

BERNHARDT, Johannes

SPAIN
Madrid

Card 1

SF-5*

While in Tetuan, lived at 14 O'Donnell. German, born 1/1/97; branch manager of H. & O. WILMER, automobile importers and exporters in Tetuan. In 1936 was secretary of the Tetuan Nazi party; one of the most active propagandists in Sp. Morocco; worked with Adolf Langenheim, one of chiefs of German I.S. in Morocco. Is dangerous.

LA 1236
9/2/42

ts/cmb

At Palace Hotel in Madrid. Managing director of SOFINDUS. Is in contact with German I.S.

LA 100
British
10/14/42

Sent the following cable to General Faupel: "Glad that you are coming, and request that you notify us through Hisrowak concerning the date of your arrival in Irun and Madrid."

LA 739
Madrid
5/13/43

Sent radiogram from Madrid to "Akrobat. Attention Schroeder. Berlin. After examination of local situation I see no prospects for closings (of business or other deals) at this time, wherefore I advise against planned journey." Censor's note shows that the signature, Bernhardt, has appeared on many messages in recent months to the German capital, disclosing subject to be a German official agent engaged in the development of armament works and metallurgical industries in Spain. cc/cmb

LA 1223
7/15/43

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Card 2

There is a German firm in Larache and Alcazarquivir owning flour mills. Although these mills are electric this firm has accumulate large quantities of gasoline as well as stocks of foodstuffs. Subject, a very wealthy German, is the head of this firm. He is said to have made his money buying up lorries, arms, ammunition, etc., in Germany for Franco's account. He enjoys Franco's entire confidence due to the good services he rendered him during the Civil War. This firm is said to be supplying German subs at night by means of small fishing craft. Subject is highly respected by the Spanish authorities and by the public in general on account of his intimate and friendly relations with the Generalissimo which are known.

VT 376a
Raza; B-2
2/4/44

Subject is head of German I.S. in Spain, according to Emil Best. He ordered Best to return to France. Subject also told Best that they had a wonderful agent who could come and go in North Africa and brought back plans of aerodromes, etc.

XX 621
XLW 898
British
2/14/44

MAWICK is associated with subject.

VX 005-308
EFO01
3/4/44

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Radiogram from subject to procure tickets from Frankfurt to Berlin for subject, secretary, Frau Schaefers and Director Saul.
mjb/cmb

H 51614
4/15/44

Subject is about to leave for Germany according to radiogram sent from Madrid to Frankfurt. Subject is Oberfuher of the SS in Spain.
dd/cmb

10452-417
4/17/44

Subject sent cable to Hitler on his birthday. "With unshakeable faith."
dd/cmb

10452-420
4/20/44

Subject is the official middleman for the German Government in the purchase of priority materials that are still allotted to Spain. Believed to work with two other German businessmen, BREUER and HEINEMANN.
mjb/cmb

RX 010-506
XMo-35
4/26/44

Subject left instructions that his address would be the Hotel Furstendorf in Berlin A 28015e during his current visit there. During the Allied bombings recently only a section of this building was left open for business.
dd/cmb

10452-
424B
5/29/44
B-2

Subject frequently sends radiograms from Madrid to Berlin concerning the shipment of Germany to Spain of various war materials and the construction in Spain of armament works. Following radiogram appears to identify him as a head of German secret operations in Spain. "To Reichfuhrer SS Himmler, Berlin. On your birthday sincere wishes and the assurance of unconditional loyalty. Bernhardt."

RI
10/7/43

prf/cmb

Subject sent a cable to Frau Oberst Veltjens, Heerstr, Berlin, wishing her his sincerest sympathy on the tragic death of her husband.
ncm/cmb

H 46194
Censor.
10/11/43

Pablo WIEDENBRUG is subject's son-in-law.

dd/cmb

SJ FIN 9594
Condemned
11/25/43

Subject seems to be oberfuhrer of the SS in Madrid. He sent New Year's greetings to the following people by radiogram: Himmler, General von Faupel, Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Rosenberg, Rommel, Gen. Sperrle, Gen. Richthofen, Gen. Jeschonek, Gen. Warlimont, Koerner, and Ohnesorge.
ncm/cmb

10452-101
1/1/44

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Card 3

Cable from HISROWAK, Berlin, to SOFINDUS, Madrid, as follows: "For BERNHARDT your 922 (attached) radio set (?) so far not received."

H 53249
6/26/44

cmb

German; SS Upper Group leader. Political head of Sofindus. Plans to send Luis LLANSO JORNET to U.S. as personal representative to investigate export field for post war. Reported to enjoy the confidence of Germanofiles who are high up in the Spanish Government and is the medium through which are arranged the purchases of priority materials bought by Spain from the Allies. Tel. 61304. Hans HEINEMANN stated that UNICOLOR owns wolfram mines in Spain and that in general, 50% of the capital of the mines is German owned. Subject manages a great part of this business. He sold the first airplane to Franco in 1938.

RX 153
Madrid
8/21/44

Cable from subject to HISROWAK, Berlin, as follows: "BERNHARDT and SCHAEFERS arrived safely in Madrid today."
hft/cmb

IX 985
W/T
8/30/44

Radiogram from subject and the staff of SOFINDUS, Madrid, to the Fuehrer of the German Reich, Adolf Hitler, Reich Chancellery, Berlin, as follows: "We are sending our Fuehrer Adolf Hitler our heartiest congratulations on his birthday, with unshakable faith."
cmb

10452-911
596
9/11/44

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card 4

Subject is head of SOFINDUS and HISMA. He is also director of MONTANA s.a., estudios y explotaciones mineras, Bilbao, of which Guillermo PASCH is also a director.
hft

XL-5830
1/26/45

Subject is the organizer of HISMA and the president of SOFINDUS and ESTUDIOS Y EXPLORACIONES MINERAS MONTANA and director of TRANSPORTES MARITIMOS, S.A., and VARELA, S.A., and is closely associated with all SOFINDUS operations.
hft

