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TO : []
FROM : []
SUBJECT: Siegfried KAHN.
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1. There is attached herewith an application form submitted by Mr. Siegfried KAHN who should be considered as a prospect for a field representative position at Salzburg under the EDUCATOR Project. A complete set of application papers will be submitted to you in the near future.

2. Mr. Kahn was referred to me by [] Salzburg representative of our Austrian organization. [] recommends Mr. Kahn highly and, on the basis of his personal observations of Kahn's work covering a long period of time, feels that he could completely represent us at Salzburg. Mr. Kahn is presently Chief Communication Intelligence Officer of the U.S. Zone of Austria, stationed at Salzburg. His duties at Salzburg relate in a number of ways to the type of activities in which we are engaged and he seems to have both a flare and liking for psychological warfare work. These duties have included:

- a. Censorship of high priority communications on a watch list request basis.
- b. Penetration operations to obtain pertinent information on censorship activities in satellite areas.
- c. Acquiring data on routing procedures for telephone and postal communications within satellite countries.
- d. Research in public opinion trends.
- e. Experimental technical tasks, including the construction of specialized radio shortwave agent sets.

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f. Operating positive intelligence nets in relation with communication intelligence activities, or as assigned by ODI, Austria.

3. Mr. Kahn was born in Germany and has been a United States citizen for more than ten years. He has no living relatives in Germany today. Mr. Kahn has a pleasing, well balanced personality, appears to be strongly motivated toward our type of work and his references uniformly attest to his high degree of energy, initiative and loyalty.

4. If Mr. Kahn were employed by our organization as a Salzburg representative, it should be noted that he could assume an almost perfect cover, in that he could return to Salzburg under cover of his present duties or duties directly related thereto.

5. This submission of Mr. Kahn's application form should not be considered as carrying my recommendation that he be appointed to a position with us at Salzburg. It is primarily a preliminary submission for your advance information. Before making a specific recommendation concerning Mr. Kahn, I wish to talk personally with several of his key references, as well as with certain other official persons to whom he is known. I will give you a further report as soon as this additional information is obtained.

6. Mr. Kahn's present contract expires, I understand, some time in May and he is presently planning to return to the United States on or about 1 June.

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