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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with alias DESSAU during the week of 5 September including meeting of 9 September 1966.

1. I called alias DESSAU on the morning of 6 September to determine whether the alias GRAU group had arrived in good order. DESSAU indicated that they had arrived the evening before and he restated the plans for them to have dinner at his home with Generals WESSEL and FERBER on the evening of 6 September. I referred to @ DESSAU's query of the previous Friday and indicated that we would like to take a look at the "MOLDAU" reports as long as he was receiving them. He stated that he would bring them along to the discussions the next morning. He reiterated his intention of attending all the discussions on 7 September.

2. I met @ DESSAU with the @ GRAU group (True names: GRUENEWALD GAEBELEIN, FEDDERN And GLANNERT) in the main lobby of the building on the morning of 7 September at approximately 0850. Since I had understood that [redacted] of ONE wanted to meet them in the lobby, and since the lobby was full of what appeared to be a group of CTP visitors, we moved to the outside steps where I chatted with the visitors for a few minutes. I mentioned briefly the division between ONE and the DDP and explained that their discussions would be conducted by ONE. I did inform DESSAU and them that they would meet [redacted] Chief of the European Division. at the cocktail party in their honor that evening. [redacted] did not arrive until shortly after nine so we had a few minutes for idle chatter. This is GRUENEWALD's fifth trip to the United States and the first trip for the other three gentlemen. While we were waiting, [redacted] entered the building and when DESSAU saw him he immediately ran over to spend a few minutes chatting with him. When [redacted] came, DESSAU rejoined the group and we quickly got them up to the conference room where they were introduced to [redacted] of the Board of National Estimates who was to chair the discussions. I took the envelope with the "MOLDAU" reports and told DESSAU I would see them at the cocktail party that afternoon.

3. @DESSAU spent the entire day taking part in the discussions and attended the cocktail party that evening. Reporting on the results of the entire conference is being prepared by [redacted] of ONE, [redacted] of DDI and [redacted] of E/G/R who attended all the discussions. The cocktail party was held in

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the Director's small dining room and I hope to obtain a full list of those attending from [redacted]. In addition to [redacted] and the undersigned attended from the DDP. Three members of the Board of National Estimates, including the deputy chief, were there as well as the chief of OCI, [redacted]. I had little chance to speak with DESSAU since he devoted himself primarily to the Board members and I concentrated primarily on the visitors and will enter a brief note in each of their files. DESSAU did say to me that work was piling up for him in the office and he would simply have to be excused from attending the sessions of the next day. He indicated, however that he would attend the dinner the next evening which was giving in honor of the visitors. DESSAU said he would have his driver bring the visitors to the building the next morning and I promised to meet them at the door.

4. I next saw @ DESSAU on Friday morning, 9 September, when he appeared to take part in the final discussions with the visitors that morning. Apparently, [redacted] had asked specifically, during the course of the previous evening's dinner, that he come if at all possible and DESSAU is, of course, not one to turn down such a request from a member of the Board of National Estimates. By then, we had worked through the BOLINE file enough to raise a number of questions and I hoped to have a few minutes with @ DESSAU before he left town for Fenwick Island and Williamsburg. Thus, when the conference broke up shortly before noon, I caught DESSAU and arranged to visit him at his office 1730 hours that day. He, of course, had to arrange for the visitor's departure that afternoon and, since he had already decided not to depart for Fenwick Island until Saturday morning, late afternoon appeared to be the best time. I arrived at his office in the Embassy at 1730 hours and we spent a good deal of time discussing the just completed visit. DESSAU felt the visit went extremely well and produced just the desired results. He noted how closely our respective evaluations match each other "except for the GI factor". Here, @ DESSAU feels the Germans may have brought us around to seeing the light. He noted that, of course, our participants couldn't say so right out loud in the discussions since they would obviously have to check with DIA in the Pentagon, but he claims that he was able to note that our gentlemen were quite prepared to accept the German position. Otherwise, he noted almost universal agreement and he kept citing examples where our evaluation would be, for example, between 80 and 120 with the German evaluation being precisely in the middle at 100. He did say that the Germans felt that our evaluations were spread perhaps a trifle too much and that we could narrow down the gaps a bit. Since I did not attend the discussions, I remained a passive listener through most of this discussion except to voice appropriate approval that the Germans had found the discussions worthwhile.