XL-5616
Madrid
11/24/44

Subject is listed among "certain prominent Expulsion Candidates" the British requested Madrid to include in the 2/2/45 expulsion list which will be submitted to the Embassy for its consideration in requesting expulsion from Spain. Subject and the other "prominent Candidates" appeared on the British June 1944 list.
cmb

RX-406
Madrid
2/2/45

With regard to RX-406, subject is on previous or forthcoming British expulsion list.
cmb

XX-004-2602
2/26/45

Johannes BERNARDE, listed as Director, arrived in Lisbon from Madrid and stayed at the Hotel Victoria between Sept. 23 and Oct. 1.
cmb

XL-2299
ONI
A-2
11/9/44

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Johannes BERNHARDT, German, Madrid, was granted a Portuguese visa at the Madrid Consulate on 12/12/44; requested for 6 days. Subject was born in Osterode, East Prussia, 1/1/97; bears passport #2031 issued at Madrid 10/5/43. He arrived from Madrid 9/28/44 and registered at the Hotel Victoria; left 10/1/44. Arrived in Portugal through Elvas-Caia, 9/28/44; Portuguese visa granted in Madrid and good for 3 days only. Was in Lisbon again 12/1/44, arriving from Madrid by plane.

HX-350
Lisbon
1/31/45

cmb

Subject applied at the Madrid Consulate for a 3 day Portuguese visa. German director. Passport 2031 issued Madrid 5/10/43, arrived in Portugal via Elvas Caia 5/29/44, registered at the Victoria Hotel the same day. On 5/31/44 he was at the Palace Hotel at Bussaco, left 1/6/44.
mrr/cmb

HX-214
3/10/44

Subject now lives at Avenida del Valle 3, Madrid. He is reported to have left Malaga in 1934 for Betuan, where he worked as a clerk in the TCCMILAS Company. In 1930 he received financial assistance from the German government to form the ALSA Export and Import Company. In 1939 he was made chief of the Spanish-German claims commission, and since that time has supervised the investing of 24 billion Reichmarks in Spanish industries, factories, commercial companies and real estate; moreover, he has allegedly invested large funds for Hermann Goebbels, who regards him as a personal friend. He is the key German operator in large scale foreign exchange transactions involving the purchases of dollars and pounds. Two of subject's principal assistants

3-CLD-A-2
ONI
C-3
1/10/45

Letter of SOFINDUS in Madrid; of the Wirtschaftsministerium.

**XI 1354
XIV 1333
10/23/44

cmb

Subject arrived at the Av. Palace Hotel in Lisbon from Madrid on 11/15/44.

XL 5343
NA; A-2
12/12/44

cmb

Radiogram from Baron von HOYNINGEN HEUNE, German Ambassador to Lisbon, to subject, sending New Year's greeting to subject and SOFINDUS.

TR 00146/44
12/31/44

dd/cmb

Nazi Minister, Wilhelm Obnesorge, (Minister for Post and Telegraph), replies to greeting sent by subject, as follows: "Many thanks for your kind New Year wishes which I most heartily reciprocate. With kind regards and with firm confidence in victory, Heil Hitler, yours," sig. Wilhelm Obnesorge.

Bellmore
2171
1/22/45

hft

Subject wrote note of sympathy to ROHMEL's widow. Subject's address: Av. Generalissimo 1, Madrid; is head of SOFINDUS. Sometimes, on Nazi political occasions, he signs messages "Bernhardt, SS Oberfuehrer".

Bellmore
1051
10/20/44

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Card 5

are Herbert and Oscar WILMER, Madrid. hft

One SCHMIDT, Estoril, Portugal, of the NASSENSTEIN Bureau, German post-war espionage organization in Portugal, has worked in a large transport firm at Frankfurt s. Main. He has directed all transport to Germany with Mr. Bruno LESSER, an accomplice of subject in Madrid. Dr. ECKERT, also connected with this Werwolf organization, has created a solid organization with ZICKERMANN, WILMER, PORST, WALDHAUSEN, BERNHARD in Spain, Bruno LESSER, LASSEN & Co., GELLWEILER, Dr. JACOB, etc. These firms have worked openly and ECKERT has allowed them to make as much as they wished. ECKERT controls the affairs and finances of his friends. ECKERT, Commercial Attache in Lisbon, is directly connected with HIMMER.

**EX-466
Lisbon
4/19/45

Subject is on the board of HINGSTE, CORCHOS ZUM. (Firm - q.v.), and of NOVA S.A. (Firm - q.v.) Was a German gov't nominee for latter. jld

XL6436
15 Feb 45
SH Series
111

Subject is named as a War Criminal by Von GOLDAMMER. Subject is a general and S.D. head in Spain.

20637-112
7 Feb 45
Madrid Emb.

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Informant was on subject's payroll. Subject's immediate superior is Ewald KRUSE, head of the skins export section of SOFINDUS. Subject wanted to send informant to South America and told him to study code work. hft

**X-2TS-1268
EX-706
5/22/45

Summary of London info on subject: Johannes Eberhard Franz BERNHARDT (?Sturmfuehrer). German. Born Osterode (East Prussia) 1.1.97; as managing director in Madrid since at least 1941 of the German firm SOFINDUS he collaborated closely with both the Sipo and SD and the Abwehr; under his direction SOFINDUS, in addition to serving as a purchasing agency, handled foreign exchange transactions for the German government and the German I.S., provided cover employment for Sipo and SD agents, sometimes paying a part of their salaries, facilitated the granting of Spanish visas to Abwehr agents by promising employment, set up bank deposits (probably in Spanish names) to provide for Abwehr expenses in case of a diplomatic break between Spain and Germany, and assisted the German I.S. in various other ways; reported in April 1944 to be engaged in mugging wolfram to Germany; helped KdM Spain with customs problems at Irún on Sept 1 44; handled in Nov. 1944, the transfer by SOFINDUS to the German Embassy of Ptas. 16,000,000 for the use of KdM Spain; closely connected from Oct. 1944 to April 1945, in collaboration with the German Embassy, the Naval

