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FROM : Clyde Tolson
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DATE: 9/30/55

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In accordance with arrangements made by you, I conferred this morning in my office with Congressman Frank W. Boykin, Democrat, of Mobile, Alabama, and [redacted] a member of the law firm of Boykin and DeFrancis, Shoreham Building, Washington, D. C., telephone District 7-1830.

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[redacted] represents the German Government in Washington, D. C., and has a number of clients in Germany. About a year ago he met an Attorney in Frankfurt, Germany, named Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff and established a correspondence relationship with the Doctor's law firm. Late in August, [redacted] saw Dr. Von Schlabrendorff in Hamburg, Germany. Dr. Von Schlabrendorff was a leader of the Hitler resistance movement. [redacted] left with me the attached book "They almost killed Hitler," based on the personal account of Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff which I must return to [redacted]. Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff was one of the leaders of the large group who plotted against Hitler during the war and twice attempted to kill him and set up a new government.

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Dr. Von Schlabrendorff is a close friend of Chancellor Adenauer and has office space in the Chancellor's office quarters. He screens officers of the rank of colonel and general for the new German Army.

Dr. Von Schlabrendorff was close to Allen Dulles during the last war and is acquainted with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

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Dr. Von Schlabrendorff told Hynes Boykin that he has a contact in West Berlin, Ernst Nickish. The doctor feels certain that through Nickish he can meet at least monthly at Nickish's house, with Molotov's first assistant whose name is [redacted] and through [redacted] he could ascertain complete information as to the intentions of Russian against the United States.

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cc - Mr. Belmont
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[redacted] asked Dr. Von Schlabrendorff why he did not give this information to Allen Dulles. The Doctor stated that he considered this a life and death matter so far as he was concerned and he was fearful if he contacted Dulles "Dulles might let something slip" and he doesn't trust the Dulleses to this extent. He told [redacted] that he considers the FBI to have the best reputation for secrecy in the world and that he would convey this information to no one except to the Director of the FBI. Dr. Von Schlabrendorff told [redacted] that there would be no objection to checking his, Dr. Von Schlabrendorff's reputation with Allen Dulles, but he did not want him to know anything about this matter. The Doctor did not indicate that he wanted any money in connection with this matter, but he did mention that he would, of course, like to be reimbursed for his expenses of travel between Frankfurt and West Berlin.

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[redacted] agreed with Dr. Von Schlabrendorff that between the two of them this matter would be referred to as "Project Zebra". I told [redacted] he should not, of course, contact Dr. Von Schlabrendorff in writing or by telephone.

I asked [redacted] how it would be possible for [redacted] in East Berlin to meet at the home of Ernst Nickish in West Berlin. [redacted] did not know the answer to this.

I told Congressman Boykin and [redacted] that I would like to consider this matter over the week end and that we would be in touch with him not later than Wednesday or Thursday of next week. He stated that if anyone were sent to see him from the Bureau, he would like to have me telephone him in advance because he did not want to discuss this matter with anyone other than a designated and known official of the FBI.

[redacted] stated that if it were necessary, he would be glad to go back to Germany to see Dr. Von Schlabrendorff to assist in setting up this matter if the Bureau were interested.

I have asked [redacted] to secure name checks on the various persons mentioned in this memorandum at the earliest possible time. It occurs to me that this provides an excellent opportunity for securing information concerning the Russians and their intentions if it can be done with the approval of the Attorney General.

I have also asked for a brief of the file of our Legal Attache at Bonn, Germany.

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A further recommendation in this matter will be made to you early next week.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: October 4, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
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Reference is made to Mr. Tolson's memorandum of September 30, 1955, concerning his talk with [redacted] during which [redacted] conveyed a proposal from captioned individual that he operate in Germany under FBI control to develop information on Soviet intentions against the United States.

Our files have been reviewed on all persons mentioned by [redacted] in this connection. They confirm the fact Von Schlabrendorff was leader in German resistance movement and participated in two abortive attempts to assassinate Hitler. The book of his activities (They Almost Killed Hitler) shows that Otto John, who defected to the Russians, 7/20/54, arranged for Von Schlabrendorff's first meetings with the two leaders of the German resistance movement during World War II. [redacted] Nickisch is apparently identical with Ernst Niekisch, long-time active in German Communist Party and activities. [redacted]

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We recommend that we not participate in the proposal of Von Schlabrendorff as conveyed through [redacted] for the following reasons: (1) This operation is clearly outside our jurisdiction. If channel is established and the information received is any good at all, CIA will come to know about the operation. (2) We would have no way of knowing whether information furnished to us was true or false, as we would have no means of checking on it. Such circumstances would be perfect for the Russians to feed deceptive information to the U. S. Government. (3) Even though we, in effect, would act merely as a transmission channel, we would be taking responsibility for information received. (4) West Germany has been strongly infiltrated by the Communist bloc, particularly in intelligence circles; to wit, the Otto John case and General Trudeau's allegations. We would be staking the Bureau's reputation on the reliability of Von Schlabrendorff and his control of Niekisch and [redacted] concerning all three of whom we have little factual data.

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Information from our files on [redacted] Von Schlabrendorff, Niekisch and [redacted] is set forth in four memoranda attached.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That [redacted] be advised we appreciate the confidence in the FBI reflected by bringing this to our attention, that it is outside our jurisdiction and that we are calling the matter to the attention of Dillon Anderson. (The book which he loaned us "They Almost Killed Hitler" should be returned to him.)

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(2) That we advise Dillon Anderson, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, under "Top Secret" classification, of [redacted] visit, the proposal, and the fact that we are not accepting it because the matter is not within the jurisdiction of the FBI. We will be carrying out our responsibility by advising Anderson since the National Security Council has the over-all security responsibility for the country.

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(3) That we advise our Legal Attache in Bonn, Germany, of the facts in this matter and the action we have taken and instruct him to be alert to advise us of anything coming to his attention relevant to this matter.

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The only information in Bureau files concerning captioned individual appears in the case entitled "Alertronic Corporation, also known as; Tocsin Electronic Engineering Company, Incorporated, also known as; Special Inquiry - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The records of the United States District Court, Washington, D. C., reflect under Civil Action Number 2742-53 that suit was filed on June 17, 1953, by the Alertronic Protective Corporation of America of New York against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] trading as the Tocsin Electronic Engineering Company, Washington, D. C. The complaint in this matter was based upon money due and owing from the defendants to the plaintiff on an open account and otherwise for merchandise delivered.

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On July 17, 1953, the appearance of P. Bateman Ennis, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was entered on behalf of the defendants.

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[REDACTED] (protect identity) advised on December 10 or 17, 1953, that Attorney [REDACTED] 640 Shoreham Building, Northwest, Washington, D. C., had submitted the certificate of incorporation for the Tocsin Electronic and Engineering Company, Incorporated, at which time he could furnish no information concerning the officers, directors, or stockholders of this firm.

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The Bureau's file in the afore-mentioned case reflects that the defendant in this civil case was engaged in selling burglary and fire-alarm equipment manufactured by the plaintiff.

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[REDACTED] From the above information, it appears that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were attorneys of record for [REDACTED] in connection with this civil action.

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DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF - Summary

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This individual appears to be identical with Count Fabian Von Schlabrendorff leader of a Berlin Resistance Group during the latter 1930's and a participant in two abortive attempts to assassinate Adolf Hitler during World War II, concerning whom the following information appears in Bureau files.

A Confidential Censorship Report dated November 23, 1946, and received by the Bureau in March, 1947, reflected that a [redacted] of some city in Germany not named sent a letter to one [redacted] of Zürich, Switzerland, on November 1, 1946. In this letter the writer stated as follows:

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I was in Wiesbaden where I visited Fabian Von Schlabrendorff, an old friend of mine from the times of our common fight against the Third Reich.

During 1937/1938 I belonged to the Berlin resistance group Nikolaus Von Halem/Fabian V. Schlabrendorff (sic), who were the original instigators of the plot of 20 July. A few days before the annexation of Austria this group sent me to Vienna to warn Schuschnigg of the imminent attack and to induce him to offer armed resistance for 48 hours at least. This would have been enough to incite the opposition within the German Army to immediate action.... (62-62736-2-18721)

The May 6, 1947, edition of "The New York Times" on page 25 carried an article by Orville Prescott in which reference was made to the book "They Almost Killed Hitler." It was stated that this book was based on the personal account of Count Fabian Von Schlabrendorff as told to

[redacted] an agent of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). Von Schlabrendorff was said to be one of the major military leaders in the underground in Germany. The book contains an introduction by Major [redacted]

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[redacted] According to "The New York Times" article, Von Schlabrendorff made one of the most daring of all the attempts to kill Hitler. In March, 1943,

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Hitler was lured from his own headquarters to those of the Central Army on the Eastern Front. He arrived with his own cook to prepare his food, his own physician to test each dish before he ate, and wearing a safety cap lined with $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of steel plating. Just as Hitler entered his private plane on leaving, Von Schlabrendorff handed him a time bomb wrapped to look like a package of brandy bottles. According to Von Schlabrendorff, "It was a great nervous strain to remain quiet at this juncture." But when the bomb failed to explode, Von Schlabrendorff flew to Hitler's headquarters and got it back before it was unwrapped. (62-83338-1)

A semi-monthly trend report dated June 26, 1947, issued by Headquarters, 7742 Civil Censorship Division, European Command, contained the following comment under the caption "International Right-Wing Movement":

Of interest chiefly because of the apparent participation of Walter Rauschnig, noted former friend of Hitler and early President of the Danzig Free State, is the effort to organize an international right-wing movement from Switzerland.

