

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------|
| DISPATCH | CLASSIFICATION SECRET | PROCESSING | |
| | | FILED | ACTION |
| TO: Chief of Station, [redacted] 12-10 Chief of Station, Luxembourg | | SEARCHED FOR INDEXING | ACCUM. PUSHED |
| THRU: Chief, AF Chief, WE | | NO INDEXING REQUIRED | |
| FROM: Chief, KUTUBE/D | | ONLY QUALIFIED HEADQUARTERS DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING | |
| | | ABSTRACT | |
| | | NO INDEXING | |

SUBJECT: Description and Photograph of José Marie André **MANDEL**.

ACTION: [redacted] REFERENCES: Paras. 3a, 3c, 4, 7
LUXEMBOURG: Paras. 3b, 3c, 4, 5.

REF: AUDA 234, 7 October 1960

1. Forwarded herewith is a picture of **MANDEL**. Although the picture was taken in 1957, he looks today exactly as he did then, with the exception of a few less hairs on the top of his head. Description: 42 years old, apparent age 45, height 6 ft. 1 in., thin build, hair dark brown, large ears, right ear lobe has distinct inverted-v cut; above his left eyebrow is a permanent lump (does not show on the attached picture), large enough so that it cannot be overlooked; walks with head and shoulders bent slightly forward; speaks German and French fluently and can pass as a native of France; on a scale of excellent, very good, good, fair, poor, his English is rated good. If English is used with him, it should be spoken slowly and distinctly, choosing words which leave no doubt as to what is meant.

2. **MANDEL** was met in Luxembourg by **RAHNEY** and Elliott S. **JOUVENOY**, COS, Luxembourg, on 19 and 20 October. [AUDA] 234 had not been received in Frankfurt by the time of **RAHNEY**'s departure from there for Luxembourg, but arrangements were made to have it relayed to Luxembourg, and **JOUVENOY** has confirmed his receipt of it. The following sub-paragraphs provide the substance of the meetings with **MANDEL**:

a. In view of the extreme sensitivity of the objective for which we want him to perform his task, he was not told precisely what we want him to do. Instead, he was told that we have evidence of Soviet operations among nationality groups in Africa, specifically, Corsicans, and that we would like to have him spot, assess, and recommend some dependable, quick-witted persons for our use. (Comment: It was thought best to withhold our true, specific requirements pending the final decision to use **MANDEL**.) He agreed to go on the trip for us.

b. Regarding cover for the trip, **MANDEL** suggested that he travel as a salesman for a German firm producing coin-operated soft-drink, coffee, etc., machines. He already had a brochure from this company and stated that he could easily obtain an authenticating to-whom-it-may-concern letter from the owner. The firm is **SCHWELMER REISEWERK, MUELLER AND CO., GMBH, SCHWELM, WESTFALIA**; the owner

**RETURN TO CIA
Background Use Only
Do Not Reproduce**

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|------|
| DATE TYPED | | DATE DISPATCHED | |
| 2 November 1960 | | | |
| CROSS REFERENCE TO | | DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER | |
| [redacted] 22 | | [AUDA] 147 | |
| CLASSIFICATION | | HEADQUARTERS FILE NUMBER | |
| SECRET | | | |
| ORIGINATING | | | |
| OFFICE | OFFICER | TYPIST | EXT |
| FI/D/OPS | [redacted] | 103 rbo | 4652 |
| COORDINATING | | | |
| OFFICE SYMBOL | DATE | OFFICER'S NAME | |
| WE/2 1047 | I | | |
| DG/WE 1010 | J | | |
| DC/AF 2002 | I | | |

518R

is Erich KIRCHMANN, who is asserted by MANKEL to be a friend. (Comment: Eqs. traces have been run on the firm and the owner, with negative results.)

c. MANKEL stated that in dealing with Corsicans it is sometimes advisable to give a Corsican as a reference. If he finds this advisable or necessary, his reference will be Jacques BASTELLI, 75, Blvd. Auguste Blanque, Paris. (Comment: Eqs. traces have been run on BASTELLI with negative results.)

d. Since MANKEL is known to the Surete in Paris because of his assistance to the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics, he was told to obtain visas for his trip in Germany. His passport was reviewed, and there appeared to be no objection to his using it for the upcoming trip.

e. He was told what immunization shots and malaria suppressive he will need and was given funds to obtain them.

f. He was told that contact with an American would be available at his destination in case he needs it. (Comment: Paras. 2 and 3 of AUDA 234 take care of this for JOUVEROY's briefing purposes.) He was not told that the person meeting him would be from the American Embassy, nor should he be told this.