XX7873
2 July 45
London

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Attache and Adm Spain, with a numb. of attempts, mostly unsuccessful, to ship supplies clandestinely from Spanish ports to German garrisons isolated on the French coast, these undertakings being separate from those being conducted simultaneously for the same purpose by Ast Hamburg; list d for expulsion, out was still in Spain in April 1945; married with at least three children; passports (1) No. 1621/40, (2) No. 01567 issued Madrid 30.1.40, (3) No. 2031 issued Madrid 5.10.43 and (4) No. 1936. Address: (1944, office) Av. del Generalisimo 1, Madrid (tel. 36822, 36821, 32714, 42364, 42365): (1944, private) Av. del Valle 3, Madrid (tel. 44997).
(This info sent to Spain)

Name submitted by HOHENLOHE in list of German Nat. Soc. who have been outstanding because of their reproachable attitude. 20637-613 #465 6/13/45
cmb

BERNHARDT of SOFINDUS - SD agent. RX 797 RBX 179 6/11/45
cmb

At Madrid (1 avenida del Generalisimo) is the headquarters of German secret services under the orders of General BERNHARDT. Probably subject. FFX-6114 3/6/45
hft Under subject's direction, the S.D. in Spain extends its ramifications toward South America and Portugal, while maintaining contact with La Haye and the German I.S.

Subject arrived in Portugal on LUSITANIA EXPRESS 3/21/45. Carried passport #1936/45, issued at Madrid 3/6/45. HX-454 Lisbon 3/29/45
cjd

Dr. Heinz TORRES, who in 1940 was head of the Iberian Section of Amt VI of the RRHA, stated that in 11/40 he was asked to go to the Iberian Peninsula to become a director of the transport firm MARION in Salamanca; MARION was an affiliation of SOFINDUS, the owner of which was an SS Standartenfuhrer whose name TORRES could not remember, and who was evidently the German Liaison Officer with Franco. Originally, this Nazi dignitary was sent to Spain in connection with the delivery of Junkers-52 planes. MARION was to establish a branch office in Lisbon with TORRES as manager. The possible occupation of Spain and perhaps Gibraltar was thought to be the reason behind all this. XI 7019 5/21/45
cmb
(The SS Standartenfuhrer is believed to be subject. --cmb)

Subject is included in list of German holders of safe deposit boxes in Lisbon banks. Described as follows: German director; born Osterold, East Prussia 1/1/87. Holds passport 2031; issued Madrid 10/6/43. Arrived via Elvas-Cala 5/29/44; registered at Hotel Victoria same day. Registered Palace Hotel, Bussaco 5/31/44; left 6/1/44. On 9/22/44 obtained a six day visa for Portugal, issued by the Port. Consulate, Madrid. Entered 9/28/44 by Elvas-Cala. Left Hotel Victoria 10/1/44. On 12/12/44 was granted 6 day visa for Portugal, issued by Port. Consulate at Madrid. HX 416 3/7/45
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LWX-002-707
7/7/45

FOLMER states that financial reserves had been amassed in Spain to supplement Abwehr activities after the cessation of diplomatic relations between Germany and Spain. SS Gruppenfuhrer BERNHARD built up a sizeable mining business in wolfram ore and tungsten. Subject's home is located in Madrid on the Avenue del Generalissimo, next to the Deutsche Bank. Otto BRANDT was involved in the 4-year plan and probably has connections with BERNHARDT. Hptm ENGELKE, manager of the purchasing agency for the Waffen SS in Paris, was in Spain around the end of 1943 and had contacted subject.

cmb

XX-7785

The British have informed us of the following situation which has developed in Madrid 6/28/45 between their representatives and subject, head of the German holding company SOFINDUS. SAINT and the American Ambassador have been kept informed and are participating in the discussions.

Subject has offered to work for Allied interests in the management of SOFINDUS. He has agreed to accept any directives laid down by an Allied advisory committee, which would act as a board of directors of SOFINDUS. Subject estimates the present capital assets of SOFINDUS to be five hundred million pesetas. Subject appears to be the only person in Spain able to establish that the companies are German-owned and the capital provided by the German Government. Subject is prepared to give all assistance and would continue to direct the whole SOFINDUS combine under complete Allied control. He would reveal all assets which SOFINDUS has hidden in Spain.

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continued

Holding Company

SOFINDUS

Trading Companies

LANACO (Cia. Gral de Lanac)
PIELCO (Exportadora de Pielas)
CORCHOS DE ANDALUCIA
TRANSPORTES MARION
SCHOLTZ HERLANOS
MINERALES DE ESPANA
H. GAERTNER S.R.
AGRO S.A.
NOVA S.A.

Mining Companies

ARALAR S.A.
MONTANAS DEL SUR
BIGREDOS (Sierra de Gredos)
SANTA TECLA
MONTES DE GALICIA
MAURETANIA
MONTANA S.A.

Mines

SOMAR
FLORUCOS
IMSAB

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Shipping; Companies

B, CMI
TRANSCOMAR
NISA
BAU

cmb

XL-12621
7/11/45
elw

Otto CRAWERT was in contact with subject, Standard-bearer in the S.S.
6th page from end of doc. description of subject, etc.

