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FROM : Chief of Base, Frankfurt

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/CALL

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SOURCE/METHOD/EXEMPTION 3B26
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2005

SPECIFIC— Identity One

REFERENCES: A. EGFA-11064 */CARETINA*
B. EGFA-11552 *his filing indication*

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1. Identity One's previously-reported request to [] to be put in touch with an ODACID official in Bonn (Reference B., paragraph 9) who might be able to assist him in applying for employment as a specialist on the Soviet Union by the German element of FJLESSON was discussed with [] and [] on 6 July in Frankfurt. It was agreed that the situation presented an opportunity which could be used to bring Identity One into contact with KUBARK without damage to []'s cover and that [] would brief [] on the matter in Bonn on 9 July, meanwhile maintaining contact with Identity One, who was still in the Bonn area. [] was meanwhile to be briefed in Frankfurt by []

2. When [] arrived in Bonn on 9 July, it appeared that the Bonn Base was not in a position to deal with Identity One. Since [] had previously arranged to meet him, a notional account of []'s efforts to assist him in making contact with "the right man" in ODACID was worked out with [] and []. This account was designed to fulfill []'s obligation to make some effort in Identity One's behalf, but at the same time to postpone any immediate KUBARK contact with him, though the possibility of a later approach to him through [] was preserved. *Bonn - 2007*

3. [] then called Identity One at Identity 2, as arranged two days earlier by telephone, and picked him up at that address, Identity 3, a few minutes later. (Identity One had been visiting an old friend from the KRIPO who lives at that address. The name was not mentioned, though [] was invited to meet the man and his wife and would have done so if time had permitted. The man in question may or may not now be a KRIPO officer. He is, though ambulatory, suffering from an advanced case of tuberculosis.)

4. [] as previously agreed, told Identity One the following story:

[] had consulted his Principal Officer about Identity One's problem and had been referred to the Executive Director of [] The latter, who had already been informed of the gist of the problem during the telephone call which [] had made to him to secure an appointment,

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told [] that there was in fact a FJLESSON representative in Bonn who served as a sort of liaison officer from FJLESSON to various German government offices, and that this officer happened at the moment to be an American colonel, though his predecessor had been a Turk and his successor might be of any FJLESSON nationality. This FJLESSON officer, though he happens to be an American, in the position of an international civil servant, has no official connection with the [] offices in Bonn and it would be most improper for any [] officer to approach him with a request of the sort [] had in mind. The Executive Director went on to say that this officer would not possibly be able to act for Identity One in a matter of the sort [] had in mind, even if Identity One should be able to approach him directly; and that even if he wished to do so, any recommendation he might make to the German Interior Ministry would be regarded as a grossly inappropriate action which could not advance Identity One's cause.

The Executive Director in effect forbade [] to pursue the matter further through any official channel. He then, however, remarked that another possibility existed, and made a telephone call which was followed by the appearance of a man, obviously an American of some importance, to whom [] was rather conspicuously not introduced. The Executive Director explained the matter to this person, who said at once that he recalled Identity One's case, though the name itself was less familiar, and that he was aware that Identity One had recently returned to Germany. He added that some of "his people" would like to talk with Identity One and asked [] whether he thought Identity One would be willing to meet them. [] replied that he did not know, that he thought Identity One might be afraid of compromising himself in German eyes by doing so, and inquired who he should tell Identity One wanted to see him. The unidentified man merely said that Identity One would understand who was interested in him without being told -- clearly implying that he himself was a higher PBPRIME intelligence official. If Identity One was in fact interested in a meeting, [] was to inform the Executive Director, and Identity One would hear later, presumably through [] of the specific arrangements for an interview.

5. It should be noted that the information given Identity One about the FJLESSON representative in Bonn, his position vis-a-vis the [] installation, and his ability to help Identity One is factual. The rest of the story is notional, though [] undertook to have it backstopped by the Executive Director (who is aware of []'s true identity) in the event of any check of independent follow-up. [] also pointed out that a vacancy in the German element of FJLESSON roughly similar to that which Identity One describes did in fact exist a few months ago, though it may now have been filled. [] also expressed the firm conviction that no German with Identity One's background could have any shadow of a chance at being selected for it. For the rest it may be said that the story was a convincing bit of fiction which probably reflected very accurately the

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reception [] would have received had he actually tried to proceed in naive good faith along the lines Identity One had indicated to him. Although it does not flatter [] personally in Identity One's eyes, it certainly strengthens []

