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In reply refer  
to ACSI-CO 9.4

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

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SUBJECT: OLBRUECK, Erich M. (C) FOR COORDINATION WITH US Army

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1. (C) Reference is made to the following past correspondence between our offices:

a. ACSI-CO Memorandum dated 26 September 1960, subject: OLBRUECK, fnu.

b. CSCI-3/762,442 dated 7 November 1960, subject: Erich Olbrueck, German National in the Sudan (C).

c. ACSI-CO Memorandum dated 1 March 1961, subject: Erich Olbrueck, German National in the Sudan (C).

d. ACSI-CO Memorandum dated 16 October 1961, same subject as above.

e. ACSI-CO Memorandum dated 25 July 1962, subject: Activities of a Possible Gehlen Agent (C).

f. ACSI-CO, 9.4, Memorandum dated 2 November 1962, subject: Activities of Gerhard E. G. BAUCH (C).

g. CSCI-3/773,833 dated 17 December 1962, subject: Activities of Gerhard E. G. BAUCH (C).

2. (S) A Department of the Army source of proven reliability recently visited Khartoum, Sudan where he had a long conversation with Erich M. OLBRUECK. Source has known OLBRUECK for some ten years and has long suspected him of being an agent of the West German Intelligence Service. As a result of the most recent contact, source reported the following new information regarding OLBRUECK:

a. OLBRUECK's current business card reads: "Erich M. Olbrueck, Consulting Engineer, Khartoum, Sudan, P. O. Box 1268."

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b. With reference to employment, OLBRUECK initially told source that he was working for the BECKER Ingenieurbuero of Munich, Germany. (CSCI-3/773,833 from your office confirms a WGIS connection with the BECKER firm). In further conversations, source allegedly got OLBRUECK to admit that he is, in fact, in the employ of the West German Intelligence Service. OLBRUECK's title of "Consulting Engineer" and his overt commercial activities in Khartoum are merely a cover for his actual duties which, by his own admission, are to act as technical advisor to the Sudanese Intelligence Service.

c. Source also learned that OLBRUECK communicates with his headquarters in Germany via the diplomatic pouch. As source described it, OLBRUECK dispatches and receives material by means of a sealed "cassette" transmitted through the diplomatic pouch of the West German Embassy in Khartoum.

d. From a member of the West German diplomatic colony in Khartoum, source learned that OLBRUECK is the second-highest paid West German government official in the Sudan today, second only to the West German Ambassador himself.

e. OLBRUECK has been in Khartoum continuously for the past eight years. According to source, OLBRUECK has gained the confidence of the right people in Sudanese commercial and governmental circles and is intimately familiar with developments in both spheres. He allegedly has the "inside track" on contract awards and, according to accounts which source heard in Khartoum, OLBRUECK was instrumental in arranging the West German/Sudanese military aid agreement. In this regard, OLBRUECK is a close friend of West German Brigadier General Herbert BECKER, the individual who has been working out details of the German/Sudanese military aid agreement. Source describes OLBRUECK as an extremely clever individual who has a way with people and a "mind like a data processing machine." He said that OLBRUECK can listen to a complicated conversation for hours, then run home and write down every detail of what was said. The fact that Mrs. OLBRUECK is often seen typing late at night is apparently a topic of gossip among the German colony in Khartoum. (Source assumes that Mrs. OLBRUECK prepares her husband's reports to Germany). Among Sudanese officials, the current Minister of Commerce is reported to be OLBRUECK's closest friend.

f. Some time ago OLBRUECK rented a home directly across from the residence of the Ambassador of the Soviet Union. He hinted to source that he has "developed a nodding acquaintance" with the Soviet diplomat.

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3. (C) Attached hereto is a photograph of OLBRUECK and his wife taken recently in Khartoum.

4. (C) Any comments which your agency might have concerning OLBRUECK, his activities, or the contents of this report would be appreciated by this office.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE:



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Colonel, GS  
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Photo of Erich M. Olbrueck  
and wife

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