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SUBJECT	PBRAMPART/CART Hans Otto Gustav Adolf MEISSNER []		MICROFILMED MICROFILM FEB 4 1965 DOC. MICRO. SER.
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES FOR INFORMATION OF COS REFERENCE: EGWT-54, 11 January 1965 (Paragraph 1) 7/32W-2-28/9 []			
1. Subject of Reference inquiry is:			
<p>(Dr. Hans Otto Gustav Adolf MEISSNER []</p> <p>DOB: 4 June 1909</p> <p>POB: Strassbourgh, France (then Germany)</p> <p>CIT: Germany</p> <p>RES: Munich, Widenmeyerstrasse 50/WGerm</p> <p>World War II German Consul in Japan and Italy and Member of Abt. III of Abwehr. Major in SS and SD units. Proposed but rejected for reappointment in post war Fedrep Foreign Office.</p>			
2. Munich files contain two substantive references to Subject:			
<p>a. MUNI 9753, February 1962, which states that Subject "is the son of Chief Minister of Hitler's Presidential Chancellory. Former Major in 1957 connected with the German magazine REVUE. Made trip to Thailand 52 (sic). Abwehr OKW Amt Ausland Abwehrabteilung IIA. Left Milan 25 August 1944, went Cadiz. Served in SD Hauptamt SS and SD units in field. In 1953 being pushed for Foreign Office assignment by a third party. Considered very nationalistic described (by Charles Thayer) as an odious individual. Reputedly denazified thru false records. British German Primer lists one Otto MEISSNER, Abteilung III Abwehr Amt in October 1941, when promoted to reserve Major".</p>			
<p>b. EGMA-62883, dated 20 August 1963, Paragraph 3, which contains the debriefing of Marianne THAL [] [], Moise TSHOMBE's lady-photographer friend, in which she claims acquaintance with Subject. She stated, "This is the same MEISSNER who was German Consul in Italy and Japan during the second World War, has written books on travel and espionage, including the famous one on Dr. SORGE, 'Man with Three Faces'. His greatest claim to fame is that he is the son of the famous Otto MEISSNER, the perennial spokesman for German Presidents in the 1920's and</p>			
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early 1930's". Young MEISSNER was instrumental in launching (Miss THAL) on her career as a photographer by teaming her up, in 1955, with a free lance journalist named Fritz WIESE. Miss THAL added that "MEISSNER was not one of her handlers (she had two CATIDE handlers), but she assumed that he had some sort of connection with CATIDE. He had once told her that most Germans in interesting positions have some contact with CATIDE at one time or another; she inferred from this that MEISSNER also had some connection with CATIDE."

4. Our files also contain notes that Subject:

- a. was traced by MID with Ops interest in 1957,
- b. made a trip to Africa in 1954,
- c. @ROEHL of CATIDE told [] in March 1953 that MEISSNER was a personal friend of his,
- d. on 11 January 1961, gave a travelogue type speech on Alaska at the Munich America House (that was after THAL made her trip through Alaska),
- e. made a trip to Indonesia and Alaska in 1962 where he claimed to have been given VIP reception by ODUNIT.

5. Given all these factors it appears likely that he may be in contact with one or more intelligence organizations.

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