FPX-6814
21 June 45
Interrog of
Willy BLEY

hft

Subject has provided the following info re his activities in Spain:

At the outbreak of the Civil War, subject, a German, who was living in Spanish Morocco, offered his services to FRANCO, who was a friend of his. The urgent problem of the moment was transport, and it was decided that subject should see Hitler to arrange for transport aircraft and material to be sent to Spain. Although Hitler was willing to send supplies as a political favor, Goering insisted that they be paid for in Spanish products. In order to accomplish this exchange, subject set up two companies, ROWAK in Berlin and HISMA in Tetuan. As the exportable surplus available to Spain consisted of products such as wines, resins, skins, cork and minerals, subject found it necessary to launch subsidiary companies to deal with each of these commodities. He therefore founded AGRO, EXPORTADORA DE PIELS, C.L., GENERAL DE LANAS, HERMANN GAERTNER and LINEALES de ESPAÑA, all under the control of HISMA. In the course of time other companies were either bought or acquired. Subject set up a number of mining companies, and SOPINDUS in possession of one of the most comprehensive mineralogical surveys ever made in Spain. HISMA became the largest and probably the most important single factory in the economy of Nationalist Spain. In 11/38 it was replaced by SOPINDUS, an organization virtually controlled by the German Government under the direction of subject. As a condition to his cooperation with the Allies, subject has stipulated that, as he is personally indebted to many persons in Spain in high places, no trouble he caused these persons. Subject reiterated that under no circumstances would he compromise the people who had assisted him in his work. A British expert in Madrid considers that, although a defeated enemy national, subject is still a forceful personality and a potent factor in Spanish politics. He is said to be responsible for Spain's present government, more than any other individual. Has more influence with Franco than the British and American Embassies combined. It is doubtful that the Spaniards would ever agree to hand subject over to the Allies.

The following are the German state-owned enterprises in Spain which are either controlled by subject directly or through SOPINDUS: continued on card

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RX-825
6/20/45

Upon Germany's surrender, subject's name was presented to the Spanish Foreign office for immediate internment.
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Page 2, par. # 6

cmb

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XL 12762
7/12/45

XX 7999
7/11/45

XX 7780
6/18/45

REX 208
6/30/45

RX 907
B-2
8/4/45

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Re Laura.

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XX 8837
8/20/45

FPX/6646
D.S. DOC.
18 May 45

XX 9084
9/1/45

XX 8910
8/20/45

HX 621
10/3/45

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Ladrid
13 April 46

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XX-5707
no date

German. Oberfuhrer of the SS. Did not belong to the RSHA service. Director general or technical adviser of SOFINDUS. At first was an unimportant employe of the WILMERS firm. During the Spanish civil war engaged in arms traffic to France. Very clever. Has been employed to deal directly with Franco, who likes him. Has made a considerable sum of money. Married a daughter of WILMERS. Within eight years, he has acquired money and titles. He now has a villa at Madrid and two large farms, one at Salamanca and the other at Alicante. His connections are powerful and although he is no. 1 on the list of expulsions demanded by the Allies he has never left the country. Gives the cover of SOFINDUS to the services of the German I.S. About 35 years old.
hft

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XX 9837-9839
11/13/45

In 1936 subject received financial assistance from the German government to form HESIA Import and Export Co. In 1939 was made chief of Spanish-German Claims Commission and since that time has supervised investing of 24 billion Reichsmarks in Spanish industries. Personal friend of GOERING. His principal assistants are Herbert and Oscar WILMER. Heinrich BAUER, when he was in the Puerta del Sol, wrote his wife and asked her to go to subject and explain to him that he must get him out of jail.
hft

RX-955
8 Sept. 45

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Herbert and Oscar WILMER are two of the principal assistants of subject, who was formerly the representative of their firm, H & O WILMER, in Tetuan. Subject is now head of SOFINDUS, the German holding company which acts as cover for SD operations. Subj. is considered the principal figure in the SD in Spain.
omb

545
RX 549
B-3
4/9/45

Document gives list of employees of H & O WILMER. Source is Spanish policerecords dated Jan. 4, 1944. Subject is not listed as an employee, nor does his name appear as connected with this firm.

RX 586
W/BC; B-3
4/18/45

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No additional info.

XL 10127
Madrid
5/3/45

cmb

RX-866
V/BC; B-2
19 July 45

RX-896
V/BC; B-2
1 Aug. 45

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Page 23, #3; page 24, paras. 1,2; page 25, #4,6. App. VI & VII.

XX 9618
10/26/45

cmb

Subject is included in list of Amt VI representatives and agents in Spain. After his name is "comprehensive economic organization). In Spain one of the big tasks was to supply the French Atlantic ports still occupied by the Germans with food. Almost all the sailing boat expeditions succeeded. It was managed by subject and STEHLE.

#WTS 1837
SCHELLENBERG

SCHOERER-STOLLE, when he went to Buenos Aires on an espionage mission, was given a firm in Madrid which SOMMER thought was called BERNHARDT as a cover address.

XX-9771
5 Oct. 45
Interrog of
H. SOMMER

Subject is alleged to have 80 million pesetas, most of it in southern Spain. Frau SCHAEFFERS, subject's secretary, went to southern Spain with him. He allegedly has several fincas in the south.

20637-528
#370
5/28/45

cmb

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Card 12

collector and pseudo-official foreign currency, gold and art dealer of the Reich and its former leaders. Became extremely rich in his service in Spain.

Contrary to statement on Interrogation Report to the effect that subject was head of GRILLE and that he was installed as General Manager of SOFINDUS, POW states that MOSIG was head of GRILLE and that BERNHARDT always had been General Manager of SOFINDUS in that he had founded the organization in 1938.

cjd

Info from Karl DEININGER of Starnberg:

SOFINDUS was set up as a big corporation, under the leadership of SS-Obergruppenfuhrer HERRMANN, Inu (believed to be subject), a personal friend of both Franco and Hitler. HERRMANN established a bank account of several million pesetas for DEININGER, whom he had advised to remain in Spain. HERRMANN was further charged with the transport of Spanish Moroccan troops to Germany. He speaks perfect Spanish, and travels in Spain under four different Spanish names. His family lives in a villa at Sevilla. One of his aides is HAMMES, who was chief of the SD in all Spain. Both HERRMANN and HAMMES are still living in Spain, presumably still continuing their activities.