5. @ DESSAU indicated that the visitors had departed approximately an hour before our meeting with GRUENEWALD flying off to Pennsylvania to visit relatives, GAEBELEIN, flying off to Boston to visit his wife's sister and GLANNERT and FEDDERN flying to New York for sightseeing.

around for the arrival day). In any case, DESSAU stated at once that finally someone in his headquarters had awakened to the facts and had become reasonable. He said that the cable he had received advising him of the @ACKERMANN visit had ended up with a statement that "In no case is DESSAU to remain in Washington for the @ ACKERMANN visit". DESSAU clarified this for me by saying that it was in reference to his leave and was meant to imply that he should not change his own leave plans in any case. He then went into a recitation of the strain of overwork to which he is continually subjected and said that his run down condition requires that he get completely away for a while. I asked about his reservations and he said that he has now received his tickets and confirmation of his hotel. He will be staying in a hotel called "Molly Beach". I admitted to no knowledge of Bermuda other than Hamilton and he said that his area is almost directly south of Hamilton a couple of kilometers on the southern side of the island. He said that he plans to rent a bicycle while there. His current plans call for a full two weeks in Bermuda with perhaps one further week at home, depending upon the state of his office when he returns.

8. In referring to the @ ACKERMANN visit, DESSAU seemed to be clearly of the opinion that only @ ACKERMANN would be coming. He knew that [redacted] was coming as escort officer and he said that we would certainly find @ ACKERMANN a stimulating visitor. He suggested that he would be an interesting discussion partner for me and for [redacted] should we choose to entertain him. Of course, I did not make any mention about the current rhubarb as to whether or not @ ACKERMANN will be coming alone, but @ DESSAU certainly gave the impression that he was referring to nothing more than a single-ton visitor.

9. @ DESSAU then brought up the forthcoming visit of @ Dr. RASP, I thanked him for the list of specific interests which he had included in the envelope with the "MOLDAU" reports. I said that we would see what we could do about some arrangements at these universities but I indicated that final arrangements might have to await his actual arrival. DESSAU said that he would like to have the first discussions with our S and T people three or four days after his arrival. I indicated that I had spoken with our S and T people and that they were looking forward to discussions with @ Dr. RASP if the visit could be arranged. I asked @ DESSAU where @ Dr. RASP would be sitting during his stay here and this brought forth what I took to be a sort of embarrassed merriment from @ DESSAU. He said that @ Dr. RASP would be sitting in a room downtown which they would rent for him. He said that he had received explicit instructions from Munich to the effect that in no case was @ Dr. RASP to be allowed to sit in @ DESSAU's

office while he is here. He is allowed to be in @ DESSAU's office only as a visitor when he has something to discuss, but @ DESSAU has been instructed not to do anything which might in any way prejudice the slot to which @ Dr. RASP is to be eventually assigned. @ DESSAU said that he expected to find plenty of reason for @ Dr. RASP to visit him while he is here. I asked whether @ DESSAU could obtain another office connecting to his present suite of rooms should @ Dr. RASP be assigned to him and @ DESSAU assured me this would be no problem.

10. I raised the question of lunch with [redacted] one day next week prior to [redacted] departure for Germany. I suggested either Thursday or Friday and @ DESSAU said that Jim (Critchfield) had wanted to have lunch one of those two days. I said that we would naturally defer to Mr. Critchfield but that we would like to have one of the days or perhaps Wednesday. I noted that [redacted] would probably have his schedule firmed up by then in any case. @ DESSAU said that Wednesday was out, but he noted, to himself than to me, that it would probably be best to call Jim that evening still in order to lay on a firm day for lunch. I agreed to defer until next Wednesday after his return from Williamsburg before deciding upon which of the two days would be best for [redacted] lunch.

11. I asked @ DESSAU if he had decided which member of his family will accompany him to Williamsburg but he is still vague on this point. He noted that Sybilla and her husband will remain here until the 29th after which they will return home over Hawaii.