Dr. Jur. Karlheinz Klaas of Lugano, Switzerland, announces that he has taken first steps to found the right-wing movement and implies that he has the collaboration of Rauschnig. He is a monarchist and lists a strange assortment of prospective supporters including DeGaulle; former Stahlhelm Feuhrer Deusterberg; Trebitsch-Lincoln, Britisher who became a Buddhist monk; Fabian von Schlabrendorff, participant in the 20 July plot. (62-62736-2009)

Department of State Foreign Service despatch number 3080 dated April 16, 1951, at Frankfurt, Germany, reflected that two years before, on April 14, 1949, the Military Governors in Germany granted the German Parliamentary Council permission for the Federal Government of Germany to establish an agency to collect and disseminate information concerning subversive activities against the Federal Government. When this agency was set up, Dr. Otto John was approved as its chief. (It will be recalled that Otto John has since defected to the Russians and has been shown to have been a Soviet spy while serving in an official capacity in Germany).

Fabian Von Schlabrendorff was originally named as a candidate for an official position in this agency, but according to the afore-mentioned foreign service despatch, his name was withdrawn by the Germans on grounds of ill health. (64-33704-1)

There is one additional reference in Bureau files reflecting that during April, 1945, in the last days of Hitler Germany, Von Schlabrendorff was in a group of Germans who fled to Flossenberg. Included in this group was an individual described as "Chief of the German Armies." This information appears in an OSS document described as an interrogation report covering one Carl Goran Edquist, a German who was interviewed on May 16, 1945, following the collapse of Germany. (65-56143-2)

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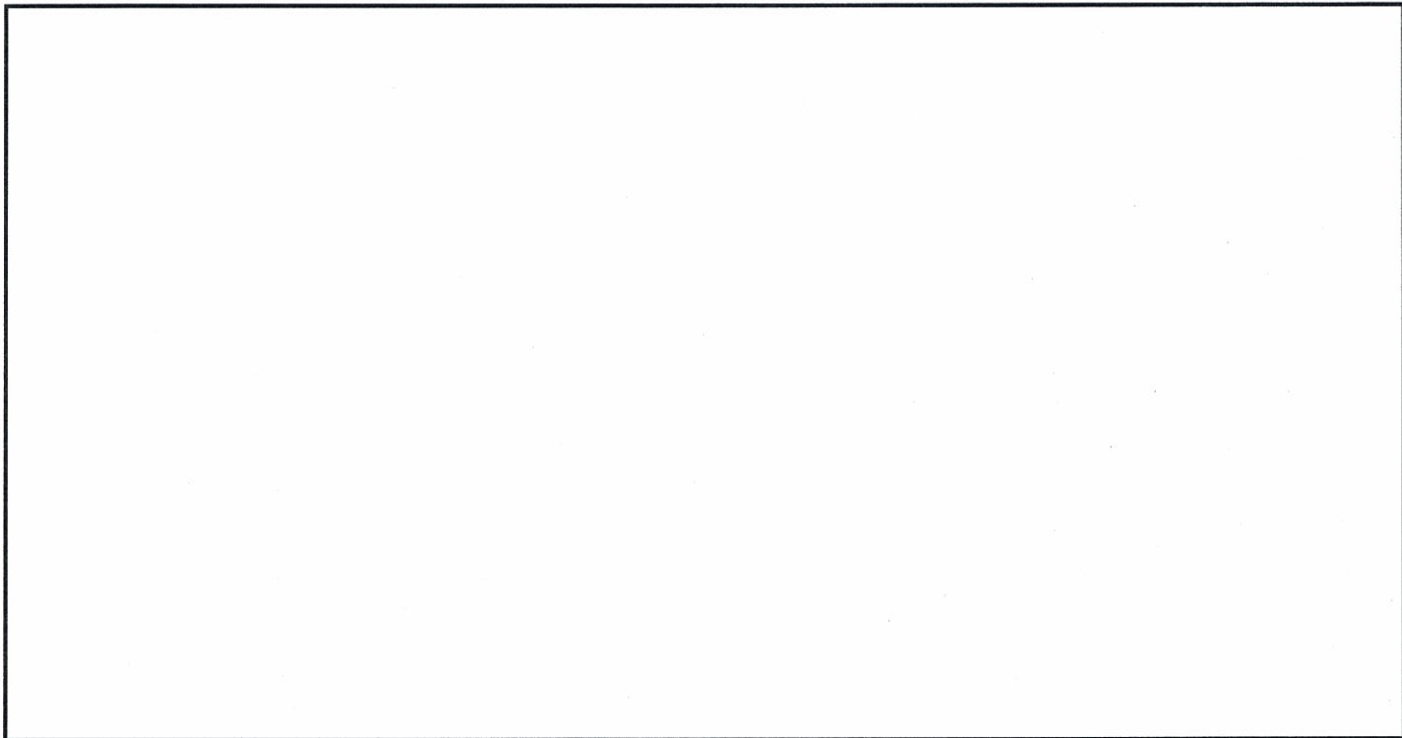
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There is no information in Bureau files on the
above name. There is, however, a reference to one Ernst
Niekisch who may be the individual referred to above.

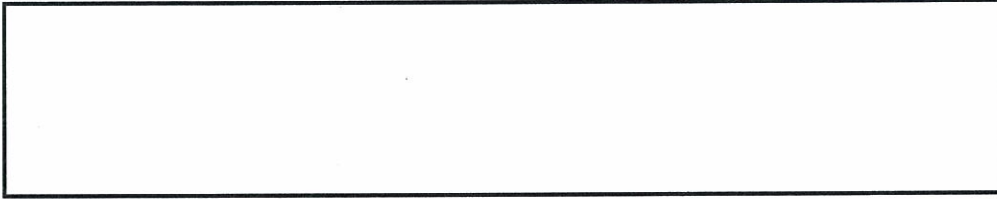
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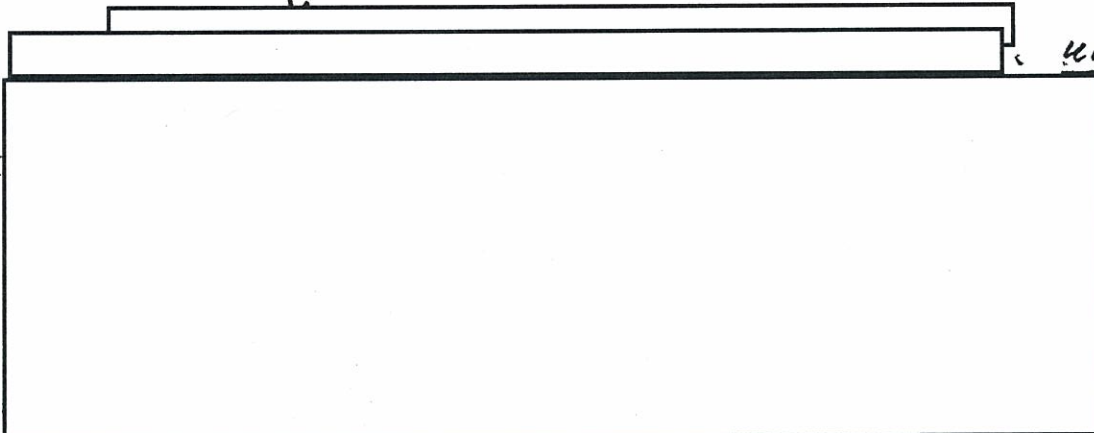
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From a review of material in Bureau files, it appears that captioned individual is [redacted] who was the subject of a biographical report dated October 20, 1950, and received from Confidential Source [redacted]. This report, which was attributed to a reliable German source in Berlin, read in part as follows:



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[redacted] He is filled with resentment against the Nazis; the S.S. allegedly killed his mother and sister, and burned down his house near Kiev. In 1945, during conversations with the Swiss professor of theology, Mr. Lieb, he stated that spiritually Russia is on the borderline between Roman and Orthodox Catholicism. As long as Zhdanov was alive, [redacted] had little influence. Ambassador Nadolny is of the opinion that [redacted] is a crook, pretending to be better than he actually is. (109-12-232-488X)

