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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US DESERTERS (U) #2

1. (C) ON 28 NOVEMBER 1967, WEST BERLIN POLICE ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, DESERTERS FROM THE AMERICAN ARMY, WERE POSSIBLY IN WEST BERLIN:

PETER SIMONS

BORN 5 MAY 1943 IN GERMANY

ROMAN ARNOLD

BORN 6 JANUARY 1945, PRESUMABLY IN GERMANY

2. (C) THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DUS-SELDORF POLICE, WHO REQUESTED THAT THE INDIVIDUALS BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND TURNED OVER TO THE AMERICAN MILITARY POLICE. DURING A VISIT IN DUESSELDORF IN LATE OCTOBER, THE TWO MENTIONED THAT THEY WANTED TO GO TO BERLIN TO AN UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT ORGANIZATION. THEY FURTHER STATED THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO GO TO VIETNAM

3. (C) THIS SAME MESSAGE WAS SENT TO THE FRANKFURT/MAIN POLICE, INASMUCH AS SIMONS HAS A GIRL FRIEND THERE, AND HIS FATHER ALSO RESIDES IN THAT CITY. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FRANKFURT POLICE WERE THE SAME.

4. (C) ON 1 DECEMBER 1967, THE WEST BERLIN POLICE REPORTED THAT THE TWO MEN HAD BEEN REGISTERED IN THE FRENCH SECTOR SINCE 27 SEPTEMBER 1967 AT FALKENTHALER STEIG 140, C/O DECH, BERLIN-HERMSFORD. POLICE ARE DEFERRING ANY ACTION IN THAT MATTER.

5. (C) CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES HAVE VERIFIED THAT THE TWO MEN HAVE BEEN IN WEST BERLIN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN OCTOBER AND

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NOVEMBER, WITH THEIR EXACT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. THEY HAVE RETAINED ATTORNEY HORST MAHLER TO REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS. IT APPEARS THAT ARNOLD IS TRYING TO OBTAIN YUGOSLAVIAN CITIZENSHIP. THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE FREE UNIVERSITY ASTA, OR GENERAL STUDENTS COMMITTEE, THE STUDENT BODY ORGANIZATION. FI STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ACTIVE IN THE AREA OF OFFERING TO ASSIST LOCAL MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO WISH TO AVOID SERVICE IN VIETNAM BY GOING TO A NEUTRAL COUNTRY.

6. (U) INFORMATION ON DD FORM 553 RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE FROM POLICE DUSSELDORF INDICATES FOLLOWING DATA:

ARNOLD, ROMAN, SP4 E4

RA 16 838 103

SSN: 355-36-1583 (D)

SPECIAL PROCESSING DET, HQ USAG TROOPS

FT HOOD, TEXAS

DATE AND LOCATION OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY: 15 OCT 67,

AF EES, CHICAGO, ILL.

ABSENT AS OF: 21 SEP 67, 0515 HRS

CARRIED AS DESERTER AS OF: 10 OCT 67

MOS: 36 C 20

BOB: 6 JAN 45, POB: GERMANY

SIMONS, PETERK., SP4 E4

RA 19 841 799

SSN: 550-66-6254 (D)

SAME UNIT

DATE AND LOCATION OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY: 28 APR 65,

US ARMY RMS, LOS ANGELES, CA

ABSENT AS OF: 21 SEP 67, 0515 HRS

CARRIED AS DESERTER AS OF: 10 OCT 67

MOS: 31M 20 (RADIO RELAY OPERATOR)

DOB: 5 MAY 43N POB: COTTBUS, GERMANY

7. (C) ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN IF SIMONS AND ARNOLD ARE IN BERLIN AND TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON THE PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO THESE US ARMY DESERTERS. IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER SUBJECTS ARE US CITIZENS OR

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GERMAN NATIONALS. WEST BERLIN POLICE RECORDS INDICATE SIMONS IN POSSESSION OF FRG PASSPORT NR 2616712 AND THAT ARNOLD WAS UNABLE TO PRODUCE ANY IDENTITY DOCUMENTS. GP-4

8. ~~(C)~~ ADVERSE PUBLICITY AND STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS MAY RESULT WHEN SUBJECTS ARE APPREHENDED. THERE ARE NO LEGAL PROBLEMS SEEN EITHER BY THE SJA, USCOB OR BY USBER. MINISTER HAS BEEN BRIEFED AND USBER IS PROVIDING DETAILS TO U. S. EMBASSY, BONN.

9. ~~(C)~~ UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY USAREUR OR US EMBASSY BONN THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN IF SUBJECTS ARE DETERMINED TO BE IN BERLIN.

A. WEST BERLIN POLICE WILL BE ASKED TO APPREHEND SUBJECTS. US MILITARY POLICE WILL ACCOMPANY THE WEST BERLIN POLICE.

B. SUBJECTS WILL BE APPREHENDED AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE AND TAKEN TO BERLIN BRIGADE STOCKADE AND PLACED IN SEPARATE ROOMS.

C. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COORDINATED FOR C47 AIRCRAFT STATIONED AT EMLEHOF TO FLY SUBJECTS TO RHEIN MAIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER APPREHENSION DUE TO POSSIBLE ADVERSE PUBLICITY AND STUDENT REACTIONS.

10. ~~(C)~~ DIRECT COORDINATION WITH MILITARY POLICE AT RHEIN MAIN WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PM BERLIN BRIGADE. HOWEVER, RECOMMEND USAREUR COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT FROM RHEIN MAIN. GP-4

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