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The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Hans SCHOEEL case in which the CIS case officer Josef LENSKY was PNGed from Copenhagen. KASTELL handed us a written summary of the case and showed us a report that they had put together for UTILITY. (KASTELL was to show it to UTILITY after his meeting with us.)

KASTELL confirmed the details of the meeting, arrest and PNG action that we had already had by cable from □ □ but said the press accounts were greatly exaggerated. (We have already cabled this fact home in answer to a DIR inquiry.) He said that CATIDE's agreement with the Danes called for the name of their agent being kept secret. SCHOEEL's behavior in connection with the Danes on occasion of his arrest were correct from CATIDE's point of view. KASTELL pointed out that SCHOEEL had noted his surveillance at the meeting before the last. He had driven to Copenhagen and was followed by the same black police Volkswagen the entire time in Denmark, border to border. It was a completely obvious surveillance done by the police. Apparently □ □ had not intended that this should be the case but something went wrong. SCHOEEL reported the surveillance to CATIDE but apparently not to LENSKY otherwise LENSKY would certainly not have shown at the last meeting. Nor would he have accepted the written document SCHOEEL gave him, which was the evidence on which he was PNGed. CATIDE will question SCHOEEL further and pick up enough stray items from their "peppermill" coverage to try to bluff him into telling more than he might otherwise.

KASTELL admitted that their headquarters review of the case (actually by KUTZBACH and PETERSEN) made them suspicious of the CATIDE case officer handling SCHOEEL and that their monitoring of the operation had been started in order to clarify that issue. The regular CATIDE case officer was changed (it was presumably the first one who was under suspicion). KASTELL told us how they handled the case to make sure there were no last minute leaks. They put postal and telephone coverage on both CATIDE case officers and Geige's family and did not inform the C/O's or anyone in the CATIDE dienststelle or headquarters of what was going on until after LENSKY and SCHOEEL had actually been arrested. A CATIDER who knew of the case (i.e. knew SCHOEEL was making a meet in Copenhagen) was sent to LENSKY's home on a pretext of guarding the family (SCHOEEL's wife was aware of his agent status) but really to keep an eye on them. KASTELL and KUTZBACH left town but didn't even let MARWITZ know what was going on. (MARWITZ was merely told to mind the store and be prepared to get a call. They had a surveillance team sent from Munich to do the Hamburg surveillance job. Head of the team had been in Berlin, landed in Frankfurt and was met and sent north. As far as KASTELL and KUTZBACH they were the only two CATIDER's who knew what was going to happen. As it turned out there were no leaks and LENSKY showed. KASTELL also said that no one being watched received any messages from the CIS as far as they could determine.

CATIDE has not made an analysis of the case yet but KASTELL gave us his preliminary analysis. He now believes now that the CIS never knew that SCHOEEL had been doubled. He bases this on the fact that LENSKY did everything wrong from a CE point of view and KASTELL said no CE case officer would accept a handwritten document from a D/A in public view in a restaurant. KASTELL is convinced that LENSKY and the CIS view SCHOEEL as a regular reporting agent whose bona fides were established. As to SCHOEEL, KASTELL suggested he might be playing off both services on behalf of "a schwarze Kapelle". KASTELL said SCHOEEL was an old SS man and that many of the individuals he checked on for the CIS were former SS types. (I would call this a "Braune Kapelle".) KASTELL suspects that UJDROWSY knew of this case and believes it possible that the Soviets may have decided not to tell the Czechs for some mysterious reason of their own. He mentioned UJDROWSY's SD background in this connection. Finally KASTELL feels that the CATIDE case officers are clean, at least as far as this case is concerned.

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