6. There is no doubt in [] mind that Identity One swallowed his story whole. His first reaction was one of resignation, and he remarked simply that he had not really expected this approach to work out but had hoped that the relation of the FJLESSON officer to the Germans might conceivably have permitted an initiative in his behalf. As he thought it over, he began to generate real emotion and to complain bitterly about the discouragement and rebuffs he has received during the past several weeks of his survey of the future possibilities open to him. It became clear to [] that this last disappointment, though half-expected, had come as the last straw of a long series and that his morale was at a very low ebb. Speaking a little wildly Identity One went on to say that all he wanted was the possibility of a "buergerliche Existenz" (middle-class living) for himself and his family, that he had worn himself out traveling and spent more than he could afford in the past weeks trying to locate a decent job possibility without finding anything at all. Industry, he says, has no place for him, who has little relevant experience to offer and the Gestapo albatross as a permanent liability. Returning to the police, he finds, is not so easy, since much of the time since his transfer from the KRIPO is not to be credited, and he must find a vacant slot under a sympathetic chief to be able to return even three or four grades below his last rank. He sees before him the specter of slipping back into the proletariat, after having once had bright prospects, and he cannot face this possibility. He went on to say that he was fed up completely, that he could no longer bear the humiliation of it, that he did not even want to see and talk to people any more, not even the CAVATA or UPSWING people "whichever they are" whom he is supposed to meet in Munich on 26 July. As for meeting PBPRIME intelligence people, if they were prepared to offer him the chance of making a decent living it would be different, but it was obvious that they had no inclination or intention of helping him but merely wished to exploit his knowledge and then discard him.

7. Partly responsible for the above outburst was a pamphlet which Identity One picked up at the post office while talking to [] This consisted of an excerpt, translated into German, of the recent book "Soviet Espionage" by David Dallin. (The entire book has been translated and is shortly to be published in Germany.) He had ordered the pamphlet because he had heard that it contained a reference to him by name, and scanning it swiftly to find the passage, read a footnote which mentioned his weakness for carrying on political discussions with prisoners. The passage seemed to imply that he had been concerned with the prosecution of one Identity 4, who he in fact never saw and who was tried while he was serving as an Unteroffizier on the Finnish front. He concluded in his aroused frame of mind that, "Herr Dallin hat Mist geschrieben." ("Mr. Dallin has written manure.")

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8. Before leaving Identity One, [] inquired about his plans for the immediate future. These remain as previously reported. He hopes to be able to take advantage of the reduced fare he is entitled to until 15 August and will therefore probably travel some more after returning from Munich to Ludwigsburg to celebrate his birthday with his family on 28 July. After 15 August he will rest and read and reassess his position, very possibly spending another week with his wife at a resort on Lake Constance. [] prepared the way for a visit to him at that time for a few days rest at the same resort and is invited, but not committed, to do so.

9. The question of possibly writing magazine articles for publication came up during the discussion of Identity One's precarious financial position and [] suggested that [] might take advantage of his presence in Bonn to talk himself, in preliminary fashion, with the Life correspondent in Germany. Identity One was in no mood to do so and dismissed the suggestion. It is probable that he will not consider this possibility until he learns exactly where he stands with respect to CAVATA/UPSWING.

10. [] cannot believe that Identity One's emotional display during this interview could possibly have been other than genuine, and the meeting as a whole strengthened his growing belief that Identity One cannot be a Soviet agent of any kind. The many aspects of his story which require clarification might in themselves be considered negative evidence in support of this conclusion, since an honest Soviet legend would probably have fewer such loose ends.

11. [] still believes that Identity One is more interesting from the point of view of potential future operational value than as a candidate for interrogation, though the two are not incompatible. It is probably wiser to make no effort in this direction until the upshot of his negotiations with CAVATA/UPSWING becomes known. If he is unable for any reason to come to terms with his own service, he will at once become extremely vulnerable to the proper sort of proposal from a foreign service and will simultaneously feel himself largely absolved of lingering loyalties to his former associates, though not of course to his concept of Germany as a nation with a special mission in the defense of the West against Soviet Communist imperialism. Though it seems likely that he will receive an offer from his own people, it might be advisable to consider now what action KUBARK might wish to take if he does not. Delay in acting thereafter, especially in view of what he considers the half-hearted PBPRIME interest shown on 9 July, might result in his turning to the British, who passed the word several years ago that they were interested in talking to him about resuming operations.

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Identity List

- Identity 1 - Heinz Pannwitz, Chief, Sonderkommando
"Rote Kapelle"
- Identity 2 - Bonn telephone number 21197
- Identity 3 - 303 Hausdorferstrasse
- Identity 4 - Harnack

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