Confidential Source [redacted] on July 1, 1947, furnished the Bureau a copy of a report prepared in the Russian Occupied Zone of Germany on May 29, 1947, by an individual who was said to have a good record of credibility. The report, captioned "Russian Attitude Toward German Political Groups," read in part as follows:

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It has recently been noted that the Soviet military government had been paying particular attention to political parties of a more rightist

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character yet not determined by religious interests, especially those in Saxony and Thuringia which are the strongest. The political department favoring these groups at Karlshort (seat of the Soviet military government) is said to be the one in which Colonels Semjonow and Georgiew work. Both these officers are said to favor working with German bourgeois and liberal groups in opposition to the department directed by Colonel Tulpanow. It is assumed that this distribution of roles -- assignment of certain party members to work with the extreme left and others with the extreme right -- is deliberate. The results with groups other than the S.E.D. in Saxony and Thuringia of the Russian Zone have not been had from the Soviet point of view. (64-211-232-16)

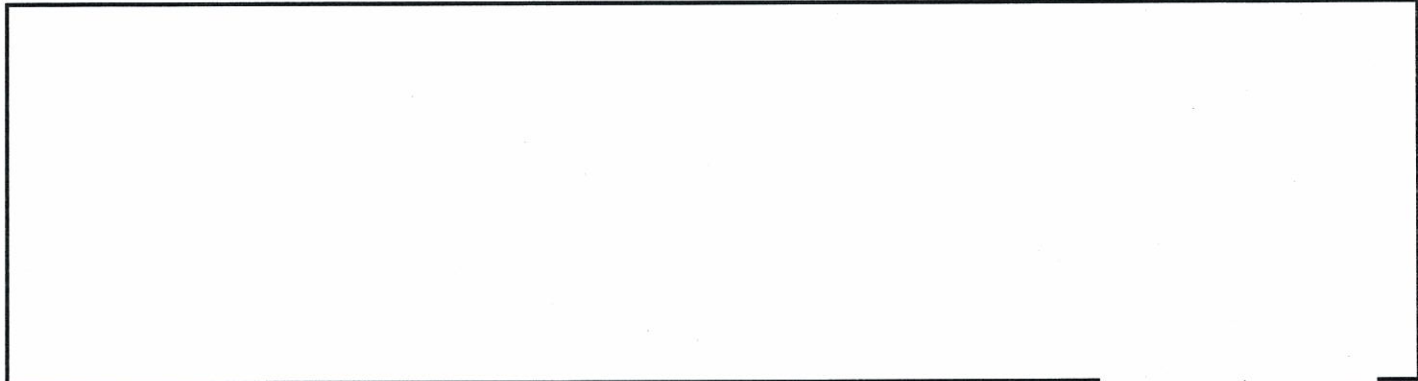
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On February 4, 1949, Ernst Peter Burger of Wurzburg, Germany, addressed a letter to the Director in which he reported on the internal conditions of Germany. He pointed out that certain Revolutionary Committees had been established in the East Zone of Germany, following which a meeting was held to discuss the proposed withdrawal of Soviet forces from the Eastern Zone. W. S. ~~Semjenow~~, described as political adviser of the Soviet military administration, was said by Mr. Burger to have acted as chairman at this meeting. (64-200-232-393)

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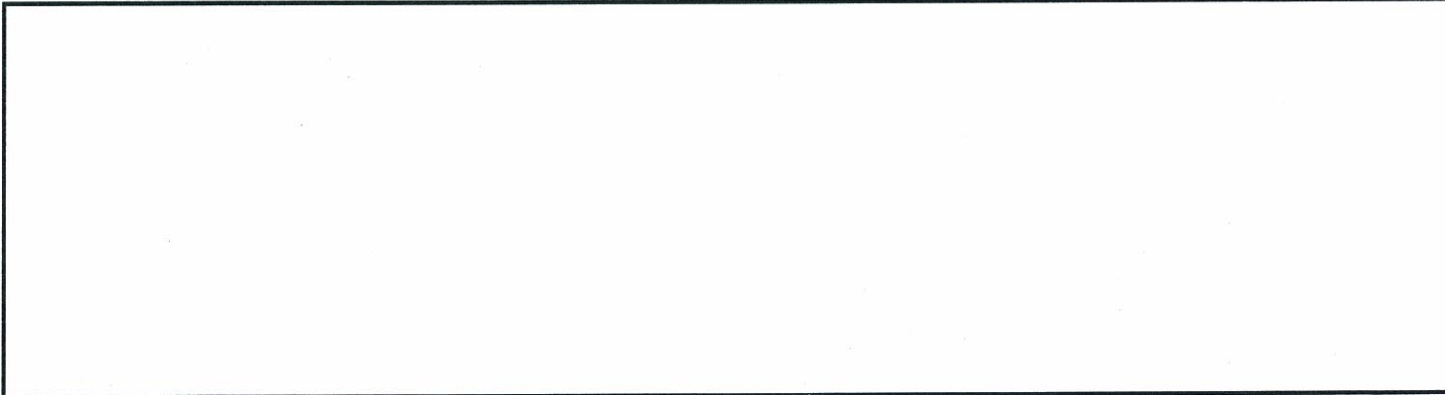
The March 1, 1949, edition of "The Washington Daily News" contained an article under the heading "German Reds Told To Take It Easy." The article stated that German communists had been ordered to adopt a "go slow" policy until conclusion of the Atlantic Pact and the Austrian Peace Treaty because of Russian hopes that the Western Allies would be eased out of Berlin. The article, attributing its information to sources close to the Russians, stated that Russian power in Germany was believed to have been taken from the political chief, Colonel Sergei Tulpanov,

and given to Russian Ambassador D. S. Semjonov, ^{U.S.S.R.} political adviser ⁵³¹ to Soviet Military Governor Vassily D. Sokolovsky. The article continued, "Mr. Semjonov has advocated a diplomatic solution of the cold war while Colonel Tulpanov has been noted for his inflammatory tactics."



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"The Washington Post" newspaper of Washington, D. C., ^{U.S.S.R.} carried an article on page 5 of its October 27, 1949, edition in which Ambassador W. S. Semjonov was described as Chief Soviet Political Adviser in East Germany. The article stated that it was notable that Ambassador Semjonov did not become head of the Soviet Diplomatic Mission to the new East German Government and, therefore, his future rôle remained a mystery. The article pointed out that Otto Grotewohl, East German premier, had flatly asserted that his government contemplated no separate peace treaty with the Soviet Union and did not expect withdrawal of Russian occupation troops within the near future. It was stated that this pronouncement directly reversed Soviet political propáganda of the previous month and contradicted flat promises given by Semjonov to the Christian Democrats and Liberal Democrats to persuade them to postpone elections in the Soviet Zone of Germany for one year. (109-12-232 Sub A)



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On March 20, 1951, a report was received from Confidential Source [REDACTED] captioned "Communist Actions in Western Germany." The information in this report was said to have been received from a German source. The report stated that certain new communist "shock" groups were ordered to start action in West Germany as of December 1, 1950, because of certain unsatisfactory election results in Hessen. The cover name of the entire organization was said to be "Fighting Group Bavaria-Austria." A certain control group was said to have been set up over the new organization and among the members of this control group was one Semjonow. (64-200-232-496)