3. MANKEL gave JOUVEROY the same briefing concerning our purposes as he had given to COS. Notes were left with JOUVEROY for his use in briefing MANKEL specifically on the types we want MANKEL to find for us. Those notes, plus [AUDM] 234 provide JOUVEROY with most of the information necessary for MANKEL's final briefing; the only other information and action necessary at this time are:

a. On receipt of this dispatch, [redacted] to cable Luxembourg the alias to be used by CRICHAUD if she meets MANKEL.

b. Luxembourg to include in the briefing to MANKEL the statement that if CRICHAUD wants to get hold of him, she will telephone him between 0830 and 0900 hours or between 1700 and 1730 hours at his hotel, La Croix du Sud, will give him her alias, and will say, "Brigitte wrote to me that you would be here and asked me to show you around." MANKEL will reply with a statement of appreciation. He should be told in Luxembourg that if he receives such a call, he will meet CRICHAUD per sub-paragraph 9, paragraph 2, [AUDM] 234. On receiving the call, he should immediately suspend his search activity until told by CRICHAUD to resume it. We wish this to be included in his briefing in anticipation of the possibility that [redacted] Station may pick up information affecting MANKEL during his stay there, e.g., a police inquiry. It should be stressed to MANKEL during his briefing in Luxembourg that he should not seek contact with us per paragraph 2, [AUDM] 234 unless he runs into obstacles clearly requiring discussion or senses danger to himself or his mission or has something to report which cannot await his return to Luxembourg. We will not contact him unless we pick up something affecting him or his mission.

c. MANKEL should be told to spend some time actually trying to sell the coin-operated machines. A normal first step would be his contacting the Chamber of Commerce. If [redacted] Station has any particular guidance in this respect, please cable to Luxembourg.

4. Reference paragraph 4, [AUDM] 234; MANKEL should be briefed on all the sub-paragraphs, but should be told to concentrate first on sub-paragraph a, rather than dilute his effort. Unless [redacted] Station objects, in which case please cable to Luxembourg with reasons, the briefing of MANKEL should include the parenthetical note in sub-paragraph c, since this will permit him to take precautionary measures in dealing with these types. We prefer that after he has explored the possibilities offered by sub-paragraph a, he explore those offered by sub-paragraph d. Sub-paragraphs b and c should be considered last resorts. Although he will be aware of it from his own normal activity, MANKEL should be specifically told to be alert to the fact that the circles in which he will be dealing are usually loaded with police informants and that we want him to exercise maximum caution. He should also be told that we do not consider this a mission which can be extended ad infinitum. If he is not able to find the types we want and arrange future contact (recognition signals, etc.) within two weeks, approximately, it is unlikely that additional time will get him anywhere, although we have an open mind on this point. We do not want him to feel that he must return with success; if he cannot

find the types we need in Dakar, we will look elsewhere. (The operation we have in mind is too sensitive to risk blowing it in this phase, and the search for assets must be conducted with truly minimum risk.)

5. JOUVENOY is authorized to provide MANUEL with funds for travel, \$400 for living expenses in Dakar (20 days at \$20 per day), and \$300 for operational expenses. T/A this total to Hqs., citing Cost Center 1123-1003-1000 and cite this dispatch as authority. (On his return he need submit only the airline ticket stub, hotel bills, and accounting for the \$300 operational expenses only. These should be sent to EUROES/D only.) If he needs more funds in [] he can obtain them there from CRECHARD. His travel reservations should be made from Frankfurt, but under no circumstances from Luxembourg or Paris. JOUVENOY is authorized to give him money for travel to Frankfurt for this purpose. (We will decide on his return how much to pay him for his time on the mission.) 12-10

6. If there are any questions on the part of [] or Luxembourg, please cable to each other, with info to Hqs., or to Hqs. with info to the other station. Cables should refer to this dispatch and be slugged HYBAT LAURICIE ZRACORN. 12-10

7. For [] In view of the fact that the cover installation is not guarded during off-duty hours, this dispatch should be reduced to cryptic necessary notes and destroyed after the first reading. MANUEL's picture and all cable traffic, as well as your copies of [AUDW] 234, should also be destroyed as soon as no longer needed. Necessary notes, i.e., on arrangements for contacts, and MANUEL's picture, until the first contact, should be sealed in such a way that any tampering will be immediately evident. 22

DANIEL M. PRESLAND

Attachment

Photo, as stated, 1 cy

Distributions: 12-10

1-COS, [] w/attachment a/s
1-COS, Luxembourg, w/o attachment
2-FI/D/Ops

615R