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Hqs. File No. 51-6-16/4 Field File No. 20-21

TO : Chief, WE Attn: Robert A. Winnett
FROM : Chief of Station, [redacted] 15-6
SUBJECT: GENERAL - (SYNCHRONY)
SPECIFIC - Hede MASSING
REFERENCE: (ONEA) 13764, 19 September 1958

DATE: 3 October 1958
INFO: COS, (15-13) Attn: Edward P. Lavell

1. Subject arrived with Lavell from Frankfurt on schedule and contacted Fagg and Meppiel who arranged for a meeting with (SYMPATHIZER/50) on 25 September and a meeting with (SYMPATHIZER/11) on 26 September.

2. MASSING and Lavell outlined their plans for the research project which is mentioned in reference correspondence and which will apparently be the subject of discussion in Headquarters when Mrs. MASSING is in Washington in the near future. The (SYMPATHIZERS) discussed in some detail the possibilities of acquiring information of interest to them in the (SYNCHRONY) project by using this research project as a vehicle for making contacts with persons in [redacted] whom they have not been able to contact directly with any hope of success. Most of these individuals mentioned by the (SYMPATHIZERS) are some of the well-known subjects of (SYNCHRONY) cases presently living in [redacted] although a few prominent ex-communists were added to assist Mrs. MASSING in getting the interviewing started in [redacted] if her project is approved.

3. Fagg and Meppiel made it clear that this project would appear to them to be one which would have a scope beyond that of present (SYMPATHIZER) interest and that although the (SYMPATHIZERS) would be pleased to capitalize upon it for what success it would bring within the somewhat limited number of individuals to whom it would give access, the whole project comprising interviewing done in other countries as well as [redacted] as it appears to be planned would have to be accepted by Washington as of interest to Washington in itself. Thus, although the project is of interest to the (SYMPATHIZERS), it could not be sold on that basis alone.

4. [redacted] appreciate the opportunity which they have had to speak to Mrs. MASSING in person, although it is evident that

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very little, if any, new information could ever be expected to come out of her own recollection of incidents in the past. If the project is approved, however, the (SYMPATHIZERS) have promised to give full support to it in the form of suggestions, briefings of her on persons who should be contacted, background information, and suggestions for likely subjects to be contacted outside of [redacted] where appropriate.

Jack T. Fagg
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