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Information Report

Subject: Alleged American Journalist Processing Baggage in East Berlin for Travel to the USSR

Source: ⁰² [AECHEJEL-1]

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1. On 5 May 1959 a blue-gray Volkswagen, license CS 722 (a West Berlin number), with a German driver in civilian clothes came to the unaccompanied baggage section. The driver processed two suitcases for shipment to Moscow in the following names:

R. James KORENGOLD

2. The driver stated that KORENGOLD was an American journalist who was proceeding from Geneva to Moscow. According to the driver, KORENGOLD was employed by the "United Press." A baggage section colleague of Source saw KORENGOLD's travel papers, and they indicated that he was authorized to remain in the USSR for 14 days.

3. The driver of the Volkswagen stated that he himself had been born in Stuttgart, but that he has lived for 20 years in Berlin. He still has a house in Stuttgart, however, and he goes back to Stuttgart every year to spend his vacation there.

4. Source stated that the "R." of KORENGOLD's name stands for a name like Reginald or Renald.

5. Source did not see KORENGOLD. *Robert*

6. traces: No trace on R. James KORENGOLD.

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