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MEMORANDUM

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To: EE/FIG []

Subject: Georg von Lilienfeld, member of the Bonn Republic German Foreign Office.

Subject, a German National born in one of the Baltic provinces about 1912, came to the US in the middle and late 1930s to complete his education at Harvard and the Fletcher School. In 1939 he returned to Germany where he worked in the Nazi Press Office and then entered the Foreign Office and was sent to Rome, where he stayed until he was captured and interned.

While in the concentration camp he was approached by US Army officials who asked him if he would testify in the coming War Trials in Boston, Mass., concerning those Americans like, I believe, Robert Best, who had remained in Berlin and had broadcasted anti-American propaganda for the Nazis. In return for his testimony, Subject was promised American citizenship. Subject agreed, came to Boston and testified, and after the trials was released from custody and efforts were made by the Army to get Subject the desired citizenship. After considerable litigation, during which time Subject worked as a book-seller in Brentano's and as a ski instructor in somewhere in Pennsylvania, and given some support by personal influential friends, such as Mr. Roland Redmond of New York, the Bureau of Naturalization refused to grant Subject his citizenship, contending that the Army had no right to make such a promise.

While working in Brentano's, Subject met one Margit von Ternes. She is the adopted daughter of Miriam Cable, of Chicago, Illinois, when she was married to Fritz von Ternes, an Austrian Cavalry officer. Miriam Cable is a woman of some means, worth about \$250,000.00, who married von Ternes in 1905 and they lived in Berlin and Vienna until they were divorced about 1925. During that period, while on a visit to Chicago, they adopted a small baby girl, their only child. After the divorce Miriam Cable then married George Gruenberger, Austrian Ambassador to Paris, where she and her daughter resided until Gruenberger's death when they returned to the United States. At the time daughter Margit met Subject she and her mother were living in New York City.

When Subject and Margit announced their desire to get married, Miriam Cable appealed to me, as she is often in the habit of doing, and asked me if or how the marriage could be prevented. After a reasonable amount of investigation, and consultation with some of Subject's references, I persuaded Miriam Cable not to stand in the way of the marriage and to continue to support her daughter after the marriage. This she finally but reluctantly agreed to do, and they were married in 1950, I giving the bride away.

This information is submitted solely for the purpose that should the occasion arise where a personal contact is needed for Subject, this memorandum might suggest a solution.

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