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Remarks:

I thought you'd like to know the background of Zuberi visit and asked C/CE to prepare attach memo. Pls see final para in case you wish answer [] & blast.

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1. Preparations for this visit have been surrounded by bureaucratic hassles based partially, but not completely, upon two errors of fact which have crept into ZUBER's file:

a. The data sheet in ZUBER's file lists him as being married to a woman with a somewhat checkered intelligence background (CIC Russian translator, BND) and who was born in the Soviet Union. His actual wife had indeed been employed by the BND but she was born in Berlin and in no way related to the woman born in the Soviet Union. We cannot determine how this error got into our files but it first appeared on a data sheet prepared in 1955.

b. ZUBER's first name was misspelled, apparently first by MLB in EGMA 67294, 4 October 1965, when they submitted the required biographic data leading to preparation of the formal request. The name was spelled as Elbrulf instead of Ebrulf.

2. There follows a brief chronological table of events in the preparation of this visit:

November 1964: [] C/ADP, visited Munich and spent two days with BND ADP people. ZUBER unfortunately missed this briefing.

April 1965 : MLB proposed visit of four BND ADP people "pending coordination with BfV", for June 1965. MLB provided a minimum amount of biographic data and did not initiate updated field traces.

Summer 1965 : In June 1965, [] and one of his assistants travelled to Munich and held a three and one-half day seminar for BND ADP people including ZUBER. Attempts to coordinate visit of BND and BfV ADP people at same time fell apart.

October 1965 : In a 4 October teletape, MLB proposed a ZUBER visit to the United States in December. Again they provided a minimum of biographic data (including the misspelled first name) and made no mention of his wife.

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October 1965 : We submitted required memorandum requesting ADDP approval on 19 October (including misspelled first name and wrong data on wife). We also requested various updated traces - e.g. green list, BDC and WAST.

October 1965 : On 23 October, first of what has proven to be many "Would greatly appreciate early reply ref" cables from MLB.

October 1965 : On 28 October we advised MLB by cable that CI Staff would not approve visit without further clarification of the background of ZUBER and his wife. CI Staff raised the following points:

a. Russian born wife and unclear just how she left the Soviet Union.

b. ZUBER was a Soviet POW and released in 1946 despite background in SS during war.

c. ZUBER comes from the Sudetenland but his early history and that of his family murky.

In the same cable we advised MLB that this delay might well cause visit to be postponed.

NOVEMBER 1965: On 1 November, MLB replied with first really detailed information from their files and promised more from BND.

January 1966 : The promised BND information was received in a dispatch dated 11 January. ZUBER's wife was identified for the first time. The field properly spelled ZUBER's first name but we unfortunately continued to misspell it. We initiated checks on the newly identified wife and her family. She has party background in addition to former BND employment. With certain checks running, our position vis-a-vis the CI Staff objections listed above were now as follows:

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a. Wrong woman. Actual wife seems clean.

m. [unclear]
b. ZUBER was turned over to the Czechs as a POW. They released him routinely in 1946. The SS background (and tattoo) had faded away by 1946. ZUBER was badly wounded in basic training in 1941 by a hand grenade. He spent the war in various hospitals and in minor administrative SS posts where no great physical activity was required.

c. ZUBER's family comes from Bavaria. His father was a professional estate manager and happened to be managing estates in the Sudetenland when ZUBER was born. After World War II, ZUBER's father was expelled from what had become CSR.

February 1966: Another "Greatly appreciate" cable on 9 February, this time with the additional clause "especially since invitation been mentioned twice recently, once in presence alias HOLM and again to UTILITY." We replied that final processing awaiting receipt all information from other agency (additional information from Holabird files). We also noted that schedule was such that no matter when approval was forthcoming, we could not accommodate ZUBER at Headquarters until early May.

March 1966 : On 23 March, MLB cabled that ZUBER's schedule was tight and that he needed at least six weeks advance notice to arrange for visit. MLB expressed preference for holding visit off until fall. In this cable MLB hoped that official invitation would be forthcoming shortly "since request made in presence of Chief of Station December 65".

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- March 1966 : On 30 March, with all new checks now in, we resubmitted request for ADDP approval. We indicated that the visit was being planned for late September or early October. We also advised field of these dates and indicated that we would advise MLB as soon as formal approval was received. We spelled first name properly in new request.
- May 1966 : On 2 May we received request from CI/OA to re-run traces on ZUBER under his correct given name. This was done and on 13 May we advised CI/OA that we had been unable to develop any information additional to that which they already had.
- June 1966 : After receipt of latest MLB cable we have traced and located request for ADDP approval with []

3. We have discussed the case with [] on 2 June. He asked for an opportunity to thoroughly review the file once more and promised to reach an early decision as to what recommendation the CI Staff should make in regard to this visit. Once a favorable CI Staff recommendation is received, the request will go to the FI Staff for further review. Thereafter, it can be presented to the ADDP for his approval. These kinds of requests for approval are normally presented to the ADDP once weekly on Fridays. Allowed to follow its normal course, the request should probably be approved in two or three weeks.

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