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FROM Capt. Lane

SUBJECT Report by Mr. Miller on Russian Sophistication

1. According to Mr. Miller, the report is a draft of one which he will submit to the next meeting of the Security Committee of USCIB with the recommendation that it be presented to USCIB for approval. If USCIB approves the writing of such a report, it will presumably be referred back to the Security Committee for preparation. Mr. Miller indicated that in his opinion it should be prepared within AFSA; Capt. Wenger would probably designate the office of preparation.

3. Mr. Miller's report was written from memory, without reference to the exact reports. It is a summary of pertinent information which may be obtained from TICOM sources,

The Polish monograph to which reference is made is a monograph mentioned in Flicke's history of the German cryptologic effort and in the Russian lectures on cryptographic security. It has not been found in the captured material, but is known only by reference. The monographs of Czarist Russian Secret Police are not part of the TICOM series but come from published works.

4. I noted that Mr. Rowlett's reaction to the project was not too favorable, mainly in view of the enormous amount of work which AFSA-O2 has. He apparently felt that the project was not one of too high importance. If the study is done, it would seem that AFSA-254 would be the best place for it to be done -- since they are already familiar with the type of information wanted; they are able and competent researchers, and already know the TICOM field comparatively well. Almost all of the background material would come from TICOM or related sources. This is the type of project which has been attempted on numerous occasions before and has not been carried out -- if AFSA-254 could undertake it, it would probably be worth doing, but it seems doubtful if AFSA-24 itself could spend the time on the project at the present time.

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