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COMMUNIST/SHARP SHOOTER
 Luxembourg Narcotic Lead

See paragraph 2

- A. [BOB] 4251 (not sent [Bern]) 15-9
- B. [ESIA] 7305 (not sent [Bern]) 15-9
- C. [LUK] 0077 (not sent [Rome, The Hague, Bern]) 15-9; 15-6; 15-10

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1. COB, Luxembourg has provided the following information concerning an approach to a Luxembourg by a French national who desired to join a narcotic ring disposing of narcotics supplied by the Chinese Communists:

A Luxembourg citizen reported that in mid-April 1959 one Armand DELACOUR aka RELAPARE asked him to join a ring which received large amounts of free opium from the Chinese on condition that it be smuggled into the United States. DELACOUR said that two Sicilians residing in Paris had successfully engaged in this traffic; one of whom allegedly had received 50 kilograms of free opium in Hong Kong and delivered it personally in the United States after entering via Canada. Full French documentation needed for an American visa was allegedly obtained for \$200.

DELACOUR's address is given as 28 rue Erard, Paris, and he is described as follows: Age 47, height 175 cms, weight 70-72 kilos, brown hair, balding, oval face, brown eyes, erect nose, thick lips, heavy cigarette smoker. Born in Basque country. Smuggled narcotics before and after the war from North Africa. Convicted three times, the last time for theft and was last released in December 1958 (No Headquarters traces)

The Luxembourgier stated his willingness to accept DELACOUR's offer if he can have American guidance. COB, Luxembourg, who interviewed him, observed that he probably knows more than he told or is involved in some deal for which he hopes to protect himself by being able to state that he is working for the Americans. COB, Luxembourg suggested an CIA representative be sent to Luxembourg where he could fully interrogate the Luxembourgier and assess his story.

2. This material was furnished [COB, Rome] since it was felt that there might be a tie in with the SHARP SHOOTER operation. [Bern] however, felt any tie in might be remote -- at least at this stage -- and saw no need for [Rome] to handle the case. In this Headquarters concurrence. [CIA] Headquarters was informed in general terms of the information cited in paragraph 1 at the same time they were informed of the SHARP SHOOTER information. At that time they suggested the Luxembourg matter be handled by CLAYSON along with the SHARP SHOOTER case. Since [Rome] is taking over SHARP SHOOTER and will consult with CLAYSON -- representing [CIA] interests -- when necessary. Headquarters suggests that [Rome] inform the Rome office of [CIA] of this Luxembourg lead and suggest to Mr. [] that CLAYSON look into it, since he may find some tie in at the lower levels of the SHARP SHOOTER net. Also

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since RABBIT has seen the Luxembourg report and requests GUALOS look into the case as soon as possible, suggest CLARKSON or another GUALOS representative contact RABBIT at his earliest convenience to arrange an interview with the prospective agent.

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