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Searches for the German and Canadian national SCHREIBER /n Karlheinz, born in Petersdorf on 25 March 1934

Please find enclosed a request of the public prosecutor's office in Augsburg as well as the arrest warrant of SCHREIBER in the German and English versions.

Upon receipt of the documents, please immediately inform Mr. Lemire at the Canadian ministry of justice, phone: 613-957 4762, pager: 613-7807890 and Mr. Henschel, R.C.M.P. 'A' Division, Commercial Crime, phone: 613-9937372, pager: 613-787 3037.

On behalf of the public prosecutor's office in Augsburg, please forward the following request for order concerning provisional detention via Interpol to the competent authorities in Canada:

Investigative proceedings are pending against

the German-Canadian national Karlheinz SCHREIBER, born in Petersdorf on 25 March 1934, lastly residing at 86916 Kaufering, Raltheisenstr. 27.

for tax evasion and other offences. The wanted person is strongly suspected of having intentionally concealed proceeds from commissions in the respective tax declarations of the years 1988 to 1993. He thus reduced income and trade tax by a total amount of DEM 25,724,844.

On 7 May 1997, the Local Court - examining judge - Augsburg issued an arrest warrant (file ref. 1 Gs 997/97) against the accused subject in order for him to be brought to trial.

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It is intended to request the issue of a new arrest warrant against the accused person at the Local Court - examining judge - Augsburg, as further enquiries have revealed that the accused person is also strongly suspected of having committed bribery and aiding and abetting criminal breach of trust as well as other cases of tax evasion in the years 1994 and 1995.

The arrest warrant of 7 May 1997 is based on the following facts:

In the years 1988 to 1993, the accused subject earned commissions received for his consulting activities amounting to at least DEM 46,112,101, which he concealed in his tax declarations for these years. In order to conceal the receipt of these commissions towards the German financial authorities, he had his trustees conclude the respective consultancy agreements with the foreign base companies I.A.L. and A.T.G. After the receipts had been transferred to the accounts of these foreign base companies, the accused subject spent the money on his own purposes. Within the limitation of time, the accused subject in detail was payed commissions received by the company Messerschmidt Bölkow-Blohm in 1988 for the negotiation of the sale of 12 helicopters to Canada amounting to 116,250 CAN\$, by the company styled Airbus Industrie from 30 September 1988 to 26 June 1991 10,827,000 US\$ for the negotiation of the sale of of airbuses to Canada and Thailand, by the company Thyssen Industrie AG on 25 October 1988 2,000,000 CAN\$ for a project directed towards the establishment of an industrial enterprise in Canada (Bear-Head-Project) as well as by the company Thyssen Industrie AG from 1991 to 1993 24 million DEM for the negotiation of the sale of 96 tanks to Saudi Arabia.

The accused subject thus evaded income and trade tax amounting to a total of at least DEM 25,724,844.

This corresponds to six factually coinciding offences of income tax evasion, in four cases particularly aggravated, in penal cumulation with five factually coinciding offences of trade tax evasion, in two cases particularly aggravated, and is punishable according to sections 369 and 370, paragraph 1, subparagraphs 1 and 2, paragraph 3, subparagraph 1, paragraph 4, clause 3 of the Fiscal Code, section 15 of the Income Tax Act, section 2 of the Trade Tax Act, section 149 of the Fiscal Code, section 53 of the Penal Code.

The maximum penalty for these offences is 15 years.

The limitation period has not expired. The running of the limitation period starts with the offence being completed (section 78 of the Penal Code). This occurs with the issue of the tax assessment notices. The very first known offences committed by the accused subject, the charge of having evaded taxes in 1988, was completed on 17 August 1990, the day the tax assessment notice was issued. The 5-year limitation period (section 78, paragraph 2, subparagraph 4 of the Penal Code) was first interrupted when the search order was issued by the Local Court - examining judge - Augsburg on 14 August 1995 (section 78 c, paragraph 1, subparagraph 4 of the Penal Code). According to German law, with this interruption, the running of the limitation period starts anew (section 78 c, paragraph 2 of the Penal Code). Therefore, even the limitation period of the very first known offence committed by the accused subject has not expired yet.

Due to these investigative proceedings, the defendant is at large. International searches have not yet led to his apprehension. On 5 October 1995, the date on which a search was carried out at his address, the defendant was still staying at his residential address in Kaufering and absconded to a foreign country by using his international connections. His secretary, the witness Mrs. Kaupp, confirmed that the defendant left the Federal Republic of Germany already in October. As can be concluded from an interview that the defendant gave in the "Augsburger Allgemeine" newspaper (edition of 21st June 1996), the defendant allegedly absconded to Switzerland or Liechtenstein knowing that he would not be extradited from these countries for tax evasion. Referring to the connection between his flight and the investigative proceedings, the defendant stated during the interview: "They better not even think about taking me into coercive detention." Most likely, the

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defendant also fled because he had to expect a rather high penalty due to the enormous damage caused by him as well as the high tax reclaims amounting to millions. Therefore, it is out of question that a bail be provided - no matter what the amount may be - in order to prevent the subject from fleeing, the more so, since it is expected that in the course of the investigations, the offences he is charged with will also include bribery and aiding and abetting criminal breach of trust.

The defendant is 170 cm tall, has brown eyes, and is strongly build. Please find enclosed the subject's photographs which are available with the Canadian investigating authorities.

The defendant is allegedly staying in Toronto, Canada.

In order to secure his extradition to Germany, we hereby request the provisional detention of the subject. Please advise ASAP whether and if so, when the defendant was arrested with a view to extradition.

Upon receipt of this message, extradition will be requested applied for through the prescribed channels without delay.

Dr. Maier, Public Prosecutor in his capacity as head of department,
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