XX-12231
5/16/46

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Federico CARRUNCHO is well known as one of subject's right-hand men. SERRANO SUNER was first contacted by Germany's top agent, subject; who elicited valuable info re Franco's plans. Demetris CARCELLER SEGURA, Spanish Minister of Economy, contacted through subject. Subject also contact of BAU, former Minister of Commerce. Under the influence of subject's clever machinations, General ARANDA served indirectly as a source of info. MUNOZ GRANDES, formerly commander of the Blue Division and later Franco's Adjutant maintained contact through subject. Subject was one of SCHELLENBERG's top agents. SINGER and MOSIG also top. The "Organization Grille" was covered and camouflaged through SOFINDUS. The purpose of "Organization Grille" was to further develop social and commercial leads and connections initiated by subject, and to exploit them from a counter intelligence point of view; to establish new connections and to maintain existing links with sources of info represented primarily in the persons of CARCELLER, BAU, MUNOZ GRANDES and General ARANDA. Subject was SCHELLENBERG's main representative and No. 1 person of confidence in Spain. Began career in GIS in Spanish Civil War. Became the most influential personality and important intermediary between the German Government and Franco. The most important sources of info in Spain were initiated by subject. His preoccupation with matters of economic and commercial nature resulted in neglect of contacts in intelligence. To assist in his tremendous task, to maintain contacts he had established, and to exploit sources of info in Spain, the organization "GRILLE" with MOSIG in charge was created. Subject aged 48; 1.73 m tall; stocky build; black hair; bushy eyebrow. Believed still in Madrid.

XX-11487
4/1/48

cjd

One of the wealthiest Germans in Spain.

20637-524
#192
5/1/45

SS Oberfuhrer. VI-Beauftragter in Madrid. Head of German-Spanish firm of Sofindus and Rowak. Arranged for air transport of Spanish Moroccan troops from Africa in Civil War.

IX-3815
Interrog of
Dr. Klaus
HEGEL
18 Aug. 45

Bernard ROHE said that subject had on hand as of March 19, 1945, so-called personal funds believed to amount to 80,000,000 pesetas, apart from all other assets of SOFINDUS and affiliates. ROHE was an accountant with SOFINDUS.

Econic 0003772
Embassy, Madrid
18 Jan. 46

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X-2 30247
1/15/46
Schagen

From Fritz LACKNER Interrog: Liaison officer of the German Embassy Madrid to Gssimo FRANCO, installed as General Manager of the SOFINDUS Co., Chief of the Organization GRILLE of Amt VI of the RSHA which engaged in interior Spanish problems. Description: 50; 1.68 m; heavy set, glasses; round face; brown eyes; dark hair. Owns great property near Alicante, Spain (in twon of Denia) with a private W/T station. Art

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3/8/46

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A Mr. SCHEEL, formerly an employee of SOFINDUS, mentioned to a member of the British Trusteeship of the former German Embassy, the existence of a "secret fund" of several millions, and of a camouflaged enterprise called "Anton". The fund of several millions is probably the monies handled personally by subject but there is no trace of "Anton", other than the Christian name of WAHLE. On 2/17/45 it was reported that WAHLE ranked next to subject as the most important organizer of supplies for Germany. In view of the connection of all three subjects, WAHLE, BERNHARDT and SCHEEL, with SOFINDUS, the reported existence of a "secret fund" of several millions and of a camouflaged enterprise called "Anton", there is a possibility that WAHLE and SCHEEL may be implicated with subject in such an enterprise.

RX 1218
2/4/46

cmb
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Subject worked for the OKW organization, which was interested in buying merchandise, acquiring foreign exchange and circumventing the Allied Blockade.

HX-744
22 Mar 46
Kurt
HAULAZ

hft
Shaef No. 24124. Rank Oberfuhrer. Referat VI. Beauftragter in Madrid. Connected with Sofindus Firm.
cjd

XX-9249
9/20/45

BERNHARDT, Johannes

Card-14

From Final Report of Otto WIEDEMANN:
WIEDEMANN, who was in Barcelona in summer of 44, received instructions to accompany BAU and subject to Berlin.
cjd

LWI-356
5/15/46

Subject was Nazi Party member no. 1572819, having entered the Party on 1 April 1933.

HX-1383
29 Aug 46

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No new information.

F-8300
25 Aug 46

BC364 reported that subject had sent 21 baskets full of food, cigarettes, etc., to the jail where the Germans were held sometime during the past week and even went so far as to appoint a "Blockwart" (cell leader) among them. Source is of the opinion that subject is still the leader of German resistance groups and morale in general.
cjd

HX-1386
6/29/46

HAUSTEIN says he recalls that a certain LENNERTS (phonetic probably Gustart) LENZ) was the Chief of the German Abwehr in ~~Spain~~ Madrid. On 20 July 1944, he was supposed to have been replaced by a BERNHARD, the leader of the HISMA. With his two brothers-in-law, he was supposed to have been the head of the SID. Their names were Herbert and Oscar WILMER.
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FSRO:667
22 Oct 46
Interrog of
Martin
HAUSTEIN

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BERNHARDT, Johannes

KSM 1
30 Oct. 46
B-2

MOLTING de la PENA was reported in Jun 45 to be training W/T operators for future service in a clandestine German organization to promote post-defeat activities in Spain. Subject and MOSIG were said to be part of this organization.

