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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The BDJ Complex

1. The BDJ Apparat Settlement Report (EGQA-8969) has been received but does not satisfactorily explain all of the problems and situations encountered in the final termination of the Apparat. No action will be taken on this report until the last case officer, [redacted], returns to the home office, probably on 24 February 1953.

2. A report on the clarification of Apparat accountings has been transmitted to [redacted] of I&S for study and comparison with the I&S investigation reports.

3. On 16 February 1953, the possibility of making another approach to the SPD on the White Book was discussed with General Truscott. The General felt that the approach would not be successful but that a public statement to counteract the White Book may have to be made. Drafts of cables on this subject are attached hereto.

4. During his visit in Washington, [redacted] stated that [redacted] was possibly guilty of:

a. Entering a restricted safe without permission to obtain the General Alert Order for Germany.

b. Making portions of this GAO available to unauthorized persons.

c. Knowingly permitting the misuse of U.S. funds by his principal agent and sub-agents.

These charges are known to I&R and I&S. The report mentioned in Paragraph 2 above is in connection with the latter charge.

5. [redacted] of I&R has pointed out that memoranda for the record on the recent discussions involving the BDJ ban are not

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available in the file and he believes that the EE Division attitude may therefore be misconstrued at some later date.

6. The question of whether a nol-prossing of the EDJ case by the Federal Government will prevent arraignment of the EDJ leaders at some future date has not been clarified.

7. The following general questions remain unanswered:

- a. How did the field determine that 19 Apparat members should be asked for quit claim?
- b. Will other Apparat members who were arrested eventually present claims against the U.S. Government?
- c. Which quit claims are still outstanding?
- d. Where is the evidence that Topp says he transmitted to Switzerland and what does it contain?
- e. Which members believe that they will be given assistance to emigrate and what form will such assistance take?
- f. Have the charges against Pan<sup>ter</sup> involving both the DJO and the EDJ Apparat been satisfactorily settled?

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