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| <u>POTMA</u> PLACE | 166 AAF CHART NO | F-6 FN EVAL IN CODE NO |
| <u>MORDOVSKAYA ASSR</u> POLITICAL LOCATION | US CID Member Interned in a Transit Camp at DESCRIPTIVE NAME POTMA | |
| <u>CENTRAL</u> SOVIET ECON REGION | PROPER NAME | IMENI MN & NO |
| Sep 52 - Jun 53 DATE OF INFO | SCHMIDT, Ulrich SOURCE | 26 March 1954 DATE OF INTERVIEW |

PREAMBLE: SOURCE was interned in several camps at POTMA (approximately 54 03N/43 06E) from September 1948 to June 1953. During this time he was only engaged within various camps. In September 1952 SOURCE became acquainted with subject US CID Member, while being interned in a transit camp at POTMA. Subject US CID member was transferred to MOSKVA (Capital) in late October 1952. One day in June 1953 when SOURCE left the Transit camp at POTMA for TAPIAU (GVARDEYSK) (54 39N/21 05E) he met subject US CID member at the entrance gate of the camp returning from MOSKVA. However, SOURCE had no more possibilities to talk to subject CID member at this occasion. The information submitted is based on SOURCE'S conversations with subject CID member.

Reference: SRI - E 3350

INFORMATION:

In September 1952, while SOURCE was interned in a transit camp at POTMA (approximately 54 03N/43 06E) SOURCE became acquainted with a fellow internee who claimed to be a Mr. HOPKINS (FNU) from OHIO, USA, formerly a member of the US CID at BERLIN, GERMANY. Mr. HOPKINS was approximately 30 to 32 years old, 1.68 meters tall, stoutly built, had blond hair, blue eyes, marital status undetermined. SOURCE was told the following story by Mr. HOPKINS:

While staying in an American clubhouse in the US Sector of BERLIN/GERMANY in 1947 or 1948 (the exact year was not recalled by SOURCE) he was called outside the building. When Mr. HOPKINS left the clubhouse a car with an American licence plate parked in front of the building. Two US uniformed officers asked Mr. HOPKINS to step into the car which afterwards drove into the East Sector of BERLIN. Mr. HOPKINS stated that he was sentenced to 25 years prison in the USSR for being an American spy. SOURCE stated that he had not obtained further details from Mr. HOPKINS. He added that Mr. HOPKINS spoke English fluently and German fairly well with an American accent. SOURCE further stated that Mr. HOPKINS seemed to be in a fairly good physical condition when he last met him on Mr. HOPKINS return from MOSKVA in June 1953.

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At this date Mr. HOPKINS entered the camp at POTMA while SOURCE left the camp for TAPIAU (GVARDEYSK). Therefore, SOURCE had no more possibilities to talk to Mr. HOPKINS.

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