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TO : 250
FROM : 829
SUBJECT : Fall PARKER

1. [] gave the undersigned your report concerning Subject. Naturally, having had only a brief opportunity to study it, we are not able to furnish any detailed comments or an analysis. However, since we are all concerned with a speedy conclusion of this case, we are furnishing you the following points which occurred to us on a rather sketchy examination of your report. It is quite possible that these points and questions of ours have been duplicated on your side and probably already noted for inclusion in further questioning of Mr. Parker. If not, we would appreciate your adding them to your schedule of inquiries.

a. He claims that he was basically a plant manager, and only connected with the SD due to his supervisory position. However, he seemingly knew SD man Dr. Willi Richter from Prague rather well.

b. He admits for the first time to our knowledge that he was an Abwehr agent.

c. Claims his interrogation was in every sense routine, that the Soviets took no special action against him because of his SD membership, which he admitted after they made a more serious charge to draw him out. States his interrogation conducted by rather inept and uninterested persons whom he could handle. (Yet he once bragged that he was interrogated by specialists, whom he could handle — maybe merely boasting.)

d. Claims his knowledge of Russian is merely a scholastic achievement.

e. Claims medical matters a hobby, and he had previously studied how to produce false symptoms (why?). States Soviets put him in "unfit for labor" class because he able successfully to intensify an existing heart symptom. Can you check out whether this really possible medically by a layman? We shall do so as well.

f. Says his handling by Soviets at Pirna was strictly routine — Russians divided the entire mass of POW's and civilian detainees only by their ability to do productive work. (Strange they couldn't find anything for Subject to do, and that they were apparently not interested in his SD background, or the fact that he had been manager of a firm producing fuses, and had managerial capacity, having had 1500 people under him.)

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g. Claims no Soviet or Satellite IS approach, ever. This flies in the face of known enemy IS handling of SD and Abwehr.

h. Alleges that he never in any way was approached by or attempted himself to approach any other allied service.

i. Subject asserts that he never returned to Soviet Zone or CSR.

j. In spite of the fact that he says he suffers even now from his heart defect, he claims he has not had a thorough physical examination since he got out of the hospital in Duderstadt (about 1946). Why not?

k. While his wife was still in the Soviet Zone in Riess, he corresponded with her. In one place, he says he heard indirectly from his mother, but in another place he states he knows absolutely nothing about her whereabouts and has not heard from her at all (in the Lebenslauf he gave the Organization in 1950, he stated that his mother lived in Duderstadt, West Zone).

1. Fact that he most carefully kept his discharge after legitimation in west is possibly of interest. His relative freedom of movement after release may be in conflict with movement regulations in Soviet Zone at that time. His time of release conflicts with the previous information at our disposal.

2. In the meantime we shall endeavor to examine your report more closely and analytically in the possibility that additional points of interest which need clarification may be found. If we so find we shall furnish you a copy immediately.

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