

CONTACT REPORTDATE 23 Jan 1964

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PROJECT:

C/O PSEUDO: []
C/O ALIAS: []DATE, TIME & 21 Jan 1045-1900 at
PLACE OF MEET: residence o [] and
from 1930 to 2030 in home of A/1AGENT CRYPT: AEABYSS/1
AGENT ALIAS: Walter

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Continue debriefing of AEABYSS/1

1. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: [] phoned, naming date and place of meeting.
NEXT MEETING: Tentatively scheduled for mid March in Hannover (to meet at Hannover RR Station and proceed to c/o's Hannover hotel). [] in his capacity as commo cut-out will advise o/o of date and time of meeting. A/1 agreed that we should not further encroach upon Mrs. [] and hold our next meeting in a neutral location.

2. PRODUCTION: a. Obtained copy of 10 Sept issue of Salavat newspaper listing Soviets who received medals from Sov Government for good work in building up KOMBINAT 18.
b. Obtained samples of polyethylene produced at Salavat plant
c. Obtained 60 photos showing machinery placements inside poly plant
a.&b. above will be forwarded to Hq via FOB reports. Photos obtained will be held until next meet w/A/1 when he will have additional pictures for us. A consolidated picture report will then be prepared.

3. OPERATIONAL:

Contact with Regierungsrat DLUGOSCH (CATIDE?): Although not interested to meet w/Dlugosch, A/1 felt he should get in touch with him, if only to please his superiors through whom Dlugosch made known his wish to speak with A/1. When phoning Dlugosch in late Dec., A/1 was informed by a female secretary that Dlugosch is out of town but that she would convey to him that A/1 had called. A/1 feels that he has done his duty and that the next move would be up to Dlugosch. Letter has not contacted A/1 to date. A/1 reiterated not to be interested in cooperating with Dlugosch, at least not at this time while still engaged in travel to the USSR. A/1 said he would frankly tell Dlugosch that his organization is not secure enough (he would cite the UJDROWSY flap) and that he could not afford to enter into a relationship with him. (It remains to be seen whether A/1 - if confronted by Dlugosch - will indeed refuse to cooperate)

Meeting with Richard LINDNER [] Attempting to learn more about Lindner (it will be recalled that A/1 delivered a letter from Anatol ZITRIN to Lindner in August 1963), A/1 invited Lindner and his sister to A/1's home on 11 Jan 64 for a social evening. The invitation followed an exchange of Xmas greetings. A/1 was interested, above all, to attempt to draw Lindner out concerning the degree of friendship between Lindner and Zitrin, frequency of travel by Lindner to the USSR, and the source of funds for Lindner's trips (Lindner is a small time school teacher who, in A/1's opinion, can hardly afford costly travel abroad unless "someone sponsors him"). Feeling incapable to tackle the elicitation task alone, A/1 also invited [] and one Siegfried WOLFF (no identifiable RID traces), with whom A/1 maintains a loose friendship. A/1 described WOLFF as about 60 years old, a former major in the German Army, residing in Salzgitter-Thiede, and working as "Meinungsforscher" for an unidentified office in Hannover. A/1's friendship to WOLFF dates back to 1945 when WOLFF and his wife resided in A/1's home, occupying two rooms, in lieu of unavailable quarters at that time. A/1 thinks highly of Wolff, describes him as very intelligent and an excellent and charming conversationalist. Wolff was said to have been born in Africa where his father worked as a minister. In order to prepare Wolff for the meeting, A/1 told him several days prior to it what his past dealings with Lindner had been and what he hoped to get out of the meeting. Wolff appeared very interested and indicated to A/1 that he was doing actually a bit more than just conducting public opinion surveys, leading A/1 to the conclusion that Wolff, who travels extensively, is most probably associated with either CATIDE or CAVATA. The meeting with Lindner and his sister lasted from 1700 until midnight. From A/1's account of the evening not much was learned which would give further insight into Lindner's personality, background, motives or political convictions. Lindner is unmarried and presently working as teacher in a "Hilfsschule" in Schoeppenstedt. He earns about DM 1,000 per month. Lindner described his trips to the USSR as "Erholungsreisen", enjoyable and interesting, but expensive. He said such trips would cost him on the average of DM 100 per day wherefore he would make no further sojourns to the Sov Union. He said he had met ZITRIN in 1960 - his first trip to the USSR - in Leningrad through other Soviet acquaintances of his. Again he travelled to the Sov Union in 1961 and once more in 1963. He meets Zitrin, whom he values as a friend, when in Leningrad and also maintains correspondence with him. Much conversation touched on topics such as living conditions in the USSR, achievements, shortages, Lindner generally agreeing that much remains to be done

