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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL HAYES

Subject: CIC Report on Russian Espionage in Germany During World War II (The Rote Kapelle Case) and Information Available in AS-14 from Flicke, TICOM, and other sources.

1. Attached is a copy of a counter-intelligence corps investigation of the Rote Kapelle case which was forwarded to TICOM from Special Research Branch by Mr O'Gara (Inclosure 1- this is a copy of the report made by the undersigned-who is personally responsible for the typing errors - which includes in double or triple parentheses (()) pertinent comments and correlations from TICOM).

2. The following additional information on the Rote Kapelle Case has been collected in TICOM:

a. TICOM Interrogations I-115 (first issued as C.S.D.I.C. (U.K.) dated 17 September 1945, title "German Wireless Security Service (Funkueberwachung) and I-132, dated 4 October 1945, title "Notes by Huettenhain and Fricke on OKW/Chi and the German I.S."

b. An extract from a British Intelligence Report, GCHQ dated February 1948, subject "The Russian Intelligence Service" which was received from OP-20-NI-4 at CSAW.

d. An extract from Allen Welsh Dulles, "Germany's Underground" (The MacMillan Company: New York, 1947), pp 100-101. Mr Dulles was the OSS representative in Switzerland who contacted the German military opposition to Hitler. His principal German contact, Hans Gisevius, has also published a book, "To The Bitter End", which also contains references to the Rote Kapelle and Schulze-Boysen cases.

e. Translations in the TICOM DF series of articles by Flicke concerning the German "Radio Defense Corps" and the Rote Kapelle Case which indicate possible further sources of information (DF-116-F, DF-116-L, and DF-116-P).

f. Photostatic copies of approximately 270 messages passed by the Rote Drei link of the Rote Kapelle which were either intercepted and decoded by the Germans or were captured by them. This material was received from Army Security Agency, Europe, from Flicke through the hands of the CIA field representative currently negotiating with Flicke for the rights to his manuscript.

These various reports are attached in inclosure 2.

3. Flicke has written a 700 page account of the entire Rote Kapelle and Rote Drei networks which is known to be available in CIA. Mr C.P. Collins has indicated that CIA is unwilling to furnish this account to CIA because of the presence in it of identification of surviving Rote Kapelle members currently under investigation by CIA. (Many of these

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names are believed to be duplicated in the CIC report now available to Army Security Agency.

4. Army Security Agency clearly possesses considerable additional information to that contained in the CIC report. This additional information has been supplied to Mr O'Gara who proposes to restrict the distribution to Special Research Branch. A decision to pass any of this additional information on to Counter Intelligence Corps will not be reached without coordination with all ASA interests concerned (AS-14,AS-90,AS-93).

5. Regardless of Counter Intelligence Corps interest in the Rote Kapelle Case it is felt that Army Security Agency is immediately concerned in the separate investigations of this matter being conducted by Central Intelligence Agency and Counter Intelligence Corps. An actual revival of this organization would be reflected in clandestine Russian agent traffic in the U.S. and British zones of Germany for intensive study of which all background information from Rote Kapelle is highly pertinent. Because of the involvement of Central Intelligence Agency, Counter Intelligence Corps, and L.S.I.C. approval of the following separate lines of action aimed at procuring all available collateral information on the Rote Kapelle case is requested:

a. Central Intelligence Agency's objection to passing Army Security Agency the seven hundred page account of Rote Kapelle by Flicke is believed obviated by receipt of the CIC report which appears to partially duplicate the information presented by Flicke. In view of the further proposal for joint utilization of Flicke by Army Security Agency, Europe, and the CIA field representative and the indicated parallel interests of CIC and CIA in the Rote Kapelle case it is believed that CIA should be requested to supply ASA with a copy of the Rote Kapelle (and Rote Drei) paper written by Flicke in order to permit verification of the material already received from CIC.

b. The CIC report lists various annexes containing the names of various personalities connected with the Rote Kapelle case which were not included in the copy of the report received through Mr O'Gara. Copies of these annexes (A through D) are desired for AS-14-TICOM.

c. As LSIC is equally interested in the Rote Kapelle case, is currently working on clandestine Russian agent traffic in which any revival of operations by Rote Kapelle personalities would be found, and has already received copies of earlier TICOM information on the Rote Kapelle case, approval for supplying LSIC with a copy of the CIC report is requested. (The TICOM people at LSIC are thought to have accumulated additional collateral information along these same lines and an exchange of data would be beneficial to both parties.

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d. A decision is also requested as to whether a copy of the CIC report should also be passed to Army Security Agency, Europe with instructions for them to coordinate further investigation of the Rote Kapelle case by CIA and CIC and assure forwarding of all further information produced by such field investigations to Army Security Agency, Washington. Such coordination would involve indicating the CIC interests to the CIA field representative handling Flicke and indicating to the CIC that Army Security Agency interests are involved in this investigation of Rote Kapelle and passing CIC names of additional personalities for investigation as occasion requires.

6. In the light of recent experience in finding important German signal intelligence records under evaluated in German Military Documents Section, the Pentagon, it is believed highly probable that the RSHA and Gestapo portions of the German Military Documents Section also have pertinent information. Investigation of this possibility will be made at the earliest opportunity by personnel of AS-14 but the possibility of such information being available should also be indicated to CIC.

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