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Freedom of Information/ Privacy Office

Mr. John Young CRYPTOME 251 West 89th Street Suite 6E New York, New York 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

References:

- a. Your Freedom of Information Act request of April 18, 2001, for records pertaining to East Germany Intelligence Services Facilities, ZF300207W (our case #799F-01).
- b. Our letter of January 9, 2006, informing you we were unable to comply with the 20-day statutory time limit in processing your request (our case #118F-06).
- c. Our letters of March 27, 2006 and September 15, 2006, informing you we were still reviewing the records you requested and would respond to you once the review had been completed (our case #118F-06).

We have conducted checks of the automated Defense Central Index of Investigations and a search of the Investigative Records Repository to determine the existence of Army intelligence investigative records responsive to your request. We have located records pertaining to your request on East Germany Intelligence Services Facilities, ZF300207W.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 12958, as amended. As a result of our review, information has been sanitized and 226 pages of records are denied in their entirety as the information is currently and properly classified SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.2(a)(2), 1.2(a)(3) and 1.4(c) of EO 12958, as amended. This information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552(b)(1). It is not possible to reasonably segregate meaningful portions of the withheld pages for release. The records are enclosed for your use. A brief explanation of the applicable sections follows:

SUMLAR. OF INFORMATION

15 May 1956

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EGIS - MfS - Besirk Cottbus Re: Installations

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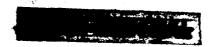
SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

- 1. MfS BV (Bezirksverwaltung District Office) COTTBUS (VT5434), Gerichtsplats 1: This installation is a large grey stude, four (4) story building which has a steep red tile roof, and which was formerly a Cottbus district court building. An MfS prison is located directly to the rear of this installation, and a tunnel extends from the prison into the compound of the RfS installation. A wooden watch tower approximately 12 feet high is located at the southeast corner of the compound. Exhibits " T " through " M " illustrate the location and internal arrangement of this installation. (F-3)
- MfS Motor Pool at COTTBUS, Mauerstrasse, number unknown: This installation is located near a People's Police prison, and consists of a compound approximately 75 x 35 meters in size. A small brick wall about 3 feet high borders the rear of the compound, where the gate entering the compound is located. Garages, gasoline pumps, a small repair shop, and an administrative office are located within this compound. A direct telephone circuit to MfS BV COTTBUS is maintained at this installation, numbers unknown. Exhibit " " illustrates the location of this installation. (F-6)
- Region VIII files contain diagrams in which the location of the MfS BY COTTBUS agrees generally with the location as indicated in the accompanying exhibits. (F+3)

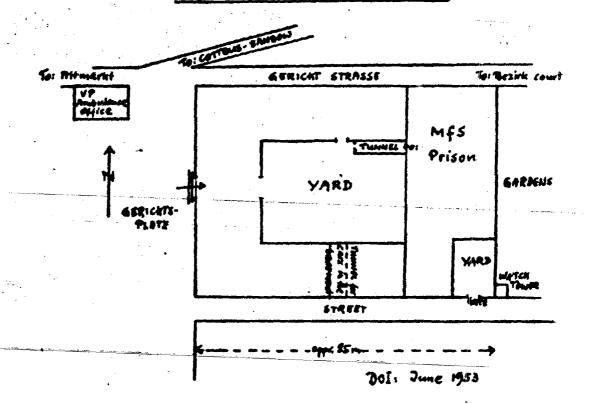
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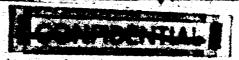
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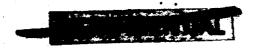
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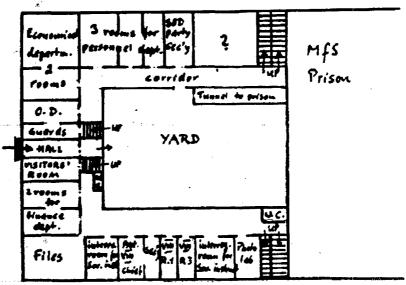
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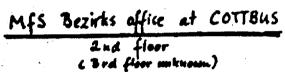
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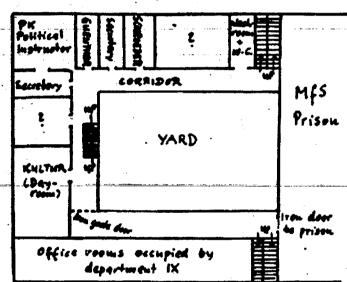
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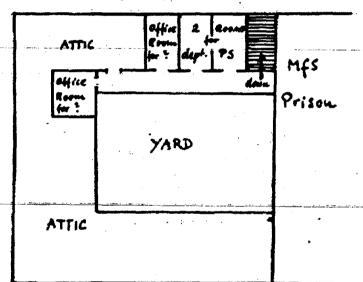
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