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1. During a conversation on 31 October 1955 with a ZIPFER Headquarters staff officer responsible for review of ZIPFER maritime operations, we were informed that Subject, Chief KUERNAST, Hamburg, had recently lost his brief case which allegedly contained the true names of many, if not all, of his KUERNAST informants. The brief case was returned to GPITZ some three weeks later after recovery by the Hamburg criminal police.

2. The ZIPFER staffer mentioned the above incident in referring to the poor security standards which obtain in some official agencies of the Federal Republic and as a pertinent criticism of British, BIV and KUERNAST officers who have, in the past at least, made known to officials of the Passstelle Holtzau the names of specific ships in which they are interested.

3. You may already be aware of the incident in paragraph 1; if not, the information may be of interest since Reference indicates that you are in touch with Subject.

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