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MEMORANDUM TO: STAFF C

SUBJECT : Alleged RIS Agent Karl Heins Bruhn

REFERENCE : Memorandum on same subject dated 10 December 1952.

1. Further information (EOG-4-598) regarding Karl Heins Bruhn, who was reportedly forced to work for RIS as a penetration agent in the Bund Deutscher Jugend (BDJ) (Project CADOST), has been received here.

2. The question of Bruhn's possible RIS role first came to the attention of Paul Lueth, the BDJ principal agent, in November 1952 when Bruhn was recommended for a position on the Executive Committee of the BDJ. Bruhn refused this office on the basis that his mother was an active RIS agent in the Soviet Zone and he, therefore, did not wish to accept an office which would bring him considerable publicity and possibly jeopardize the welfare of his family, who were East Zone residents. Subsequently Bruhn told Lueth that he had worked for the British secret service in 1945 and 1946. Bruhn explained this by pointing out that he had been sent into West Germany by the RIS and had upon his arrival in the British Zone reported this fact to British authorities, who persuaded him to accept employment there. At one time Bruhn's mother came to the West Zone to visit her son. During the course of this meeting they had a violent argument because Bruhn refused to leave the Western Zone and return to East Germany to resume his work for the RIS.

3. Lueth doubts that Bruhn is now a Soviet agent. He did comment, however, that it was odd that Bruhn should refuse to accept a position on the Executive Committee since he had already received considerable publicity as the BDJ State leader in Hesse. Lueth confirmed the fact that Bruhn and Hans Otto, former deputy chief of the BDJ Apparatus, had been good friends for a long time. Lueth reported that Bruhn was never included in any of the confidential discussions regarding BDJ financial support or its activities in support of U.S. objectives, but added that Bruhn may have possibly surmised certain things.

4. Since Project CADOST was already in the later stages of termination when the original report on Bruhn was made, it was impossible to gather any further information through the principal agent. With the termination of CADOST now complete, EE/PP/G no longer has an interest in Karl Heins Bruhn but believes this information should be on the record in the event that CIA might have future contacts with him.

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