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before the USSR citizen would even remotely reach the standard of living of his counterpart in the West. At no time were there any remarks or comments by either Lindner or his sister that could give rise to suspicions. Toward midnight and after some heavy beer drinking Lindner inquired when A/1 would return to the USSR. A/1 answered he would be back in Sov Union around August of this year. To this Lindner replied that he would then be back in Russia before A/1. A/1 took this remark to mean that Lindner had either forgotten or had lied what he said earlier, namely never to return again to the USSR, and that, under the influence of alcohol, he had tripped himself and spoken the truth. Based on this incident, inconclusive as it is, A/1 again mistrusts Lindner. In any event, c/o advised A/1 to be cautious in any further dealings A/1 may have with Lindner. Although no further meetings have been planned, c/o suggested that it may be possible that Lindner may approach A/1 again, perhaps with a request to carry a letter to Zitrin. In this case A/1 has been instructed to turn the letter or whatever Lindner may pass to A/1 over to the c/o for examination. A/1 should under no circumstances take the item into the USSR, but should leave it behind and have his wife return it to Lindner with the excuse that A/1 had inadvertently left it behind.

Note: In view of A/1's suspicion that WOLFF may be aligned with CATIDE or CAVATA no tracing or Meldeamt check on Wolff will be conducted at this time.

Soviet acceptance personnel at SIG: There are no Soviet acceptance people at SIG at present. Occasionally DENISOV from the STM visits SIG, but A/1 has not yet encountered him. Since A/1 knows DENISOV from Salavat, c/o asked that he should arrange meeting him on his next trip to SIG, and invite him for an evening to his home. C/O indicated to A/1 that it would be quite interesting to know whether DENISOV had changed in any way since being assigned permanently to Germany. - A/1 estimates that Soviet acceptance personnel may arrive in late February or early March when equipment deliveries for the new plants in Ufa and Kazan get under way. A/1 believes that he will come in contact with these Soviets and agreed to provide us with biographic data and assessments.

A/1's next USSR assignment: As matters stand, A/1 will return to Ufa and Kazan in late May or early June to coordinate construction work at these two sites. He expects to be gone for 4 to 5 weeks, dividing time equally between the two locations. He will then return to Germany for last preparations prior to actual erection activities in Ufa, scheduled to begin in August. A/1 will spend ca. 10 months in Ufa with perhaps an occasional trip to the Kazan site which the Sovs intend to build mostly themselves.

Note: In view of priority interest by Hq in Kazan (see DIR-92578) we will ask for requirements suitable for discussion with A/1.

Soviet personality reporting: Considerable time was spent with A/1 in obtaining biographic data and assessments on Soviets with whom A/1 was in contact in Salavat. The Sovs selected for detailed discussions were mostly individuals who have previously travelled in Germany and who may re-appear in the West at some time in the future. Those discussed were:

DENISOV, Lev Nikolayevich - now at STM Cologne
BORULENKOV, Petr Yegorovich - in Germany in May 1963
SMORODIN, Aleksandr Alekseyevich - at STM Cologne from Nov 59 to end of 61
DEYNEKO, Pavl Stepanovich - Sovnarkos Ufa
PRAKHOV, Yuriy - Chief Interpreter
VERSEVICK (phonetic), fmu - in Germany in April/May 1963.

After some two hours of discussing personalities, A/1 became impatient and asked to stop. Being impetuous by nature, c/o - although being on excellent terms with A/1 - knew that further inquiries would incite him and therefore broke up the subject. The exercise was an eye-opener to A/1 as to the amount of detail one needs to get a feel for the person under discussion. Although A/1 is not particularly suited for providing assessments of persons known to him, c/o feels that something has rubbed off on him and that - hopefully - he may do better in the future.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE: DM 23.80 (paid to local photo shop by [] for 60 photo prints -)

6. SECURITY: Nothing noted to indicate surveillance or flap potential. C/o's car carried German tags. At conclusion of meeting in [] residence, c/o followed A/1's Volkswagen to A/1's residence, parking car around block. A/1 still reluctant to meet in his home (a lovely place indeed) so as to avoid his wife becoming too knowledgeable.

7. MISCEL: [] attended part of the meeting. He came home from work at noon and stayed for 2 hours. Resulting small talk not conducive to task at hand. [] re-appeared at 1730 which again interrupted proceedings. [] is a nice guy and probably A/1's closest friend. C/o cannot afford to lose his friendship, therefore treats him with kid gloves. Perhaps we can freeze him out the next time when meeting in Hannover. Must do this carefully, though, since as commo-link he remains important in the operation.