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Memo for the Record

UJ DREADFUL

Based on my recent meeting with Subject (27 April 1954) and on other fringe information gathered over the past few weeks, I would like to put a few thoughts on paper concerning this case.

Subject is becoming more and more outspoken on his criticism of ZIPPER Hqs. This criticism has been openly expressed not only in my presence but also in front of his top staff people and representatives of ZIPPER Hqs. See the case of V-21682 and the Donath or Dohnat case. There is open talk of emigration, severance from ZIPPER for other activity, envy of those who have succeeded in obtaining US visas (@Saalberg, V-14176). In all of this he seems to have the moral support of @Winter with whom he is on close personal and private terms. Supported by CIS coverage, Subject, @Winter, and V-1721 are up to something that has to do with a private enterprise. @Winter is also pretty well fed-up.

Based on recent utterances of @Winter, he is suspicious of certain goings-on with ZIPPER with respect to the Operations Groups (Dienststellen 2, 5, and 9.) He may be in the know, or may smell a rat on the whole UJ DREADFUL case.

In any event, I have the distinct feeling that if Subject is ever confronted with the UJ DREADFUL angle, he and his "buddies" will just pull out to the little nest egg or ace-in-the-hole they have lined-up, and just tell ZIPPER to go to hell. All of this based on the tip leaked by @Winter to Subject. The mere thought of possible suspicion may cause Subject to leave in a huff and then subsequent investigations would prove fruitless.

I might add that if ZIPPER Hqs. had any inkling that @Winter was so cozy with Subject they would blow their cork.

Strangely enough if one disregards the DREADFUL angle, Subject has proven to be the most cooperative of all ZIPPERites with whom I have come in contact. He runs the most orderly house administratively; reports in detail; ~~is~~ does more vetting than any other field agency with whom I have come in contact; is willing to drop people on whom we send derogatory info; and is outspoken in keeping us informed.

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