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Authority: NRD 36822

NARA Date: 2/17/05
OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TO: Chief
FROM: Chief, NEA
SUBJECT: KARL KIHMANN

1. With further reference to subject matter, there is attached a copy of a news release from France dated 13 July 1956. Since there is considerable interest in the whereabouts of the enclosure, we would appreciate your checking your sources on the basis of the enclosure, although it is basically apocryphal in several details. Since there is no Damascus-Baghdad express, possibly the Bahn Bus is referred to. Was this in the photo incident in November, 1952? We have an independent report to the effect that the name of the German engineer referred to is Arnold Schlederer. Do you have any traces on such a person?

2. The "Karl" KHIMANN of 10/16/51 is probably identical with Adolph Karl KIHMANN reported in 1949 to have controlled from Berlin, at the outbreak of World War II, the Special Commando sent to the newly-occupied territories to deal with Jewish problems. An unconfirmed July 1946 report said that Adolph Karl was possibly in contact with ex-Nazi Karl Adolph KIHMANN, or might have gone to Damascus.

3. Another "Karl" KIHMANN, whose full name is Karl Heinz KIHMANN, creates identification problems. An unverified report says that he escaped from a United States prison camp in 1941, and arrived in Syria between 1947 and 1948, with a Syrian Italian passport issued at the Legation in Rome. At that time he called himself "Political Adviser to the Syrian Government," but disassociated himself from the German military admirers. He, too, continued the ex-Nazis in Egypt in 1951. He was not permitted to remain there and his present whereabouts are unknown.

4. It is within the realm of possibility that Karl Heinz KIHMANN may have returned to Syria, using his earlier documentation.

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If such is the case, he may have been the "Karl" KIEHNAM involved in the November 1952 accident. It would be valuable to determine, in any event, whether "Karl" is Adolph Karl or Karl Neiss.

5. Please bear in mind that while we are interested in the whereabouts and activities of KIEHNAM, it is not within KBARK jurisdiction to take any action in connection with his status as a war criminal.

[Signature]

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Attachment: 1
Copy of a news release from Frankfurt

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