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1. References were read with interest here. Although we understand ZIPPEN's reluctance, in view of the fact that ZIPPEN knows both by true name, to have them travel to East Berlin for KIPPEN meetings, we nevertheless think that ZIPPEN was being wisely jumpy in holding them back. For one thing, not only ZIPPEN and ZILBER had been shifted to Berlin, but also (as reported in OSMA-14764) ZILBER had been sounded out on the possibility of Berlin meetings. Also, it is unlikely that if KIPPEN believed ZIPPEN and ZILBER were both being run as doubles by KIPPEN they would suddenly give both agents almost identical instructions (same meeting places, time of day, recognition signals, and closely related passwords). Moreover, if abductions were planned because both were believed to be KIPPEN agents it is implausible that the meetings would be set for three or four days apart, since obviously if one abduction were carried out, KIPPEN would cancel the trip of the other agent.

2. The Hungarian Desk has commented that there are indications from several OSMA cases in the last six months that the Hungarian ID is building up Berlin as a base of operations. For example, the contactor who contacted KIPPEN recently remarked that he was sent from Berlin. Also, another S/A, when upon KIPPEN instructions, told his case officer that he had difficulty traveling from Southern Germany to Austria for meetings, was promised that new arrangements would be worked out. From these indications the Hungarian Desk believes it probable that a new ID residence is being set up in Berlin.

3. There are no objections to passing the substance of the above to ZIPPEN.

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