

# DISPATCH

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TO Chief, EE  
Chief, KUSODA

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CONTROL NO.

DATE OF DOC.	DATE REC'D	DATE OUT	SUSPENSE DATE	CROSS REFERENCE OR POINT OF FILING
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FROM [ 27 ]

SUBJECT Operational/CART/C  
Possible Knowledge  
of CATHINK

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ACTION REQUIRED None. For your info

- REFERENCES
- A. [ 20-4 ] 5000, 9 A
  - B. [ 20-4 ] 5207, 19
  - C. [ 20-4 ] 5531, 2 S
  - D. [ 20-4 ] 5336, 10

COURIER NO. ANSWERED NO REPLY

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1998

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2. Ossenbrink has questioned all KUBARK CATHINK staff members on their knowledge of SLOBODA, making use of a photograph of SLOBODA for this purpose. None had any personal contact with SLOBODA, however, all felt that they had seen him at the Camp King coffee bar. It should be noted that many US Army military personnel at Camp King have official knowledge of the official and unofficial name of CATHINK (see attachment under separate cover), and that the KUBARK CATHINK staff members are employees of [ 08 ] assigned to Camp King for work in CATHINK. The name and mission of CATHINK is classified presently CONFIDENTIAL - NOFORN, which means that the official name and mission of CATHINK is widely known among other US Army offices at Camp King, which also had frequent occasion to deal with SLOBODA's former office. Moreover, in conversing with US Army personnel at the Camp King coffee bar, it is conceivable that SLOBODA learned the true names of all KUBARK CATHINK personnel without their knowledge.

3. In summary, it appears that SLOBODA could have learned the following about CATHINK during the period March-August 1960 -

- a. Official and unofficial name and mission of CATHINK. (Official and unofficial name of CATHINK forwarded as Identities A. and B. respectively under separate cover attachment)
- b. True name of KUBARK and CATHINK staff members

# DISPATCH

TO Chief, EE  
INFO Chief, KUSODA

FROM	27 15-8 Chief of Station, Germany	DATE	10 October 1960
SUBJECT	Operational/CART/CATHINK Possible Knowledge of Wladimir SLOBODA of CATHINK	RE "433" (CHECK "X" ONE)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING	
ACTION REQUIRED	None. For your information only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	

## REFERENCE(S)

- A. <sup>20-4</sup>FRAN 5000, 9 August 1960
- B. <sup>20-4</sup>FRAN 5207, 19 August 1960
- C. <sup>20-4</sup>FRAN 5531, 2 September 1960
- D. <sup>20-4</sup>FRAN 6336, 10 October 1960 *to IB 110-25184*

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b. True name of KUBARK and CATHINK staff members, including the fact that they are assigned to Camp King by (DAD/Germany).

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4. The delay in reporting this matter was due to the fact that Ossebrink was on home leave when the SLOBODA defection took place.

*J. Ossebrink*

John T. OSSEBRINK

*Lester S. Redmiles*  
Approved:

Lester S. REDMILES

Attachment:

Official and Unofficial names CATRINE

Distribution:

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[GEORGE W.  
FINNEY]

TO: KUSODA

SEPARATE COVER ATTACH. TO <sup>22</sup>[EGOA] 11756, 10 Oct 60

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Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Group.

Identity B. <sup>10</sup>["EGIS Center"]

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SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT TO <sup>22</sup>EGOA-11756

Identity A. Collection Division, Collection and Dissemination  
Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Group.

Identity B. <sup>10</sup>["EGIS Center"]

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