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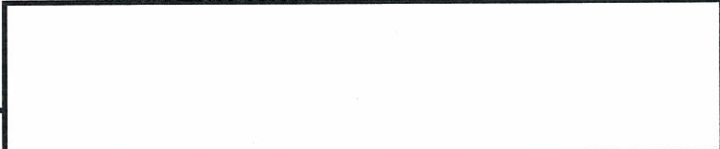
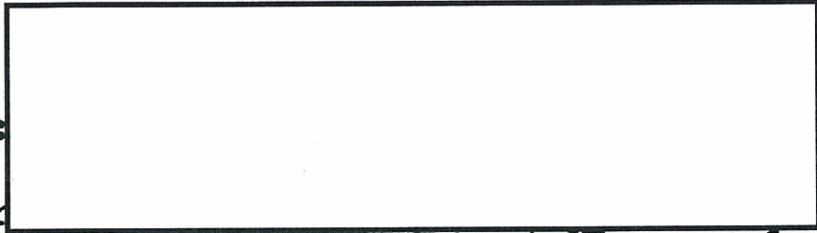
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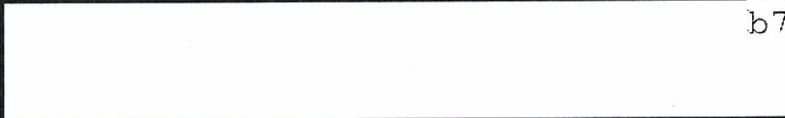
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cc-Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF, MISCELLANEOUS DASH INFORMATION CONCERNING PAREN ESPIONAGE END PAREN. FOLLOWING STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, TOP SECRET. CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL, THROUGH ~~INTERMEDIARY~~ INTERMEDIARY IN WASHINGTON, HAS PROPOSED THAT HE ESTABLISH OPERATION WHEREIN HE CAN MEET AT LEAST MONTHLY WITH QUOTE MOLOTOV'S FIRST ASSISTANT UNQUOTE, ONE [REDACTED] AT WEST BERLIN RESIDENCE OF ONE ERNST NICKISH PAREN SIC END PAREN. HE CLAIMS THROUGH SUCH OPERATION HE COULD ASCERTAIN COMPLETE INFORMATION RE INTENTIONS OF RUSSIA AGAINST U.S. SPECIFIES HE WILL DEAL ONLY WITH FBI AND NO OTHER U.S. AGENCY. [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED] SOVIET EXPERT ON GERMANY WHO, WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR, HAS SERVED AS POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO SOVIET MILITARY GOVERNMENT, EAST GERMANY, SINCE NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. NICKISH IS POSSIBLY ERNST NIEKISCH, FORMER MEMBER GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY, ORGANIZER BAVARIAN SOVIET REPUBLIC, LEADER IN ANTI DASH HITLER UNDERGROUND DURING WAR AND, AS LATE AS NINETEEN FIFTY-ONE, DIRECTOR OF MILITANT WEST GERMAN CP GROUPS. CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL LEADER BERLIN RESISTANCE GROUP DURING THIRTIES AND PARTICIPANT IN TWO ABORTIVE ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE HITLER DURING WAR. IN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT WAS ACQUAINTED WITH OTTO

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October 5, 1955

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA LIAISON

Honorable Dillon Anderson
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

*Delivered to Anderson
5:35 PM 10/5/55 MAD
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My dear Mr. Anderson:

On September 30, 1955, [redacted] of the law firm of Boykin and DeFrancis in Washington, D. C., called at this Bureau in company with Congressman Frank W. Boykin, Democrat of Mobile, Alabama, who is [redacted] stated that he represents the German Government in Washington and has a number of clients in Germany. About a year ago he met Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff, an attorney in Frankfurt, Germany, and has conducted a correspondence relationship with the Doctor's law firm since that time. [redacted] described Von Schlabrendorff as a leader in the German resistance movement against Hitler during World War II who was involved twice in abortive attempts to assassinate Hitler and set up a new government for Germany.

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[redacted] said Von Schlabrendorff is a close friend of [redacted] [redacted] has office space in the Chancellor's offices, and screens officers of the rank of colonel and general for the new German Army. He reportedly was a close friend of Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, during the last war and is also said to be acquainted with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

[redacted] stated that he was approaching the Federal Bureau of Investigation on behalf of Von Schlabrendorff. The latter claims to have a contact in West Berlin, one Ernst Nickish, at whose house he can meet at least monthly with "Molotov's first assistant," named by [redacted] as Semjonov or Semjonow. Through Semjonov, Von Schlabrendorff feels that he can ascertain information as to the intentions of Russia against the United States.

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[redacted] told us that he asked Dr. Von Schlabrendorff why he did not give this information to Allen Dulles. The Doctor was said to have stated that he considered this a life-and-death matter so far as he was concerned and he was fearful if he contacted Dulles, "Dulles might let something slip." The Doctor was said to have told [redacted] that he

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Letter to Honorable Dillon Anderson

considers the FBI to have the best reputation for secrecy in the world and that he would convey this information to no one except the Director of the FBI. The Doctor indicated that if his proposal were accepted he would desire no money except reimbursement for his expenses of travel between Frankfurt, where he lives, and West Berlin, where Nickish lives.

Our files contain information substantiating the claim that Von Schlabrendorff was a resistance leader in Germany and was in fact involved in two attempts on Hitler's life. The book "They Almost Killed Hitler" by Gero v. S. Gaevernitz, which is based on Dr. Von Schlabrendorff's personal account of his activities in the German resistance movement during World War II, reflects that the Doctor's first meetings with the two leaders of this movement were brought about by Otto John. The latter is the former West German security official who defected to the Russians on July 20, 1954.

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Our records reflect that Ernst Niekisch (not Nickish, as reported by Lykes Boykin) is a former member of the German Communist Party, an organizer of the Bavarian Soviet Republic, and from 1933 until 1937 a leader in anti-Hitler underground activities in Germany. While he reputedly has expressed anti-Stalinist statements and sentiments, he seems never to have wavered in his admiration for Russia and as recently as July, 1951, reportedly was a director of militant groups of the West German Communist Party, the objective of which was to infiltrate West German organizations and the public administration of that country.

We have numerous file references to one Vladimir S. Semjonov, political counselor to the Soviet Military Government in East Germany since 1945 with rank of ambassador. He is the Soviet expert on Germany, has advocated a diplomatic solution to the cold war, and has evidenced an interest in working with right-wing West German groups to attain Soviet objectives.

in conveying this proposal to us stated that Von Schlabrendorff would deal with no United States agency other than the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Von Schlabrendorff was said to have voiced no objections to our checking with Mr. Allen W. Dulles on his background and reliability, but as noted above, does not desire that Mr. Dulles be acquainted with the nature and facts of this proposal.

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Letter to Honorable Dillon Anderson

We have carefully analyzed the information furnished by [redacted] in connection with this matter which is very apparently outside of the jurisdiction of the FBI. It would require operational handling and close checking in a foreign country. The FBI is unable to engage in such an operation. In view of these factors, [redacted] has been advised that this matter is outside our jurisdiction. It was suggested he might desire to discuss it with you.

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You will realize that the very nature of the above information makes it mandatory that these data be retained in the strictest confidence and not revealed to other officials of our Government except on a strictly need-to-know basis. I have not disseminated this material to any other agency or official and [redacted] was not advised that this information is being furnished to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 10/6/55

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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I talked to [redacted] ^{D.C.} on October 5 and again on October 6, 1955. In response to a specific inquiry from him as to who might be in a position to handle this matter other than the State Department or CIA, since the Bureau could not do so, I suggested he might want to discuss the matter with Mr. Dillon Anderson, the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Today, when [redacted] returned he indicated that he feels bound to follow the instructions which he received from Dr. Von Schlabrendorff and that he personally feels it would be a breach of faith for him to disclose the details of the matter to anyone since Dr. Von Schlabrendorff told him that the only person that he would want contacted in this matter was the Director of the FBI.

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I told [redacted] that, of course, this was a matter entirely up to him. He then indicated that he might write an innocuous letter to Dr. Von Schlabrendorff indicating that the Doctor might want to come to Washington, at which time [redacted] could discuss the matter further with him. He says the Doctor has clients in the United States and from time to time does visit here. I again indicated that this was entirely up to him. I am inclined to think [redacted] will follow this line of procedure and will get across to Dr. Von Schlabrendorff, in an innocuous letter, that he has made the approach which was suggested and that the Doctor may want to come to this country so that he can discuss the matter further with [redacted].

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Memo Messrs Tolson Boardman, Belmont
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. W. A. BRANIGAN

DATE: October 13, 1955

FROM : W. R. WANNALL *WRW*

SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
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Dr. Fabian von Schlabrendorff - Photograph

You will recall that this is the matter which arose following a discussion on 9-30-55 between Mr. Tolson, Congressman Frank Boykin, and the latter's [redacted]

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At the time that the book "They Almost Killed Hitler" was in our possession, before it was returned to [redacted] by Mr. Tolson on October 6, 1955, a photograph of Von Schlabrendorff which appeared on the cover of the book was copied. The negative and 14 copies of this photograph are attached for our file in this matter.

In view of the confidential nature of the situation called to our attention by [redacted] it is believed desirable that a separate file be opened under the caption of this memorandum and that the file thereafter be retained in the Confidential Room of the Records Section.

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ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum, with the photographs attached, be filed for record purposes. It is further recommended that the file in this case, after it is made up, be retained in the Confidential Room of the Records Section.

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Enclosure

cc - Mr. Branigan
Mr. Wannall

WRW:jmr

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E. Steinemann, Locarno

FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
who attempted to kill Hitler in March, 1943.

October 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT

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Today Mr. Pat Coyne, Assistant to Mr. Dillon Anderson, of the National Security Council, called to see me relative to the letter which we addressed to Mr. Anderson concerning Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff. Mr. Coyne stated that Mr. Anderson had considered this letter carefully and noted that the [redacted] had insisted that the information not be disclosed to CIA. Mr. Anderson was puzzled as to what action he should take upon this matter at the present time since obviously it was within the jurisdiction of CIA and yet he did not wish to have faith broken with an FBI informant.

