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8 March 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/R&A

SUBJECT : Italian Aspects of the Clay Shaw Affair

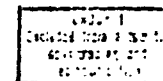
REFERENCES : A. FBIS-37, 7 March 1967  
B. Your memo of 3 March 1967 on Clay Shaw's Connection with CIA

1. Attached for your information are copies of stories from the 5 March 1967 issues of Il Messaggero (Attachment A) and Corriere della Sera (Attachment B) concerning the New Orleans investigation of a Kennedy assassination conspiracy and the involvement therein of Clay Shaw. Shaw is identified as having been connected with the Centro Mondiale Commerciale (CMC). Other persons listed as involved with CMC are: Carlo D'Amelio, Henrich Mandel-Mantello, George Mandel, and Ferenc Nagy. No E/I traces were found on any of the above. No Hungarian desk traces were found on Nagy. RID traces on all four persons are in process.
2. In regard to the information in FBIS-37, a check of E/I desk files disclosed no traces on the World Trading Center, Clay Shaw, Major Blumenfeld, or PERMINDEX. Traces were found (Attachment C) in the Annuario Parlamentare, 1963-64 edition, on the CMC, which is noted as connected with PERMINDEX. We believe that the CMC and PERMINDEX are identical, respectively, with the World Trading Center and PERMINDEX mentioned in FBIS-37. No RID traces were found on CMC. The 1963-64 Annuario Parlamentare listed Nikolaus Fischer as managing director of CMC. No E/I traces were found on Fischer. RID traces on him are still in process.
3. A check of the 1963 and 1964 editions of the Annual Swiss Business Registry, held by the Swiss desk, disclosed further information on PERMINDEX (Attachment D), a commercial firm with a wide range of activity located in Basel, Switzerland.
4. OCR/FID file information lists PERMINDEX as a Swiss real estate and property management firm and lists its management as follows:

President - Dr. Werner von Arx

Other Officials - Timothy Fales, Dr. Otto Wiesser,  
Dr. Nikolaus Fischer, Randolph  
Vetter.

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(Note: All of the above except Vetter are listed as PERMINDEX officials in the Swiss Business Registry listings.)

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