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FROM : Legat, Bonn (92-5)

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Re Bureau cable January 14, 1961, and Bonn cables January 18, 25, 26, 31 and February 1, 1961.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the Subject, which is self-explanatory. The information from the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA - West German Federal Criminal Police) was received by teletypes from that agency on January 18, 20, 24, 25, 26, 31, and February 1, 1961.

Upon the receipt of Bureau cable of January 14, 1961, not only the German Police but also the Austrian Federal Police were alerted to the Subject's possible travel in their area. In addition, the Bundeskriminalamt advised the Austrian Criminal Police by teletype on January 25, 1961 of the Subject's departure from Munich that day traveling by car in the direction of Austria. No information has been received regarding the Subject from the Austrian authorities. In view of the fact that the Subject was back in Munich on January 26, 1961, and there is no clear showing that the Subject actually entered Austria, this case is not being retained in a pending status in order to obtain a check of records in Austrian cities where the Subject may have stopped. However, in the event the Austrian Police do obtain and furnish any information on the Subject, it, of course, will be reported.

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The following information was furnished by the Bundes-kriminalamt (BKA - West German Federal Criminal Police) and was obtained by the BKA from the Bavarian Landeskriminalamt (LKA - Bavarian State Criminal Police).

One Miss DIETRICH, an employee of the Munich, Germany, office of Swissair, advised that according to information from her firm's New York office, the Subject, on January 6, 1961, had booked a flight with Swissair from New York to Munich, Germany, via Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland. Together with this flight reservation he had reserved hotel reservations through Swissair for January 15-17, 1961 at the Hotel Richmond in Geneva, and from January 17 through 18, 1961, at the Bayerischer Hof Hotel in Munich. He was expected to arrive in Munich on these reservations at 4:55 p. m., January 17, 1961. On January 11, 1961 the New York Office of Swissair cancelled these reservations.

On January 20, 1961, the BKA was informed by Interpol authorities in Switzerland that the Subject had departed from Geneva, Switzerland at about 6:15 a. m., January 20, 1961, enroute to Munich with anticipated arrival at Munich at 10:15 a. m., the same day. This information was furnished by the BKA to the LKA in Bavaria. As of January 23, 1961 the LKA had been unable to verify the Subject's arrival in Munich and had determined that specifically he had not checked into the Bayerischer Hof Hotel. It was learned that this hotel had made a revised reservation for the Subject for January 20-22, 1961 but that these hotel reservations had been cancelled by telephone by Swissair when the Subject had not arrived in Munich from Zurich, Switzerland, as expected on Swissair on January 20, 1961. On January 25, 1961 the LKA determined that ALEX had been in Munich since January 20, 1961 but had been residing in the Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten in Room 201/2. He had been registered under the name of GUS ALEX, described as born April 1, 1916 at Chicago. He had been observed on several occasions in the company of a woman who spoke excellent German.

At about 11:00 a. m. on January 24, 1961, ALEX went to the Swissair Office at No. 5 Maximiliansplatz in Munich and there had had an airline ticket endorsed to Air France at 23 Theatinerstrasse in Munich. At this latter airline he booked single first-class passage

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for a flight leaving Munich, January 30, 1961 at 3:05 p. m. to arrive Paris, France, 4:35 p. m., the same day, and also on the same day from Paris at 5:20 p. m., enroute to Montreal, Canada, to arrive 7:10 p. m. (All times local time). He also booked reservations to leave Montreal for Detroit at 12:00 o'clock. On January 25, 1961 ALEX checked out of the Hotel Jahreszeiten and at about 10:20 a. m. left Munich using a hired Mercedes automobile carrying plate number M-CV 281. He was traveling on the Autobahn (express highway) out in the direction of Rosenheim, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria. He was accompanied by an unidentified blond woman. His route was generally in the direction of German Austrian alpine ski areas and this, together with the fact that two pairs of skis were fastened on the car, indicate the possibility he planned to take part in winter sports. The car had been hired by the subject from the Selbstfahrer-Union at Munich No. 27 Birkerstrasse.

ALEX had departed from the hotel on January 25, 1961 unexpectedly and without giving prior notice to the hotel and removed all of his luggage. After leaving the hotel and while driving to the highway he picked up on Sendlingerstrasse the blonde woman, who was described as about 23 to 25 years old and well dressed. At the car rental firm Selbstfahrer Union it was learned that ALEX had been recommended to this firm by one STEVE LOHR of General Tours, 595 Madison Avenue, New York 23, New York, who is a business friend of the Manager of the Munich firm, one Mr. HILZBERGER. When ALEX had approached the Munich firm he had done so by referring to LOHR. He came to the firm first on January 20, 1961 about noon and asked for a car to be available at a later date. When he picked up the car on January 25, he also asked for maps of Austria and stated that he would travel to Innsbruck and Kitzbuehel, Austria, and would return the car on Sunday, January 29, 1961 at the latest.

Record of ALEX was again located in Munich, when it was determined that on the night of January 26-27, 1961, he stayed at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof, where he used Room Number 30. He checked out of this hotel at about 10:40 a. m. on January 27, 1961, leaving by taxi and carrying all his luggage, which consisted of two suitcases and a pair of skis. It could not be established where ALEX went with this taxi. According to the Chief Porter at the Bayerischer Hof, ALEX did not have any visitors at that hotel, nor was he observed in any conversation other than with hotel personnel.

It could not be established where ALEX went after leaving Munich on January 25, 1961 until he checked in at the Bayerischer Hof Hotel on January 26. He arrived back with his rented car, which he arranged to have picked up by the rental firm at the hotel on January 27, 1961 at 9:00 o'clock. He had travelled a total of 265 kilometers (159 miles).

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aka Mrs. Helmut Maier - 911.
 After leaving the Bayerischer Hof on January 27, 1961, *address: 721 N.E. 25th St. Miami, Fla.*
 ALEX checked into the Hotel Koenigshof on Karlsplatz in Munich and stayed at this hotel until he left Munich on January 30, 1961, aboard the previously described Air France flight. Prior to leaving, he made a reservation through Air France for a room at the Hotel Ritz Carlton in Montreal, Canada, for the night of January 30-31, 1961. Subject was seen off from the airport at Munich by a woman who was later identified as DITGARD MAIER. This leave taking was described as very intimate by police. It was determined that DITGARD MAIER was born December 3, 1938 at Seewalchen, Austria, and was at the time of Subject's departure from Munich domiciled with her mother, Mrs. FUEGER at Number 12/IV Rosenstrasse in Munich. She is reported to be married to one HELMUT MAIER, born at Munich, Germany, May 18, 1929, who is now said to be employed in the United States as a solicitor. The MAIER couple is reported to have been domiciled in the United States for the past three years. They are said to have resided at "59th North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois" and their present address reportedly is 721 N. E. 25th Street, Miami, Florida. DITGARD MAIER came to Munich from the United States on January 10, 1961 and originally planned to fly back to the United States on January 31, 1961 but changed this plan and reportedly would delay her departure for approximately one week. *9/11*

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