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When SOFINDUS heard of the plan to transfer the OTTO Organization's activities from France to Spain, subject started a wild campaign against the project, being afraid of competition. Since ~~xxx~~ subject had the greater power, being an SS Standartenfuhrer and also an influential personage with the different Spanish Ministries, the Abwehr's request to transfer the OTTO Org. to Spain was turned down. 20637-822 #5761 7/31/46

cmb

SOFINDUS was the Sp. continuation of the firm HISMA founded by subject and CARRANZA in ~~Tetuan~~ Tetuan as cover for the support given by Goering to Franco during the Civil War. SIMROSS states that the Condor Legion later became the official organ and took the place of HISMA, which then became a purely commercial firm under the direction of subject and with German approval and the support of Franco, for the purpose of implementing the GORING 4 year plan as regards ROWAK, Berlin. Subject, chief of Sofindus, was former chief clerk with H & O WILMER & Co. XX 12391 8/14/46 Interr. SIMROSS

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A report by the American Military Attaché at Madrid: "Who's Who" Walther BECKER, former Commercial Attaché to the German Embassy, Madrid, Spain, No. 407-45 of October 16, 1945, setting forth BECKER's own account of his life and career, together with interesting info on his activities in Brazil. BECKER and subject are regarded by Madrid Embassy as the two Germans who were probably most conversant with the economic activities of the Nazi Party and Reich in Spain. XT-4560 2/21/46

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Fritz HARDER Interrog: FLANZE had just returned from a trip to Salamanca, where he had inspected the station and its personnel, and had come to an arrangement with subject, the manager of HISMA, the German-Spanish clearing firm at Salamanca, regarding a projected loan of about 100,000,000 Pesetas to be made by the German Reichspost to the Franco Government. After the necessary formalities had been completed, FLANZE and POW travelled via Stuttgart, Geneva and Marseilles to Salamanca. Here POW met subject's secretary, Consul-General KOHN, the Attaches KROGER and BOBRICK of the German Embassy in Salamanca. FLANZE and POW had further conferences with subject re suitable wavelengths for use in Spain. A general plan was worked out, but was still incomplete when discussions were interrupted by subject's departure to Berlin on urgent business. Subject's car, chauffeur and an interpreter were placed at disposal of FLANZE and POW. XXI-40 3/2/46

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BERNHARDT, Johannes

Card-15

KSM-61

Subject has not been named for repatriation of this list. The Allied Safehaven Committee has requested that subject's name not be included inasmuch as he continues to be in a position to render ~~ix~~ valuable assistance, and for that reason they do not wish to jeopardize his collaboration. On numerous occasions, subject has been reported to be the head of an important Nazi resistance group in Spain. He continues to occupy offices in the Allied controlled Sofindus building in Madrid, where he continues to receive visitors. He was recently reported to have held a meeting, in his Sofindus offices, of several well-known Nazis, at which time he is said to have remarked that his office was a most appropriate meeting place inasmuch as he enjoyed what he termed "extraterritorial rights". It has also been argued by the British and American Embassies that any attempt to secure subject's repatriation would meet with failure in view of his intimate relations with Spanish authorities and his former financial assistance to Franco during the Civil War.

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GRIMM stated that SOFINDUS or HISMA was a German government agency and was headed by subject, who is still at large in Spain.

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KEL-1005
20 Dec 46
Han GRIMM
Interrog.

BERNHARDT, Johannes E. P.

Card 16

Report refers to and expands. C

Subject's name is under consideration for Repatriation List to be presented to the Spanish during the current week. The State Dept. wish his name included. The British have asked our State Dept. for help in advising the State Dept. that they wish to use him for a long-term intelligence project, and also that they believe the Spanish Govt. would refuse to repatriate him. BERNHARDT has not yet been used for any intelligence purpose apart from Safehaven information on German assets. The British consider him qualified to investigate reports that wolfram is being smuggled from Spain and going by clandestine channels to the USSR. British letter quoted in report mentions subject's "present good-will towards us".

WEL-1566
27 Oct 47

BERNHARDT (subj) and others, said Wolfgang Otto FROBERG, to whom he is known owing to his cooperation with the Allied Control Council, continue to make his life impossible in Spain with the assistance of the Nazi friendly Falangists. They have decided to kill him (Frohberg).

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Cable State
15 Jan 48
Madrid

Subj's name was deleted from the repatriation list by the Spanish who gave the following reason: This name does not appear on previous lists; subj has been in contact with the Allied authorities - Madrid.

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October 1947
State Madrid
no. 378
1 July 48

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BERNHARDT, Johannes E. F.

ESMA-109
15 Sept 48

A new radio station called "Radio Atlantis" was opened in Tangier, having been organized by Mario PIRELLI who is employed by Clarence Oscar Lamberth, Jr., American. Broadcasts are frequently devoted to tracing individuals for the IRO (Internatl. Refugee Org). Recently Lamberth made a trip to Madrid to see one of his business associates, Athanas KEFSISOFF. PIRELLI asked Lamberth to call on BERNHARDT, SALVICCI and AVILA. When Lamberth asked KEFSISOFF about them, K discouraged him from calling on them by explaining that they would ask him to smuggle funds from Spain to Tangier.

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Memo to COPS dated 21 Oct 47 written C 65-7-6

Misc outgoing

Col. Roland J. H. MERTZ of the US Army in Germany was assigned by the army to purchase perishable foodstuffs in Spain for the American occupation troops in Germany. He asked the Embassy's assistance. He was a Colonel but was acting in a private capacity without any connection with the army, it was learned. Also, it came out that his Spanish agent was Johannes E. F. BERNHARDT. MERTZ said subj was the only one with whom he could do business on a profitable basis. This is not true, says State. MERTZ later severed his connections with subj. doc in CIA library

State, Madrid
No. 628
3 Nov 48

"Fascist Movement in Spain and other countries". dated 4 August 1948.

WEBB-783.

Subject claimed to be a member of movement in Spain. See Document.

Current commercial activities of Johannes E.F. BERNHARDT in Spain.

WSM-293
8 Mar 1949

Subject is probably German referred to who is still at large, living at Avenida del Generalísimo, and who was one of those who at the beginning of the civil war financed capital necessary and who with his money took a very active part in transferring nationalist forces from Marruecos to Spain.

