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15. SUMMARY: (U) This report furnishes the location and description of an MFS rendezvous apartment, on Gotlindestrasse in E-BERLIN, from which instructions for surveillance operations and resulting reports, on RR personnel in both parts of BERLIN, were issued and forwarded respectively. East German RR personnel connected with the MFS also had instructions to observe West German personnel at the RR border stations along the interzonal track lines. The emergency telephone number of an MFS operations office in addition to recruiting and operational methods are included.

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1. Source

SOURCE: [Redacted] b1

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2. ~~(U)~~ Location and Description of Rendezvous Apartment **DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE 2**

The rendezvous apartment, at U0982199, was located at [b6] on the S side of the E-W aligned Gotlinderstrasse and W of the approximately N-S aligned Siegfriedstrasse in the suburb of Lichtenberg in BERLIN. It was a two-room unit with kitchen and bathroom, and occupied by an elderly couple. A name plate with the name [b6] on it was fixed to the doorpost. Even though Source had been inside numerous times, the last time on 3 May 72, he described it only as clean and tidy and furnished with a table and three or four chairs.

3. ~~(U)~~ Recruiting Method

Sometime at the end of 1968 at the operations office for interzonal train personnel on the premises of the BERLIN East Freight Yard (Ost Güterbahnhof). Source was twice approached by an MFS agent, who introduced himself as [b6]. At the second meeting Source was asked by [b6] to observe casually the personnel of the Dining and Sleeping Car Company "Mitropa" and to meet him at the rendezvous apartment four weeks later. Source kept the appointment. At the third meeting Source had to write out a statement of obligation dictated to him by [b6] and sign it with his assigned cover name, [b6]. Subsequently Source was instructed that under no circumstance was he to come into contact with any MFS agent in uniform. The rendezvous apartment was to be visited only by prearranged appointment. Source was given the following MFS telephone number: [b6] to be contacted in cases of emergency. The first six digits comprised the switchboard number of an unidentified MFS operations office; the four digit extension the number of the responsible agent. At the end of the meeting Source was paid 50 DM (East) for which he had to write out a receipt. Source claimed that he at first refused to accept the money, but [b6] told Source that it was to be considered as a compensation for sacrificed off-duty time. Although Source had been questioned repeatedly, from various angles, he never stated clearly why he had been approached by the MFS or why he agreed to cooperate. He did mention, however, that in order to avoid trouble he pretended to cooperate but furnished negative reports in the hope of being rejected sooner or later.

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[b6] Source was also an SED member since 1966. Source claimed his awards had nothing to do with his recruiting by the MFS.

4. ~~(U)~~ Operations

a. General

The unidentified MFS unit, with which Source had been involved, seemed to be interested in RR intelligence mainly in personalities and their activities on the inter-zonal trains, the inter-BERLIN route, and at West German RR border stations and terminals. Occasionally Source had been ordered to obtain information on W troop movements. Source had been instructed by [b6] to observe the vending stand BOESE (Kiosk BOESE - named for its proprietor) on the S-Bahn platform of the W-BERLIN station "Zoo", which was allegedly involved in black market activities as well as to observe the personnel of the E-German dining and sleeping car company "Mitropa", especially those individuals who made large purchases in W-BERLIN or West Germany. The employees of the West German Dining and Sleeping car Company (Deutsche Speise- und Schlafwagen Gesellschaft - DSG) were also to be kept under close surveillance. They were suspected of smuggling restricted items or duty-goods into E-BERLIN either for

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East German dealers or for their own illegal activities. Special attention was to be paid to a certain [b6] a resident of [b6] and W-BERLIN residents employed by "Mirrona". The following individuals had been named: [b6] (male), [b6] (male), [b6] (female), and [b6] (male), the only one of the four who lived in E-BERLIN. Source had been further instructed to obtain all available information on West German customs and pass control officials, and civilians standing nearby. At the same time Source was to observe how resettlers and expatriates were being treated by the West German authorities. He was also encouraged to ingratiate himself with West German RR employees at the HAMBURG, HELMSTEDT, and BEBRA RR facilities, especially in canteens and overnight quarters. Source reported his observations verbally to his leading agent, which he claimed were always negative. He was unable to say whether the agent made a written report. Recently, no dates were mentioned, the MFS requirements became increasingly more demanding. Although Source was repeatedly asked to be specific about increasing demands, he only mentioned that West Germans under surveillance were to be covered even more closely.

b. Rendezvous Procedures

Source met his leading agent on the average of every four weeks at [b1] depending upon his off-duty times. The meetings lasted usually one hour. At the prearranged time Source entered the building, and rang the bell of the rendezvous apartment. Usually the agent was already present and opened the door. Source was led into the living room in which the meeting progressed undisturbed alone with the agent. Now and then Source met the agent on the street but pretended not to know him. They entered the building separately, met in the hall and entered the apartment together. On these occasions an approximately 70-year old woman opened the door and remained out of sight after admitting them. Source noticed that she never had looked him straight in the face. Coffee served during the meeting was handed through the door and accepted by the agent. At the end of the meeting the agent accompanied Source to the door of the house. He opened it, looked carefully up and down the street to make certain all was clear before letting Source out. Source observed that when he met the agent on the street, he usually arrived either in a "Wartburg" or "Trabant" sedan of different color, red, white, or blue; Source did not pay any attention to the license plate number. He had strict orders not to approach the rendezvous apartment without previous arrangement.

5. Personnel

a. MFS Agents

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(1) [b1] exact date not recalled. [b1] between 40 and 44 years of age, was 173 cm tall, of strong build, with a full face and dark blond hair. He usually wore a dark blue double-breasted suit, and was clean and tidy in appearance. His office supposedly was located at an unknown number on the Magdalenenstrasse. Source had met him approximately 12 times and judged him to be a reasonable individual. [b1] displayed an understanding attitude towards Source's negative reports by reasoning that RR duties left little or no time for other activities. [b1] at the rendezvous apartment at the end of 1969.

(2) [b1] was the cover name of Source's [b1] [b1] approximately 45 years old, 175 cm tall, of slim build, dark blond hair, with grayish streaks, suffered admittedly from stomach trouble, was a dapper dresser, was a rather energetic individual. During the winter months he favored wearing a blue anorak and a grayish fur cap.

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He has the habit of remarking, [b1] and yet he constantly criticized Source's activities. He often threatened Source with removal from his position as chief conductor if his activities did not improve. He pointed out to him that because of his numerous awards and SED membership, serious and effective cooperation could be expected.

b. Undercover Informers

[b1] Source did not know of any other individuals being supervised by [b1] because particular caution was exercised to prevent any chance meetings. He was unable to report whether the RR employees on inter-zonal trains, of whom approximately 50 percent were SED members, were in any way committed to the MfS. Non-SED members on inter-zonal trains, were usually chosen on the basis of length of RR service, irreproachable family life and background, and possession of real estate. Periodically Source was paid for his troubles, the last time in May 1972. He claimed that at first he had refused to accept the proffered 100 DM (east) but finally accepted the money at the insistence of [b1] who called it a compensation for off-duty time spent in the service of the MfS. Source further admitted that he had received a total of approximately 500 DM (east) even though he had constantly furnished negative reports.

COMMENTS:

(u) Source displayed a friendly, cooperative, and sincere attitude. However, statements pertaining to his political and his MfS activities, in some instances, seemed to contain implications of ambiguity. Even though Source had revealed himself to West German authorities of the Lower Saxony Interior Ministry, hostile control cannot be fully precluded. His wife, who remained in E-BERLIN, was supposedly being prevailed upon by the MfS to persuade him to return with impunity.

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