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Contacts with Soviet Personnel

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1. [] has provided two leads to Germans through whom we might establish contact with Soviet personnel. While we are somewhat dubious of their value, we are submitting their names with the limited data [] could supply for your investigation and consideration.

2. A German woman, Fraulein WESTERN (WESTERN), about 60 years old, short, with grey hair, slim, was [] neighbor while he lived at Hessestrasse No. 4 in Potsdam, from January 1948 until July 1949. She occupied an apartment next to [] on the third floor of the house and is said to have disliked and feared the Russians. The building was run by the L.S.Ch. (Apartment Exploitation Section) and housed officers of the staff of the Rear Services, GSUV, of an anti-aircraft division, and several members of the UKR, GSOV, in Germany. A German shoemaker named ROLOF and his family, living in the basement, and Fraulein WESTERN were the only Germans housed in this building. [] feels that while Fraulein WESTERN may have been questioned after his defection, it is doubtful that she would have been recruited by the MGB as a possible lead to his whereabouts because of her age, and because her connections with him would appear to the MGB to be too slight for her to have become his confidante.

3. Fraulein WESTERN (Mrs. [] wife by the name ORLOVA, and worked for her as a maid for a short while. She lived on a meager pension. [] feels that Fraulein WESTERN could be used as an unwitting informant for information on the present inhabitants of the area, and could keep us informed on changes that occur among them. Frau ROLOF may also be able to supply information.

4. In July 1949 at No. 4, the inhabitants were as follows: first floor - Lt. Col. CORWELK, Deputy Chief of the 3rd Section, UKR, and Major CHILYEV, Senior Operative Representative of the First Section, UKR; second floor - Col. STRALINOV, Chief of the Commission of State Control and also Lt. Col. DECTYAR of the medical service, his wife, daughter, and grandchild. [] lived on the third floor.

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5. Prior to its defection, [] had owned a Mercedes May 170 car which was left for minor repairs at a garage in Potsdam located on Marienstrasse (between Dorotheenstrasse and Jaegeralle, now known as Adolf Weibelstrasse) and run by a German named []. Over []'s protest (voiced because of his lack of storage space), [] left the car with him while trying to sell it; the car was still with [] at the time of []'s defection. [] feels that it is entirely possible that [] has been questioned concerning his defection and that he may even have been recruited as an informant to report any attempt on []'s part to contact him and sell his car. [] suggests that if a meeting with [] were arranged ostensibly by someone representing his interests in selling the car, [] could be used as a source of information, as a double agent controlled by us, as a channel through which to feed false information to the Soviet authorities, or as a useful contact with Soviet personnel. We are enclosing a photostat showing the location of []'s garage.

Attachment: 1 photostat

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