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FROM : Chief of Base, Hamburg

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SUBJECT: Operational/CART/ [ ]

Paul Opitz

REFERENCE: EGFA-21585, dated 15 May 1958

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ACTION REQUIRED: For information.

1. We would like to compliment [ ] on the general accuracy of his observations concerning Paul \*OPITZ (born 17 September 1897 in Bad Schmiedeberg, Kreis Wittenberg), Chief of the Kuenast, Hamburg.

2. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Attachment to Reference and the comments on Opitz's habits are in complete accord with our own observations. There is a truly astonishing lack of cooperation between the LfV and the Kuenast. Concerning the BfV, there is good reason to believe that Opitz harbors some resentment toward his parent organization. Part of this has administrative and financial origins, but is also partly due to a difference in philosophy concerning operations. Having dealt with Opitz now for many months, both [ ] and I are struck by the careful and detailed approach he employs on matters of minute importance, by his suspicious attitude toward everything and all, by his repetitiousness and the singularly monotonous manner of his delivery. While these characteristics do not detract from his ability as a counter-intelligence officer, they make contact with him quite a trial and I would imagine that Opitz makes demands on the BfV for tracing and other support which the latter does not have the manpower to provide. I was present recently at a meeting between Opitz and Regierungsrat Pietsch of the BfV where, although the atmosphere was pleasant enough, Pietsch made it pretty clear to me that one day in Hamburg is usually quite enough for him.

3. Our own relations with Opitz continue satisfactorily. The

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last sentence of paragraph 5 of Attachment undoubtedly reflects the quality of the lunches we give him.

4. There are a few very minor points made by [ ] [ ] regarding Opit.'s age and pension which do not correspond to our own information, but they do not affect the substance of the report.

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