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Attn: Chief of Base, Pullach, L.

FROM Chief, EE

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1. Following are the most pertinent traces which we could find here on PLATTNER (fnn) phonetic).

[15336 dated 7 May 1948
The center of Czech Communist activity in Bern is located in the flat of KAPLAN, the driver for the Czech Legation. Josef SUP, Gerhard LONDON, Antonin HASEK and a Dr. WEIDER from Geneva are frequent visitors at the flat, as is Dr. PLATTNER of Bern, who forms the link with the Bern Partei der Arbeit.

[MAYA-3061 dated 21 June 1949
PLATTNER, an Austrian residing in Salzburg, is in contact with the ZAKO group and is allegedly working for the Hungarian State Defense Department. The former V-14553 (EGLA-399) was also included in this list.

[MGLA-2163 enclosure 29 dated 23 May 1950
Johann BLATTNER and KRETSCHMA, employees of the Innsbruck Bahnpost, are suspected by Austrian authorities of working for the RIS due to their unusual expenditures.

[MSB-2499 dated 14 January 1952
Sued Ost Agentur H. F. BLATTNER of Vienna recently contracted to sell swaged forge blocks to the Hungarian State firm Metalimpex of Budapest.

2. The attachment to MGLA-11086 contains information on WISO/ARTOS. A report which ZIPPER submitted to the Swiss on these firms was forwarded here as an attachment to MGLA-6888.

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3. The attachment to MGLA-9334 contains a report on the Internationale Warenhandelsgesellschaft of Hamburg 36, but there seems to be no apparent connection between this firm and ARTOS.

4. BONN 0108 of 3 May 1951 asked [] for information on the composition and business contacts of the WISO/ARTOS firms of Basel. Bonn specifically wanted to know if these firms were in contact with any of the following: Iseak SCHNEIDER and Company, Zurich; Thymodont Zahnpasta, Zurich; Falkimax, Zurich; Gebrueder GROB, Zurich; Eurasia AG, Basel; Emil HUGI, Import-Export, Solothurn; HOBRO of Bern; Fuarst NARESCHEKIN of Bern and Harry LANG-JOHNSTON of Zurich. Bonn gave no reason for this request, but it may have been based on information provided to the BfV by either ZIPPER or the Swiss, since most of the names listed in BONN 0108 were contained in the report dated 2 April 1951 which ZIPPER submitted to the Swiss (MGLA-6888). Preliminary traces were sent to Bonn and Karl in [] 3565, with further data following in [] 4244 and MGLW-9213. Copies of the latter two dispatches are attached for POB.

5. MGEA-5317 contains information on WISO, but we were unable to locate this document here. Following are other traces on WISO/ARTOS.

MGEA-3858 dated 16 June 1950

Requests traces on ARTOS, a business firm supposedly under the control of the Prince of Liechtenstein and connected with the Wirtschafts- und Sozialhilfe Europa.

[] 2247 dated 4 May 1951

Molybdenum sheets were recently forwarded from Metallwerke Plansee, Reutte/Tyrol through Jacky, Maeder and Company of Zurich to Firma Emkmark Erfurt of Erfurt. The shipment order was signed by EIBER (fmu) in the name of Comercio Trust, Vaduz, Internationale Handelsorganization, Manesstrasse 109, Zurich.

6. The task of tracing LEVI (fmu-phonetic) seems rather hopeless, since he could be almost anybody from any country. We feel it would be unprofitable to attempt to compile traces at this time. Of course, if sufficient information on this person becomes available, we will gladly trace him at a later date.

7. We feel it would not be worth while to request [] traces on the PLATTNER and LEVI of reference since there is so little definite information available on these individuals. However, POB may query [], if you so desire.

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8. We could find no traces here on either the Elisabeth KUSTERS or the Elisabeth KUESTER of EQYA-6956. (Bonn is being advised of this in another dispatch).

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