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FROM : NSA-764

SUBJECT: Information concerning Professor

1. In accordance with your telephonic request of 29 September 1954,
the enclosed information is submitted.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted]

1 October 1954

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[redacted] delivered a report in August 1945 on the decipherment of the American strip cipher O-2 by the German Foreign Office.² Another of his reports was on Sequences in Permutations,³ and he was reported in 1946 to have written a volume on cryptography and cryptanalysis for the [redacted] Government.¹ The [redacted] Review on German Science (Mathematische und maschinelle Methoden beim Chiffrieren und Dechiffrieren, Naturforschung und Medizin in Deutschland 1939-1946 — Mathematical and Machine Methods in Enciphering and Deciphering, Natural Science and Medicine in Germany, 1939-1946), completed in 1947, included a report by [redacted].⁵ Another report,

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1. [redacted] TICOM History vol. 6, p. 15, TOP SECRET.
2. [redacted] 14 September 1945, TOP SECRET.
3. [redacted] 30 October 1945, TOP SECRET.

4. [redacted] "a combined [redacted] and [redacted] organization devoted to the study of German technical secrets." (NYTLC, 2 November 1946) The organization was composed of several hundred selected German scientists, whose reports summed up the total of Germany's scientific knowledge. It had its headquarters at Hoecht, and later at Karlsruhe, Germany, and was deactivated on 1 July 1947. (WD CMC Frankfurt/AGWAR Nr: SN 31963, 20 June 1947, CM IN 58582, CONFIDENTIAL)
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written in February 1948, was entitled Chiffrierverfahren der neuesten Zeit (Up-to-date Cryptography); the author is listed as being a resident of Mainz at this time.¹

A 1949 [redacted] message states that the [redacted] Embassy in Paris informed the French that a volume entitled Applied Mathematics was reportedly to be published under the aegis of the French; in Chapter Nine of the book, Prof. [redacted] was to deal with "methods of decryption."²

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In December 1951, [redacted] presented a claim against the United States for the loss of personal property incurred by several former Foreign Office cryptographic and cryptanalytic personalities when they were moved from Berlin to Burgscheidungen and later to Marburg. A letter from ASAE to the Chief, ASA,³ forwarding this list of claimants, stated that "the Judge Advocate General, European Command, in replying to [redacted] latest request in settlement of the group's claim, will disclaim any responsibility on the part of the United States, primarily because the loss of property was incurred when the group was moved from Berlin to Burgscheidungen. This move was made by the [redacted] Government." It is suggested that these persons, Dr. [redacted] possibly included, were at some time employed by the United States, since the implication in the ASAE letter is that the United

1. NSA Technical Library, C-3649, NO CLASSIFICATION SHOWN.
2. [redacted] 24 January 1949, ~~TOP SECRET CODEWORD~~.
3. [redacted] 17 December 1951, ~~TOP SECRET~~.

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States may have been responsible for their move from Burgscheidungen to Marburg. Such a move may have taken place during the period when Dr. ROHRBACH was working with [redacted] Three of the persons whose names and addresses appear on the list submitted by [redacted] -- Dr.

[redacted]
are currently employed in the German Foreign Office cryptographic¹ and communications agency.

[redacted] was listed as a member of the German Mathematical Society in December 1951,² and a publication of the German Protestant Church, on the occasion of a church congress in Stuttgart, 27-31 August 1952, lists [redacted] of Mainz.³ The 1953 Mainz telephone directory does not carry a listing for Professor Dr.

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1. [redacted], 14 June 1954, ~~TOP SECRET FROTH, U. S. EYES ONLY.~~
2. [redacted], 8 January 1952, ~~RESTRICTED.~~
3. Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland, Der Vierte Deutsche Evangelische Kirchentag, von 27 bis 31 August 1952 in Stuttgart. UNCLASSIFIED.

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