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I told Mr. Coyne that I did not think that this matter should be brought to the attention of CIA at the present time. I stated that I understood that [redacted] would be in touch with Dr. Von Schlabrendorff and endeavor to obtain permission to discuss the matter with someone other than the FBI, as had been the original restriction placed upon [redacted] by Dr. Von Schlabrendorff. I stated that we anticipated hearing from [redacted] within the next several weeks and that I would then advise him, Mr. Coyne, what [redacted] decision was in the matter. Mr. Coyne asked that should [redacted] insist that Mr. Anderson not disclose this matter to CIA, what action then should Mr. Anderson take. I told Mr. Coyne that my reaction was that if the same restriction stood, I would suggest that Mr. Anderson consider the advisability of confidentially discussing the matter with the Vice President and with [redacted].

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If we do not hear from [redacted] by the end of October, I would suggest that Mr. Tolson contact him and ascertain what the status of the matter is at that time. OCT 14 1955

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TIME 10:38 AM
DATE 10-12-55
BY [signature]

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DECODE OF CODED CABLE NUMBER 66 DATED OCTOBER 12, 1955 AT BONN, GERMANY. RECEIVED VIA STATE DEPARTMENT.

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GEORGE A. VAN NOY

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cc: Mr. Belmont
cc: Mr. Tamm

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 10, 1955

Pat Coyne called and, in your absence, I talked with him.

Coyne stated he would like to see you at your convenience, at the specific request of Mr. Dillon Anderson, of the White House. He wants to see you regarding a letter dated October 5, 1955, addressed to Mr. Dillon Anderson by you regarding Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff. He stated the nature of his discussion with you would be such that he could not discuss the matter on the telephone.

You will recall that this is the matter that Mr. Tolson discussed with Congressman Frank Boykin and [redacted]

Mr. Coyne stated that he was leaving town at noon tomorrow and would not return until Thursday night or Friday morning. He will be available tomorrow morning or Friday, if you are able to see him.

I told Mr. Coyne you were presently out of the office but that his request would be brought to your attention.

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- 1--Mr. Tolson
- 1--Tele Room
- 1--FCH

I can see him at 11 a.m. QD-11.

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- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Belmont _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Parsons _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
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| Mr. Holloman | |
| Miss Gandy | |

Rosen

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : Legal Attache
Bonn, Germany (65-121)

DATE: October 14, 1955

SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
Miscellaneous - Information Concerning (Espionage)

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Rebucable October 5, 1955, and Bonn cable October 12, 1955.

Attached are five copies each of blank memoranda on FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF, born July 1, 1907 in Halle, Germany and ERNST NIEKISCH born May 23, 1889 in Trebnitz, Silesia. The background of the individuals in the attached together with their reported former association and the location of NIEKISCH in Berlin would indicate that they are identical with the men mentioned in Bucable.

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The information in the attached was obtained through a discreet request for information from CIC files. No information from Bucable was released. Similar discreet requests are out to OSI and Department of Army Detachment (DAD) and any information provided will be forwarded as soon as received from these sources. The Central and Classified files of the American Embassy in Bonn are negative on Subject and NIEKISCH.

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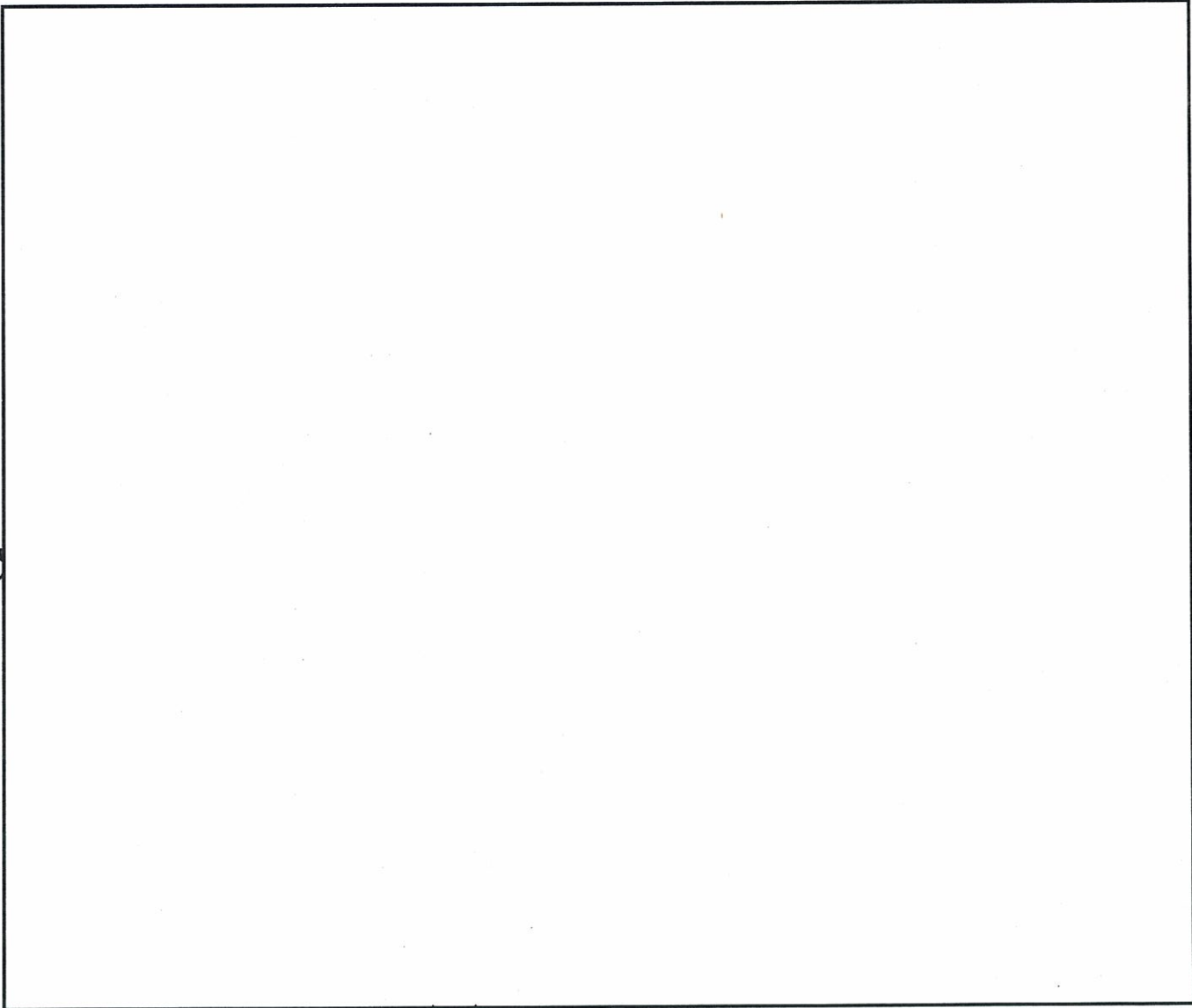
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