28 Aug 46

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Subject and Oscar WILMER are two Nazis who live undisturbed in Madrid in 1936, when Franco began activity against the Republic in Africa, subject and WILMER lived in Melilla. They were both high agents of Hitler in Spain. Through them Franco made his first demand for help from Germany. Subject and WILMER went to Berlin to present Franco's proposition. The talks in Berlin were not with Hitler but with Goering. As a result the first help came from German -- men, technicians, war material for the so-called national zone. For all this important and delicate mission of sending troops and arms, subject was designated. Subject often seen at hotel where Hans THOMSEN's wife stays.

27 Oct 46

SCHULLENBERG sent Eugen MOSIG to Spain to gather political intelligence, and MOSIG used his assignment to prevent sabotage in the Sofindus tungsten mines as a cover. BERNHARDT did not have a high opinion of MOSIG's ability.

MOHA 1087
4 Sept 47

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BERNHARDT

WSM-344
1 March 50.

Major Fernando SANTAMARIA, Head of Falange network "D", which concerns itself with foreigners in Spain, claims that there are two classifications of Germans in Spain. One is that of Germans who continue to be Nazis, and the other of those who "have sold out to the Americans." He identifies as the outstanding member of the second group, BERNHARDT, "who has close connections of a financial and economic nature with the Allied Control Commission." He claims that BERNHARDT was mainly responsible for the fact that commercial representatives of the Bonn Government went back to Germany empty-handed after having come to Madrid to negotiate a trade arrangement with Spain. The Bonn representatives were disgusted to find that in order to carry out their negotiations, they had to deal with Nazis. SANTAMARIA thinks, however, that the main underlying reason for the failure of the negotiations is the fact that the United States controls the German economy, and does not wish to lose its hegemony.

Subject is reported by one Karl R.A. WITTIG to continue to control SOF1 BUS and to give financial support to Nazis of Western Germany. Lengthy details of a rather general nature are given in the document. Report says that Anton WAHLE is still Subject's assistant.

HICOG-Frankfurt
465
27 March 1950
German External
Assets in Spain

Q-11911
16 May 50

Subject and Johann W. THER have interests in common.

Subject, after being turned down on his visa application to the States, has changed his route and is believed to have left in mid-July for South America, allegedly on business for his film companies (Sagittaria and Europa). His trip

WSLA-1221
3 Aug 50

BERNHARDT, Johannes

acc. to QUAWK subject has brought a device to Spain which the Sp. Army has been using successfully, called DEZ IMETERGERAET. It sends out micro waves.

WSM-742
9 May 52

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was to take six or eight weeks. BERNHARDT says he is trying to build up an international advisory bureau with a Flemish refugee lawyer. Offices are called Informaciones Juridicas Internacionales, located at Jose Antonio 43, Madrid.

One Alfred O. PFISTERER, German, applying for work with this Agency in Germany listed subject as a reference, claiming he was chief manager in subject's firm SCFINDUS till 1941.

MGLA-8298
24 Sept 51

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BERNHARDT, Johannes

RMSHROUD reported that subject unofficial rep. of the Hitler government in Spain in 1937, responsible for supplying the Nationalists. He is of the opinion Subject acquired Spanish citizenship. RMSHROUD informed that he suspects that Subject is now working in Spain for the British I.S.

CFPA-3977
4 Nov 1953

BERNHARDT, Johannes Eberhard Franz

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Naturalized Spaniard of German origin, personal friend of FRANCO and of Sir Oswald MOSLEY (qv). Food supply organizer for Germans for nationalist Spain during civil war. Contact and intimate friend RMSHROUD.
(See also CFPA 3977; Spanish Primer)

CFPA 6056
30 Mar 54

Mr. Main Wiley

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BERNHARDT, Johannes F. WIFE AND ALIASES		Madrid COUNTRY AND PLACE	
German NATIONALITY, BIRTHDATE AND BIRTHPLACE			
STATUS		DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH	
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE OF DOCUMENT	SOURCE	EVALUATION
CX/12723/130	12.7.43.	56700	
Suggest possible connection between BERTRAN and Johannes BERNHARDT, born January 1st, 1897, passport 01567, issued Madrid January 30th, 1940, living no. 1, Castellana, Madrid. He is the brother-in-law of WILMER and has an office on the first floor of the Banco d'Estado, Madrid.			
CX/12723/130	15.7.43.	VD	
The identification of BERNHARDT with BERTRAN is not possible as BERTRAN does not live in Spain.			
CX/12723/130	25.7.43.	56700	
BERNHARDT's wife is the sister of Oscar WILMER's wife. #Note: Castellana (now Av. del Generalísimo) 1 is SOFINDUS office address. Madrid telephone book for 1944 lists BERNHARDT's residence as Av. del Valle 3.#			
CX/12723/206	20.7.44	23700's D/1382 (23798) (over)	
BERNHARD of SOFINDUS and MOSIG were instrumental in the arrangement for <i>(over)</i>			

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the abduction #of Dr. Erich HEBERLEIN in June 1944#.
CX/12723/235 7.10.44 23700's No. S/2176 (GOLDAMMER)
Source knows Juan BERNHARDT to be an important agent of the #German#
Secret Service in Spain, and he says that in SOFINDUS are many Gestapo
agents. (Names given are KALLAB, LOHSE). BERNHARDT was in Tangiers at
the time of the Spanish Civil War and made at that time proposals to FRANCO
for the supply of war material and collaboration with Germany. SOFINDUS
was actually started, in order to carry out BERNHARDT's program, and it
has acquired a monopoly of all German-Spanish commercial affairs.
BERNHARDT assisted a high official in commercial matters called BITTES,
from 1943 on BERNHARDT's influence commenced to wane and SOFINDUS could
no longer occupy itself with the traffic in wolfram, especially after the
agreement between Spain and the Allies which prohibited the official ex-
portation of this material to Germany.
GOLDAMMER informed source on 29.9.44 that from the information he had
received BERNHARDT would receive orders from the Spanish Government to
leave Spain. He would do so, but would return at once stating that he
had been arrested by the Maquis in France, had escaped, and had returned
to Spain.
12723/235 29.12.44 23700's No. A/3021
BERNHARDT of Sofindus has said that what is happening in Greece is nothing
but what they are cooking up for France.

