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VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS OF DR. CHRISTJO CHRISTOFV

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Dr. Christjo Christofv called today requesting an appointment to discuss a matter relating to the treatment of radiation sickness. Apparently a tentative appointment had been made by Dr. Genevese for him to talk with Dr. Dunham.

The following information concerning Dr. Christofv was provided me from Dr. Dunham's office:

"Dr. Genevese, previously with Institute of Defense Analyses and now with Armour Research Foundation called in regard to a Dr. Christjo Christofv, Hungarian and is now being naturalized and has a history in circles at the Pentagon on matters of intelligence. He is now a resident of Evanston, Illinois and has close contact in Washington as well as in German scientific circles. He has many areas of interest, one, however is of particular concern to him right now and that is the fact that he is knowledgeable of German scientific work presently being performed in the field of effects of atomic radiation on humans. He knows the German doctors intimately who are doing this and he indicated to Dr. Genevese that he would like to talk to someone in AEC who might be interested. Dr. Genevese told him he knew Dr. Worf and Dr. Dunham (said he also knew Dr. Western but did not mention that name to Dr. Christofv). He will be in DC Friday and/or Monday (May 29-June 1) and will call. Note: Did not call."

Dr. Christofv arrived on the one o'clock shuttle today and I took him to lunch. He was a very pleasant, cosmopolitan gentleman of approximately 55 years of age; he spoke moderately good English although occasionally he would lapse into German to clarify some point. Quite clearly he could talk around and around a point with considerable charm, if he chose.

His story, briefly, was that the last time he had been in Munich he had talked to a friend of his a Professor Dr. Haubold who, in addition to having a private pharmaceutical laboratory, was also engaged in

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carrying out research for the Bonn Government on the treatment of radiation sickness. This Dr. Haubold had developed a mixture of fat soluble vitamins which had the effect when used pre- or post-exposure of improving mortality presumably by promoting healing of endothelial damage.

Dr. Christofv wished us to examine the utility of this preparation even though I pointed out that our researchers had thoroughly studied the possible use of vitamins in radiation sickness with negative results. It was on this point that matters got vague for I could not pin him down as to why Dr. Haubold did not pursue this work himself or publish it with or without the German Government's support. He kept insisting that the German Government did not want to do so but wanted our behind-the-scenes support in studying this problem further.

To that end I pointed out that he should make the proposition to us via State Department or via IAEA. I never did discover why he was acting as emissary instead of going through official channels. There is always, of course, the possibility of their being a commercial aspect of this matter.

Dr. Christjo apparently is a close friend and advisor of the German Consul in Chicago and is a consultant to the Air Force. I was never able to pin him down exactly on his present duties or his present relationship to the German Government and/or Dr. Haubold, nor was I able to determine exactly whether he had some special interest in this matter of radiation protection other than acting as an unofficial messenger of the German Government and/or Dr. Haubold. He claimed to have three doctoral degrees: Medicine, Physics, and Engineering.

I left the matter open stating that we were always interested in any procedure which might prove to be of value in treatment of radiation sickness and he, in turn, indicated that we would hear further about this from the German Government.

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