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UJ-ENROLLERY # 123 - COLUMBIA

1. UJ-ENROLLERY # 123 was an operation which got off to a shaky start and collapsed in the fall of 1954. In early October S KUTZBACH, the headquarters case officer, mentioned Angelegenheit COLUMBIA to [] and []. The principal involved in the case was Otto MAHNKE S ma KESSE, born 11 November 1913, address: Hamburg, Rademacherweg 8. MAHNKE was a reporter on the Communist oriented SAH-BURGER VOLKZEITUNG. MEQA-2701, 23 September 1952, indicated that MAHNKE was on the DfV Warning List being a known intelligence swindler. [] notified S KUTZBACH of the derogatory information in our files on MAHNKE and soon thereafter the decision was made to drop the case.

2. The attachments are transmitted because they are thought to be of interest to the Headquarters section when compiling information on the modus operandi of the STB. To our knowledge, this is the first time in which an overt East German representative, legally resident in West Germany, has made overtures to a prospective agent. The parallel, however, to the activities of the TAGE representatives is notable.

3. The case is now considered closed.

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