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TO: Chief, WE

FROM: Chief of Station, [redacted]

SUBJECT: Security/Operations Activities of [redacted]/1

ACTION: NIL

Reference: [redacted] 1955, 1 November 1955

1. Since the referenced meeting, we have had both business and social contacts with [redacted]/1. In an effort to help [redacted] get started in his Agency activities in Copenhagen, we have introduced him to a number of Danish friends around the town. From these it is hoped that [redacted] will be able to build up his circle of friends and establish his patterns of activity in the shortest possible time. Among others, we have introduced him to one of the editors of the Scandinavian Times, for whom he may have the opportunity to write articles and also to establish contacts within local journalistic circles. We are also widening the circle of his own friends and acquaintances, some of whom might be interesting when more is known about them. They are in the field of literature or are students preparing for careers in the Danish Foreign Service.

2. [redacted]/1 is still ineffective as a letterdrop and his flat, as previously reported, cannot be considered presently useful as a safe house. We are, however, looking around for a permanent flat for the remainder of the year. We are briefed on the type of flat which would be most useful operationally. Discussion on the subject of [redacted] consolidation for such a flat has been started. Unless N/1 runs short of funds or his flat is used quite extensively to his considerable inconvenience, we feel at this point that it is an unnecessary expenditure. We will naturally absorb all his operating expenses, and plan to occasionally give him a little liquor, which we are quite certain will be most appreciated.

3. [redacted]/1 is planning to enroll formally in the University next semester. This we strongly encourage as student membership in various campus organizations is then open to him. In fact the better [redacted]/1 is integrated into student life in Copenhagen the more he regards not getting to [redacted] and enrolling in the Graduate School from the beginning. [redacted]/1 has already begun to talk about staying an extra year in Copenhagen (as Fulbright study grant to Harvard for next year does not come through. [redacted] and we feel it is doubly important for N/1 to enroll in the University. We say this because it has been our observation that even the most serious students here tend to become bored with the city in surprisingly short time, unless they can occupy their time with [redacted] serious endeavor. As we have indicated in other correspondence this may be directly responsible for manifest itself in some of the Fulbright [redacted] We shall make an effort to see that this does not infect [redacted] Our [redacted] arrangements may give N/1 use to obtain information on the Institute [redacted] Studies of the University of Copenhagen. If you still wish [redacted] as a room mate, we anticipate no one [redacted] year with [redacted]/1, the results of which were less than satisfactory. N/1 moved into [redacted] and, after introducing himself to some of the students there, is [redacted] providing [redacted] and other [redacted] to [redacted] of the [redacted] and be possible [redacted] to it.

4. While at the Institute for the first time, [redacted]/1 met a [redacted] Editor [redacted] - the Forum - for [redacted], [redacted] [redacted] called - will [redacted]

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as follows:

[redacted], whose parents were both [redacted], attended [redacted] Foreign Citizens High School in the Pennsylvania [redacted] and graduated from Muhlenberg College. He was drafted in 1951, and [redacted] this accepted the offer. What he did until about 1955 is not [redacted] but he came to Copenhagen in the summer of that year and [redacted] here for about a year. At that time his G.I. Bill benefits were about to expire, and he began to study Slavic [redacted] so that that he has lived almost entirely on the allotments from the G.I. Bill. During 1955 (?) [redacted] lived with an uncle in Minsk, [redacted] where he studied the Russian language and culture. [redacted] Russian quite well and after taking his exam in Slavic [redacted] the Institute, he would like to continue his studies or go back to the United States to teach the language. His G.I. Bill expires in April 1961, and after that money will be a problem. He stated that he likes Russian literature, but not the Soviet writers because they are compelled to write to conform to the Party line of social realism.

2. Above biographic information on [redacted] was obtained from an initial [redacted] conversation with [redacted]. Before we checked the station files, [redacted] looked like a good prospect. He still should not be ruled out. Not knowing about the material in the files, we told [redacted] at our meeting on the 30th to go ahead and cultivate [redacted]. We gave him a good briefing on what information he should elicit and how he should pursue this target. [redacted] has arranged a dinner this evening, 29 November, with [redacted] and should be able to provide a much better assessment of him at our next meeting. [redacted]'s initial assessment, which is that he is prone to pursue this lead, is that [redacted] was a typically [redacted] person, but not educated up to his potential. He is inclined to be [redacted] and a bit lonely. He is not too miffed in his remembrance of [redacted] and still thinks [redacted] had more American friends in Copenhagen, but they were not "regular students." [redacted] then explained to us the type of environment from which [redacted] came (and with which he is familiar) and said that it was his opinion that this could very well account for the impression of himself which [redacted] gave to others.

3. After our next meeting with [redacted] in which we should get a much clearer picture of [redacted], we should be able to tell whether this lead is [redacted], and if it looks promising complete traces will be requested from [redacted]. After the evening's contact with [redacted], [redacted] has been instructed to keep up the contact but not to pursue it aggressively, until he has further instructions. Regardless of how this lead turns out, it will be valuable practice and [redacted] for [redacted], which is, we believe, worth while.

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