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DATE 15 AUG 61

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : []

ACTION : SR 60

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C. B. still - []*

1. SOVIET VICE CONSUL KLINOV WHO KNOWS HIS OFFICER MET CLASTENBERG FOR FIRST TIME AT CONSULAR CORPS FUNCTION ON 9 AUGUST AND INVITED LATTER TO LUNCH SAME DAY. KLINOV USED LUNCH AS PRETEXT OBTAIN PRO 1 INFO AND DISCUSS BERLIN. HE ASKED NO QUESTIONS RE UNITED STATES POLICY BUT PRESSED SOV POSITION STATING BERLIN WILL BE TEST OF SOVIET DASH UNITED STATES FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND INSISTED SOVS WOULD SIGN PEACE TREATY. HE DID NOT MENTION TITOV FLIGHT OR SOV MILITARY POWER. POUCHING DETAILS.

2. VIKTOR ZEGAL, SOV SECOND SECY WHO KNOWS HIS OFFICER INVITED EMBASSY SECOND SECY SELLIN TO LUNCH 8 AUGUST FOR FIRST TIME. MAIN TOPIC

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ONE BERLIN CRISIS. ZESAL ASKED SELLIS REPEATEDLY WHY U.S. WILLING FIGHT
OVER BERLIN AND WHY USSR AND AMERICAN WHO FORMER ALLIES NOW IN OPPOSITION
ON THIS ISSUE. ZESAL QUOTED NEWS STORIES STATING FRENCH AND
ITALIANS NOT WILLING RISK WAR OVER BERLIN. REPEATED ATTEMPTS
DISCOUNT U.S. POSITION GAVE IMPRESSION ZESAL VIEWED REPORT
CONFIRMATION FROM U.S. OFFICIAL OF VALIDITY SOV AIMS IN GERMANY. FULL
REPORT ON CONVERSATION IN AMEMBASSY ALGIRAS A-18 DATED 13 AUGUST 61.

END OF MESSAGE

E/O COMMENT: ACTION UNIT DETERMINED AS THOUGH INDICATOR REDWOOD USED.

**Requested all FBI and details needed to interpret the significance
of Soviet use of agent assets and other intelligence channels for estimate of U.S. and
Allied position and intentions in Berlin.

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