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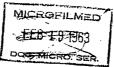
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- 1. In answer to your request for information on Isidor ROTPELMANN, we are pleased to submit the following notes: Subject, a banker residing at Albanenanlage 39, Basel, was born in that part of Galicia formerly belonging to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He lived and worked for some time in Vienna prior to World War II. During the war he appeared in Switzerland and served here as an agent of the Polish Intelligence Service. He currently holds a stateless passport.
- 2. KOPPHIMANN is a director of the Internationals Kapital-Anlagen Gesellschaft of Basel (IKAP), a firm which was founded in 1934 or 1935 by members of the La ROCHS banking family, including Dr. Jacque FROSENSTEIN. who is related to the La ROCHE family by marriage. ROSENSTRIN, who is at present residing in New York, still directs the activities of IKAF through his principal agent in Switzerland, Isidor KOPPELKANN.
- 3. IKAP claims to finance foreign trade transactions, to obtain assets for loans abroad, and to engage in clearing blocked accounts held by foreign nationals in Switzerland and elsewhere. IkaP is, however, notorious in Swiss business circles for financing exports to Russia's eastern satellites, especially Czechoslovakia, and for the consummation of large-scale deals involving eastwest trade. In its pursuit of the latter activities, IMAP works through a series of small but powerful Swiss banking houses, including the following:

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MAP also has financial dealings with the Union des Banques Suisses and with the Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York.

- 4. ROSAMSTEIN, MCCOLLEARN's principal, is reported to have facilitated his operations by means of bribing certain persons in high places, including Dr. CTT of the German division of the Swiss Compensation Office (/errechnungsstelle) in Zürich.
- Bela/SZABO, a Hungarian promoter with whom he is now working on some commodities exchange transactions involving Italy, Russia, and the United States.
- 6. In September 1949 KOPPELIANN is reported to have been in contact with Rejer STIGLITZ, an international smuggler residing in Brussels.
- 7. Sarly this year KONPELMARN took part in the formation of the KAY company in Education and the CHESA firm in Liechtenstein. It is believed that these new firms will be engaged in east-west trade.
- 8. In January 1950 KOPPELLANN instructed a Viennese lawyer to assist him in the purchase of shares in the Vereinigte Glanzstoff-Fabrik AG of St. Pälten, Russian Zone of Austria.

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