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CASE NAME: FERNANDO

AGENT NAME: Ferdinand WESTERBARKEY CRYPT: FERNANDO

GIS C/O: Oskar REILE @RISCHKE

CIA C/O: [] Name used with the GIS unknown

OPPOSITION C/O: Unknown

OPPOSITION SERVICE: Unknown, believed to be procurement of information on world trading possibilities, and the use of FERNANDO as paymaster for Communist Party activities in the free world.

OPPOSITION CONTACT: According to FERNANDO he has met with Polish Intelligence representatives in Warsaw while FERNANDO was there on a business trip.

GIS CONTACT: Personal meetings in Munich (up to November 1955)

SUMMARY: Subject, although without financial means in 1945, is presently the key figure in a very successful East West trade complex which brings him an income estimated at \$250,000. per month. He travels regularly and extensively behind the Iron Curtain, particularly to Poland. He was contacted by the GIS initially in April 1952. The GIS was interested in debriefing him on a recent trip to Moscow. He was later given positive intelligence assignments to procure political and economic information from the East. Early in 1953 FERNANDO brought back a wealth of information which however on subsequent analysis seemed to be "spielmaterial". The case was thereupon turned over to the CE Section. Subsequent activity in this case has developed that FERNANDO cannot be controlled by the GIS. He has stated that he was in contact with Polish intelligence types in Warsaw. The purpose of this contact, other than the facilitation of trade, was unstated. Since 1954 the case has been primarily an attempt to uncover concrete evidence of FERNANDO's suspected intelligence activities for the East. This has been uniformly unsuccessful despite the variety of indications that such activity is carried out by FERNANDO. It is believed that FERNANDO's favorable trading relationships are based on, and form a cover for, financing Communist Party activities in the free world. Of most recent interest is the fact that FERNANDO made a business trip to the United States in July 1956. At CIA's request the FBI surveilled FERNANDO while he was in the United States. Thorough investigation of his contacts is in process but so far with no CE results. The GIS dropped formal contact with FERNANDO in November 1955, but he remains of continuing CE interest.

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