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7 November 1951

Chief, Contact Division
ATTN : Support Branch (Richardson)

Chief, San Francisco Office

Case 35556 - CBS Correspondent Fred Goerner

REF : Your memo of 30 Oct 51, case subject, enclosing FE Division memo of 25 Oct 51.

1. In response to referenced request from FE Division, Mr. [redacted], Office of Personnel representative in San Francisco, has furnished the following additional information based on his 11 Oct 51 interview with Fred Goerner. The sub-paragraphs below are keyed to the sub-paragraphs of the FE Division memo.

a. The statements by Saipan natives were of a general nature, but they referred specifically to the installation on Saipan. More than one native furnished this information, but how many was not indicated. It is not known whether these natives were employees of US Government installations; they may, or may not have been.

b. Goerner referred to the contractor as "a commercial concern," Goerner knew its identity and named it specifically, but [redacted] was not familiar with the name and failed to note it. Goerner had gone so far as to check into it and discover how much the contract was. He related this to demonstrate to [redacted] how easy it was to obtain this kind of information on the island.

c. Mr. Jules Dandee and Dr. Frank Stanton, CBS, know of the [redacted]. Goerner felt impelled to reveal this to them in explaining why he was thwarted in his efforts to obtain full information on the Amelia Earhart story. CBS has reason to believe that the US Navy has pertinent records in files stored "in Utah" to which he has been denied access by the US Navy Department in Washington.

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d. Mr. [] did not react to Goerner's euphemistic reference to "Navy." Goerner knew it as a CIA activity, [] did not consent.

e. The date of contact with the Archivist of the US was not mentioned, but [] assumed it was quite recent, i.e., following the discovery of the remains. The Archivist's answers to questions concerning available information on the fate of Amelia Earhart "led us to CIA's door," Goerner remarked pointedly.

f. CBS does not yet feel that it has provable evidence of Amelia Earhart's death on Saipan. Goerner is convinced that additional pertinent information is available in US Navy records and that the Navy, with CIA in collusion, is withholding this information. The official who referred to extensive publicity was on Saipan, but his affiliation was not mentioned.

2. When Seymour Whitelaw arranged for the meeting between Goerner and [], he identified [] as a CIA representative.

3. [] thinks it should be emphasized that CBS is continuing the investigation and will probably not rest until the true story of Amelia Earhart is discovered and publicized. CBS has appealed to Senator Saltwater, who has promised his support in "unlocking the doors." [] still feels that CBS is interested only in the Earhart story and has no intention of publicizing CIA activities on Saipan.

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