Js. übergeben. Ich
habe Mr. Cunningham zugesichert, dass ich die amtliche
Erklärung, dass die in Frankfurt anhängige Vorunter-
suchung von mir übernommen ist, spätestens am Mittwoch
nächster Woche abgeben werde.

Dr. Wichmann

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20 February 1953

Oberbundesanwalt
Bundesgerichtshof, Karlsruhe

1. The organization was constituted by American authorities to undertake military action against an enemy in the event of an armed attack against the Federal Republic of Germany. In peacetime it was authorized only to prepare for this task.

2. The organization was constituted for military purposes and to function as a quasi military unit.

3. Collection of information to be passed on for appropriate use by Allied military authorities in the event of invasion of the West German federal territory by an aggressor was an authorized activity of the organization. Such information was considered relevant to the security and activities of the organization under the circumstances of enemy occupation. The information could concern personalities of counter-intelligence interest to the organization as well as personalities potentially capable of assisting it, or deserving assistance or protection from the Allied military authorities.

4. Members of the organization were recruited from various sources, including the EDJ. U.S. authorities concerned with the organization did not wish its membership or activities involved or connected with German organizations performing normal social or political activities. Accordingly, an order was issued to those members of the Service who also happened to be members of the EDJ to divorce themselves completely from

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the BDJ. I have been informed this was accomplished in every case except possibly that of Peters, who is alleged to have retained his contact with the BDJ until 1952.

5. I think it appropriate to confirm the fact that dissolution of the organization was ordered in May of 1952. The decision to dissolve the organization was made because of conviction on the part of the U.S. authorities that because of the greatly improved military position of the Western Powers the maintenance of a paramilitary organization primarily designed to assist German nationals in defending themselves against the contingency of occupation of their country by an armed aggressor was no longer essential. Moreover the U.S. authorities believed that continued support of such an organization in West Germany was no longer consistent with U.S. policy of recognizing the sovereign responsibilities of the Federal Republic.

6. Despite reports in the press to the contrary, I have so far seen no evidence, as a result of the deliberations of the joint German American commission constituted to investigate this case or otherwise, implicating the defendants involved or the organization of which they were members in any criminal or illegal acts or activities aimed against the Government of the West German Federal Republic or the persons or security of its citizens. If any such evidence is uncovered this would, of course, be a most serious matter which should be gone into thoroughly.