9/28/10

October 13, 1955

Re: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF

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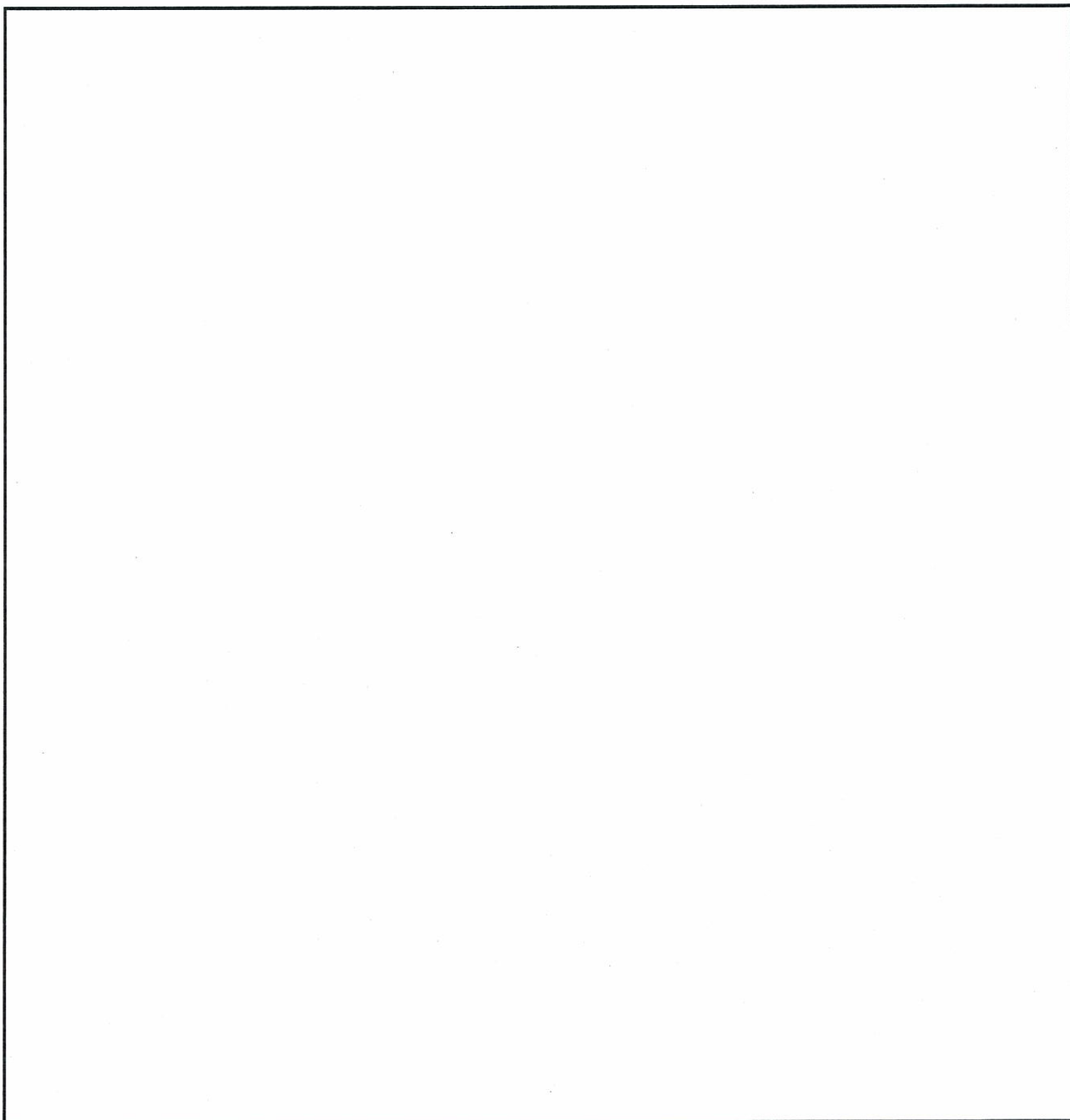
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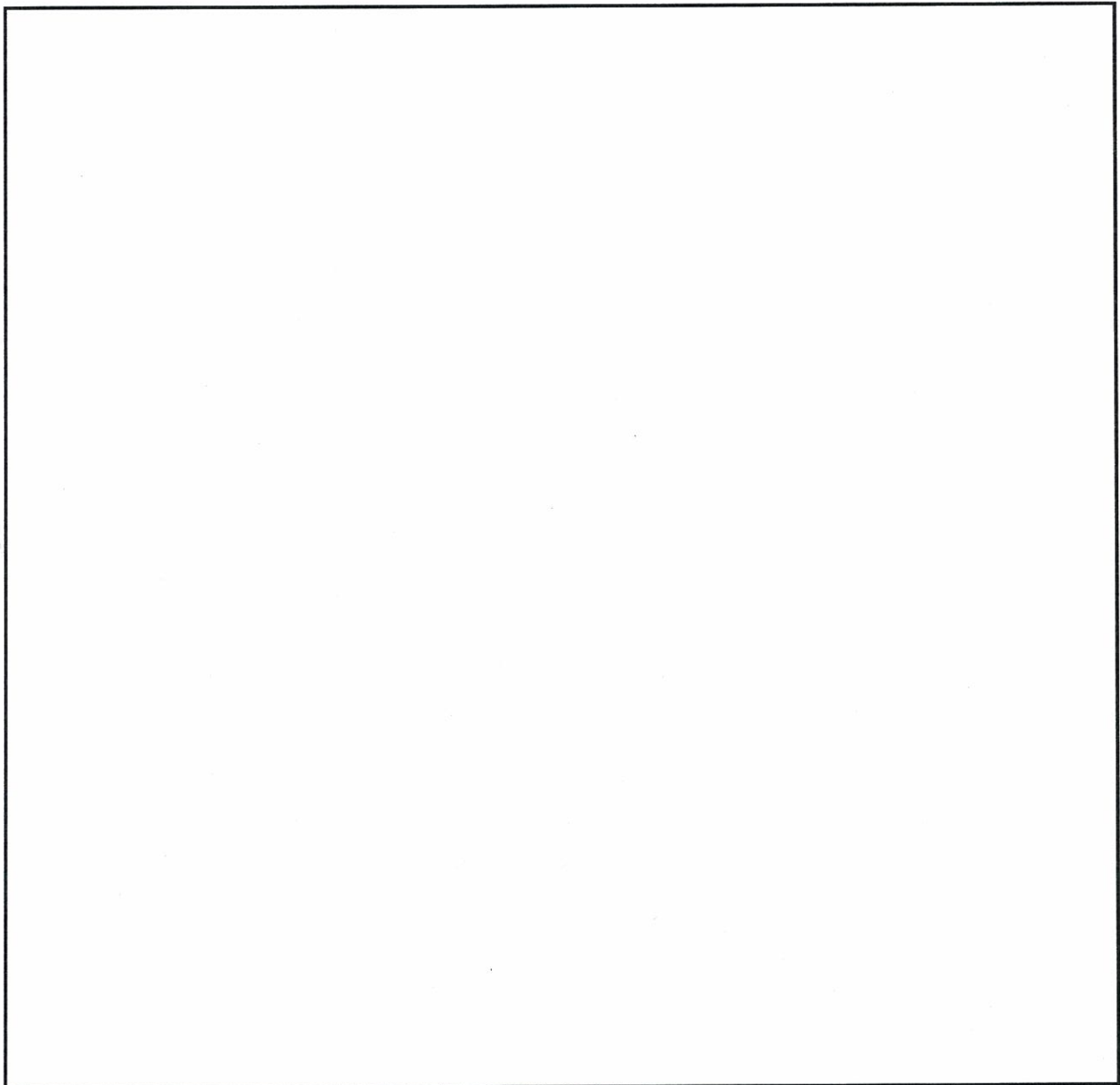
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Washington, D. C.**

October 13, 1955

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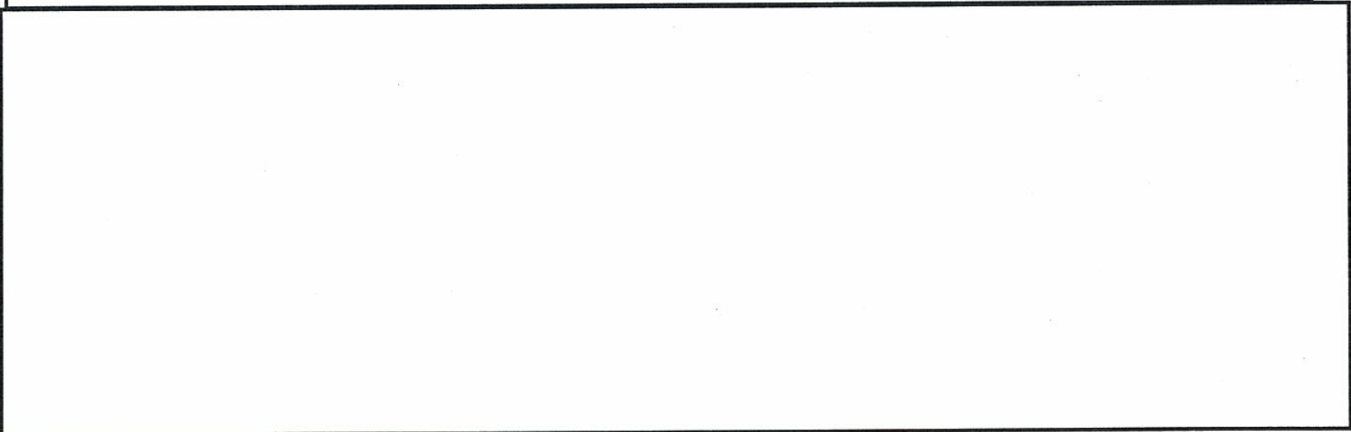
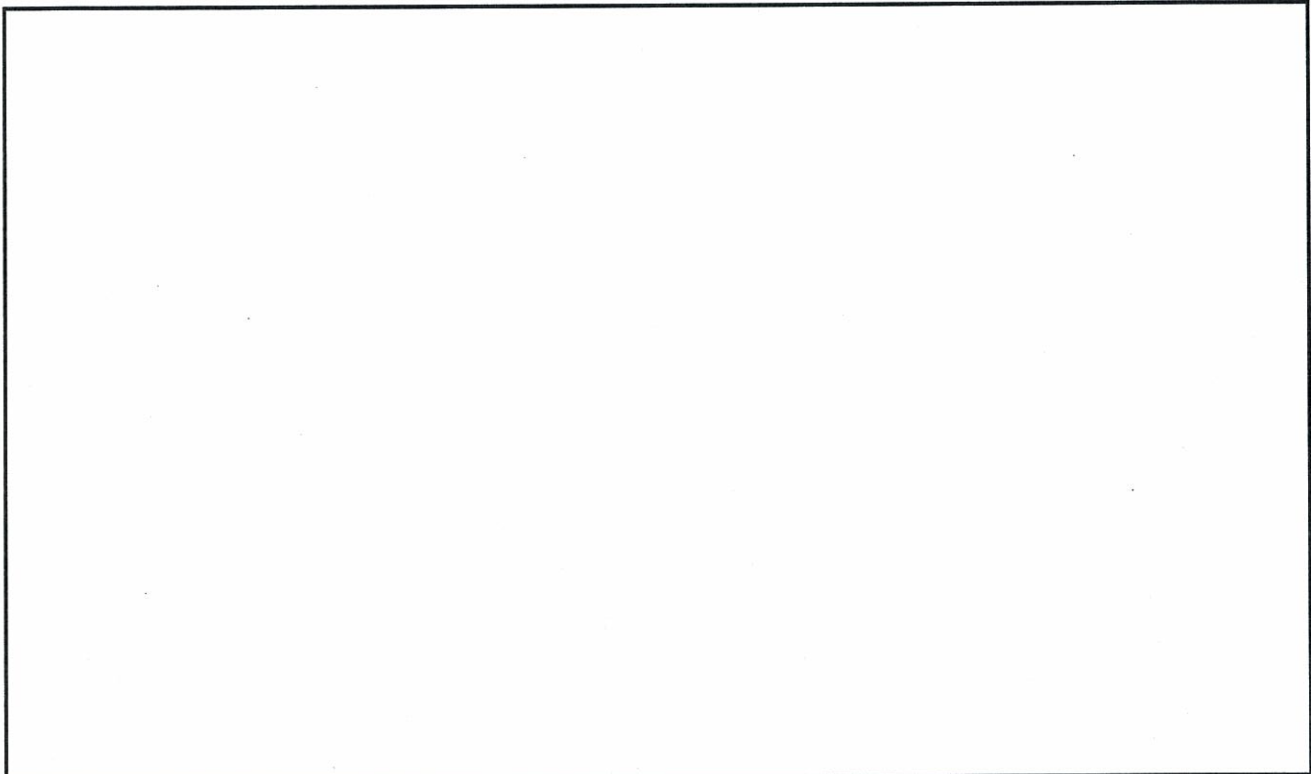
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR
FROM : CLYDE TOLSON
SUBJECT:

DATE: 11/4/55

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I talked today to [redacted] who came to see me some weeks ago concerning Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff. You will recall that you talked to [redacted] concerning this same matter on October 11.

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[redacted] advised me that he wrote a carefully worded letter to Dr. Von Schlabrendorff on about October 28 but, of course, he has not received any reply to date. He delayed writing to the Doctor because the Doctor was planning to be in Switzerland during the entire month of October. [redacted] will advise me upon the receipt of a reply as to the reaction of Dr. Von Schlabrendorff in this matter.

It does not appear necessary for us to do anything further at this time. If [redacted] does contact the Bureau he can be told that so far there has not been any development in this matter but it is expected that there may be some development within the next two or three weeks.

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cc-Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Roach
Mr. Branigan
Mr. Wannall

December 9, 1955

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VIA LIAISON

*Delivered to Pussach
10:45 AM 12/12/55
[Signature]*

Mr. J. Patrick Coyne (orig.)
National Security Council
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Pat:

You will recall that on October 11, 1955, you dropped by to discuss a letter which I had sent to Mr. Dillon Anderson on October 5. The letter related to a proposal by Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff in Germany to endeavor to establish an operation through which he would furnish information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to Soviet intentions against the United States. Dr. Von Schlabrendorff had specified that he would furnish such material only to this Bureau and specifically stated that he did not desire that information regarding the matter be revealed to Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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When you called at the office, you indicated that this restriction had caused Mr. Anderson to wonder what action he might take since an operation such as that proposed by Dr. Von Schlabrendorff was obviously within the jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency. I told you at the time that [redacted] who had conveyed the Doctor's proposal to us, would be in touch with the Doctor and would endeavor to obtain permission to discuss the matter with someone other than an official of this Bureau.

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Letter to Mr. J. Patrick Coyne
National Security Council

On December 7, last, [redacted] advised that he had a letter from Dr. Von Schlabrendorff and the Doctor agreed it would probably be necessary for him to discuss this matter in Washington since it would not be possible to handle it through correspondence. The Doctor indicated he would be very glad to come to Washington to see Mr. Anderson in January or February, 1956, but that it would be necessary for someone to cover the cost of his travel and expenses in connection with the trip. In view of this, [redacted] has been advised that the information which he previously conveyed to us regarding this matter was being made available to Mr. Dillon Anderson. I have addressed a letter to Mr. Anderson under today's date informing him of these later developments. In view of jurisdictional considerations, this Bureau will take no further action in the matter.

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You may recall that [redacted] informed us that Dr. Von Schlabrendorff considered this entire matter as "a life and death matter" and, therefore, had placed stringent restrictions against its revelation to other officials or agencies of our Government. I must request, therefore, that the information be retained in strictest confidence and not revealed to other officials or agencies except on a strictly need-to-know basis.

Sincerely yours,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN ✓

DATE: December 8, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (ESPIONAGE)

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The attached memorandum of Mr. Tolson reflects that Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff, former leader in the German resistance movement against Hitler, has indicated to [redacted] of Congressman Frank W. Boykin of Alabama, that if the cost of his travel and expenses are paid, he would be very glad to come to Washington from Germany to discuss with Dillon Anderson a proposal he previously made to the Bureau through [redacted]. This proposal concerns an operation the Doctor desires to establish in Germany for the purpose of furnishing to the United States Government information concerning Soviet intentions. He originally specified he would deal only with the Director and definitely would not deal with Allen Dulles or John Foster Dulles, with whom he is acquainted. The matter was definitely outside our jurisdiction and Mr. Tolson so informed [redacted] on 10-5-55. We referred the facts in the matter to Dillon Anderson on the same day but did not advise [redacted] of this referral. Pat Coyne, Anderson's assistant, discussed the situation with the Director on 10-11-55 and was informed that we expected to hear further from [redacted] and would advise him when we did.

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OBSERVATION:

Our previous decision that we not participate in the operation proposed by Von Schlabrendorff is not altered by any new developments. The operation is clearly outside our jurisdiction and we would have no means of effecting control over it or checking on any information Von Schlabrendorff might provide. In effect, we would be staking the Bureau's reputation on the Doctor and his control over two individuals in East Germany, one a Soviet and the other apparently a Soviet sympathizer.

ACTION:

(1) It is recommended Mr. Tolson advise [redacted] that since Von Schlabrendorff has indicated his willingness to discuss this matter with Dillon Anderson, we have taken the liberty of briefing Mr. Anderson on the background and that the FBI will take no further action in the matter in view of jurisdictional considerations.

- Enclosures 2
cc-Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Branigan
Mr. Roach
Mr. Wagnon

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S. W. [signature]

Memorandum to Mr. Boardman from A. H. Belmont

(2) A proposed letter is attached for approval to inform Mr. Anderson of Von Schlabrendorff's willingness to talk with him if the cost of his expenses of travel to the U.S. is paid and that we are taking no further action.

(3) A proposed letter is attached for approval to advise Pat Coyne of Von Schlabrendorff's decision with regard to discussing this matter with Dillon Anderson.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 12/7/55

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FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

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SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF

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[redacted] who came to see me on *Boykin* September 30, 1955 with [redacted] Congressman Boykin of Alabama, concerning Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff, came to see me again today.

You will recall that on November 4, 1955 [redacted] informed me that he had written a carefully worded letter to Dr. Von Schlabrendorff indicating that he had discussed the subject matter with a representative of the Director of the FBI, who had indicated that due to jurisdictional limitations the FBI could not handle the matter of contacts with the Doctor but had suggested that either he or Dr. Von Schlabrendorff might want to discuss the matter with Mr. Dillon Anderson, the Special Assistant to the President for national security matters.

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[redacted] showed me a copy of his letter of October 28 to Dr. Von Schlabrendorff for the first time and in it I noted that he had stated to the Doctor that if this matter were discussed with Mr. Dillon Anderson it might be that Mr. Anderson would instruct, on behalf of the President, that the FBI handle the matter of contacts with Dr. Von Schlabrendorff. This latter statement is incorrect as at no time did I indicate what action Mr. Dillon Anderson might take in the matter. I merely suggested that since Dr. Von Schlabrendorff did not desire to discuss the matter with either of the Dulles brothers he might want to take it up with Mr. Anderson, in view of his official position.

[redacted] showed me a copy of Dr. Von Schlabrendorff's reply, in which the Doctor indicated that he agreed with [redacted] that it would probably be necessary to discuss this matter in Washington, D. C., as it would not be possible to handle it by correspondence. The Doctor indicated he would be very glad to come to Washington to see Mr. Anderson in January or February of 1956 but that it would be necessary for someone to cover the cost of his travel and expenses in connection with the trip. I told [redacted] that, of course, this was something that could not be handled by the FBI but that I would like to think it over for a few days and I would be glad to further communication with him.

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12-8-55

Ltr Dillon Anderson

Ltr Pat Coyne

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At no time have I indicated to [redacted] that Mr. Anderson is aware of this situation. You will recall that a letter was sent to Mr. Anderson advising him of the situation on October 5, 1955.

Since we have written to Mr. Anderson concerning this matter previously and he was in subsequent contact with the Bureau, it is suggested that he be advised by letter that Dr. Von Schlabrendorff is willing to discuss the matter with him in Washington and then leave the matter up to Mr. Anderson as to what further interest in the matter he may indicate.

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Since you personally talked with Mr. Pat Coyne concerning this same subject matter on October 11, it is further suggested that Mr. Coyne be advised of the latest developments by liaison:

[redacted] is of the personal opinion that this is a matter which Dr. Von Schlabrendorff should discuss with Mr. Allen Dulles. However, the Doctor has indicated from the outset that although he is quite well acquainted with Allen Dulles and has conferred with him on several occasions, he is not desirous of taking the matter up with Dulles because he is fearful if he does so something may happen to him. He described it originally as "a life and death matter" and also stated he was fearful of contacting either one of the Dulleses because "something might slip" and he did not trust the Dulleses to that extent.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *JLB*
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AH*
 SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
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Pursuant to the Director's instructions on my memorandum of December 12, 1955 attached Pat Coyne was today informed by liaison that [redacted] had been told that Dillon Anderson was willing to discuss the Von Schlabrendorff matter with him. Coyne was also informed that the Bureau would take no further action in the absence of a specific request.

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Dillon Anderson was tied up for an indefinite period in a meeting of the National Security Council Planning Board. A note with the above information was left on his desk by his secretary, [redacted]

ACTION:

-None. This completes Bureau participation in this matter in the absence of a request from Dillon Anderson.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: December 12, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (ESPIONAGE)

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Bureau letter of December 9, was delivered by Liaison today to Dillon Anderson. You will recall this letter informed Anderson that the subject, a former leader in the German Resistance Movement against Hitler and who claims to have a contact which will permit him access to "Molotov's First Assistant," was willing to come to Washington at U. S. expense to discuss his proposal.

Anderson stated he would not recommend paying Von Schlabrendorff's travel expenses; that he realized the FBI could not conduct an operation in Germany; and that he believed that this information should be furnished to Allen Dulles despite the subject's admonition against such action. Anderson further stated that some action should be taken in this matter although he did not desire to discuss the situation with Allen Dulles in view of the Director's recommendation to the contrary to Pat Coyne.

Anderson said he would like to discuss the matter with either Congressman Boykin or the latter's [redacted] who has been in touch with Mr. Tolson. My memorandum of December 8 recommended that Mr. Tolson advise [redacted] that Dillon Anderson has been briefed concerning the subject and that the FBI will take no further action in the matter.

ACTION:

1. It is recommended that Mr. Tolson advise [redacted] that Dillon Anderson has indicated willingness to discuss the matter with him, and suggest that [redacted] may desire to initiate contact with Anderson.

2. It is recommended that Liaison inform Anderson of this and point out to him that the Bureau will take no further action in the absence of a specific request.

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cc-Mr. Boardman
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Mr. Branigan
Mr. Wannall

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December 9, 1955

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VIA LIAISON

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Delivered to Anderson 12/17/55 10 AM
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Honorable Dillon Anderson (orig.)
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Anderson:

By letter dated October 5, 1955, I advised you of a visit to this Bureau by [redacted] in company with Congressman Frank W. Rowkin, Democrat of Mobile, Alabama, who is [redacted] approached this Bureau on behalf of Dr. Fabian Von Schlabrendorff, a former leader in the German resistance movement against Hitler, who proposed that he undertake an operation in Germany involving one Ernst Nickish and a Soviet official named Semjonov or Semjonow. Dr. Von Schlabrendorff felt that through such an operation he could ascertain information as to the intentions of Russia against the United States and desired to pass this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. When [redacted] suggested that Dr. Von Schlabrendorff approach Mr. Allen W. Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency with regard to this matter, the Doctor was said to have indicated that he would not do this and would convey the information to no one except the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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In my letter of October 5, 1955, I informed you that [redacted] had been advised that this matter was outside the jurisdiction of this Bureau and that it had been suggested to him that he might desire to discuss it with you. You will recall that [redacted] was not advised at that time that you were being informed of Dr. Von Schlabrendorff's proposal.

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*Letter to Honorable Dillon Anderson
Special Assistant to the President*

Since that time [redacted] has been in communication with Dr. Von Schlabrendorff. On December 7, 1955, he again called at this Bureau and exhibited a copy of a letter which he had received from the Doctor in which the latter indicated that it would probably be necessary for him to discuss this matter in Washington, D. C. Dr. Von Schlabrendorff further indicated he would be very glad to come to Washington and discuss this matter with you in January or February, 1956, but that it would be necessary for someone to cover the cost of his travel and expenses in connection with the trip.

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Since Dr. Von Schlabrendorff has now indicated to [redacted] a willingness to discuss this matter with you, [redacted] has been advised that I am furnishing you information with regard to Dr. Von Schlabrendorff's proposal. He has also been advised that other than this no further action will be taken by this Bureau with regard to the proposal in view of jurisdictional considerations.

On October 11, 1955, Mr. J. Patrick Coyne called on me to discuss the above matter and stated that the restrictions against disclosing this information to the Central Intelligence Agency had caused you some concern as to what action might be taken. You may be interested in knowing that [redacted] is of the personal opinion that this is a matter which Dr. Von Schlabrendorff should discuss with Mr. Allen Dulles; however, the Doctor has indicated from the outset that although he is quite well acquainted with Mr. Dulles and has conferred with him on several occasions, he is not desirous of taking the matter up with Mr. Dulles because he is fearful if he does so something may happen to him. He described it originally as "a life and death matter."

I have not disseminated any information regarding Dr. Von Schlabrendorff's proposal to any other agency or official. I am, by separate letter, however, informing Mr. Coyne that Dr. Von Schlabrendorff has indicated his willingness to discuss this matter with you.

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*Letter to Honorable Dillon Anderson
Special Assistant to the President.*

*In view of the nature of the above information,
it is requested that these data be retained in the strictest
confidence and not revealed to other officials of our Government
except on a strictly need-to-know basis.*

Sincerely yours,

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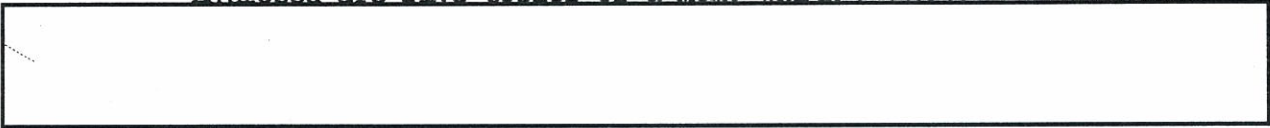
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With regard to the subject [redacted]

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FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF was born July 1, 1907 in Halle, Germany. He comes from a Prussian military family and spent most of his youth in Demwold, Germany. He studied law at the University of Halle. Upon the outbreak of World War II he joined the German Army as a Jr. Staff Officer and took part in the French and Russian campaigns.

In August 1944 he was arrested by the Nazis for the part he played in the attempted assassination of HITLER (July 20, 1943) and was sent to a concentration camp in the Tyrol. After VE Day he was released by the Americans, and went to Wiesbaden to continue his practice as a lawyer, because he felt that Berlin, the seat of his former practice, was not safe enough.

Subject is the author of "Offiziers gegen Hitler" (Officers against Hitler), a book on the anti-Hitler conspiracy in Germany. A condensation appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" in August 1946. Subject is well known for several other articles which he has written, many of which have appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" also.

In 1953 VON SCHLABRENDORFF was a candidate for participation in HICOG's Exchange Program.

Information dated February 1955 states that subject is residing at Taunus Anlage 21, Frankfurt/Main. He is a lawyer with offices in Frankfurt and Wiesbaden, and earns the main source of his income as a legal advisor to Henschel Motor Works of Kassel. He plays a partially successful behind-the-scenes role in German politics.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 10-21-64

FROM : W. S. Tavel *WST*

SUBJECT: DR. FABIAN VON SCHLABRENDORFF
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