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January 1, 1944

The name Bernhardt, which turns up regularly as a signature to radiograms from Madrid to Berlin concerning Sofindus business, now appears in another role in Spain, that of Oberfuehrer of the S. S., as seen in the following radiogram sent by him to S. S. Reichsfuehrer Himmler, Berlin:

1222 Madrid 28 31 1500

Reichsfuehrer S. S. Himmler, Berlin.

Meine herzlichsten Glueckwuensche zum Jahreswechsel verbunden mit aufrichtigsten Wuenschen fuer persoenliches Wohlergehen und dem Versprechen ausdauernder Treue in schwersten Zeiten.

Bernhardt, S. S. Oberfuehrer.

TRANSLATION:

Heartiest greetings for the New Year, coupled with sincere wishes for your personal well-being and the promise of enduring loyalty in these most difficult times.

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Identifying him with Sofindus activities, Bernhardt sent the following radiogram to General Wilhelm von Faupel, Berlin:

1213 Madrid 31/30 31 1515

Botschafter Faupel, Ibero American Institut, Berlin, Lankwitz.

Zum bevorstehenden Jahreswechsel gratuliert Ihnen sehr verehrter Herr Botschafter herzlichst, auch namens der Sofindus Gefolgschaft mit aufrichtigsten Wuenschen fuer weiteren Erfolge und persoenliches Wohlergehen.

Bernhardt.

TRANSLATION:

Ambassador Faupel, Ibero-American Institute, Berlin.

Congratulations on the coming New Year, most esteemed Mr. Ambassador; also in the name of the Sofindus associates, coupled with sincere wishes for further successes and for your personal well-being.

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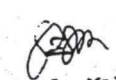
January 1, 1944

Page two
(Bernhardt)

Similar greetings were sent by Bernhardt (signed Johannes Bernhardt in some of the messages) to:

An den Fuehrer des Grossdeutschen Reiches Adolf Hitler, Berlin.
Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering, Berlin.
Reichsminister Dr. Goebbels, Berlin.
Reichsleiter Alfred Rosenberg, Berlin.
Generalfeldmarschall Rommel, Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, Berlin.
Generalfeldmarschall Sperrle, Luftfahrtministerium, Berlin.
Generaloberst der Flieger von Richthofen, Luftfahrtministerium, Berlin.
Generaloberst Jeschonek, Luftfahrtministerium, Berlin.
Generalleutnant Warlimont, Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, Berlin.
Staatssecretaer Koerner, Preussisches Staatsministerium, Berlin.
Reichspostminister Ohnesorge, Berlin.

END.


James F. J. Maher

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NAME BERNHARDT, Johannes F. (Ger) D GERMANY N 4524

STATUS Managing director of SOFINDUS, German commercial corporation in Spain.

ADDRESS Avenida del Valle, 3, Madrid (44)

DESCRIPTION B. 1 Jan 97.

MISC. Passport (1) 1621/40 (2) 01567 (MADRID 3 Jan 44).

CAREER Member of the SS.
First reported (Oct 40)
In his capacity as director of SOFINDUS he came constantly into contact with K.O. Spain.
Reported official middleman for German Government in purchase of priority materials in Spain. (Apr 44)
Reported to be engaged in smuggling wolfram by mail (Jul 44)
Reported interested in establishing an organization in France to foment internal disorder and report on movements and establishments of French Armies. (Dec 44).

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NAME AND ALIASES		Madrid, Spain		COUNTRY AND PLACE
NATIONALITY, BIRTHDATE AND BIRTHPLACE		DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH		
STATUS	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE OF DOCUMENT	SOURCE	EVALUATION
	BC/10/20c	7/41 26.4.44	OSS	
	Official middleman for the German Government in purchase of priority materials that are still allotted to Spain. Believed to be working with two other German business men, one, Heinemann and other, Breuer.			
	o Wood - 4.7.44 Engaged in smuggling of wolfram by mail. Connected with SOFINDUS, WAHLE and representative of Madrid Embassy.			
	o Wood - 30.1.45			
	LORSE and BESELER connected with subject in smuggling.			
	See CXG - 750 - 6/1/45			
	851 - 15/1/45			
	873 - 16/1/45			
	875 - 16/1/45			
	O Memo 272	2.7.45	OSS	
	Copy of Primer write-up on subject.			
	BC/7/1076	30.6.45	OSS	AG P Br Hq 305 2-WW/50M/L-4831
			OSS	

LORSE (CANDS)

BERNHARDT, JOHANNES E.F.
 OSS
 NY/BC POUCH 21789. Address: Palace Hotel, Madrid. Business man, managing director of Sofindus in contact with German I.S.
 BD/18/HX-214 3.10.44 OSS
 German director. Born at Osterode, East Prussia on 1.1.19; residence at Madrid. Passport #2031, issued Madrid on 5.10.43;
 BD/18/HX-350 31.1.45 OSS
 Came to Lisbon 25.9.44 for 3 days, and again on 1.12.44.
 BD/18/HX 416 7.3.45 OSS
 BD/18/HX-466 19.4.45 OSS
 Bruno LESSER is an accomplice of BERNHARD. Subject is a close associate of Otto ECKERT.
 BC/3/144 1.4.45 OSS
 Subject is "the head of the German firm which conducts all economic negotiations between the German government and Spanish government of private firms. Was responsible for supplying the besieged German bases on the French coast by clandestine boat trips from Spain, working closely with (over)

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BC/7/663 9.4.45 OSS
Herbert and Oscar WILMER are active members of the NSDAP in Madrid and are two of the principal assistants of Johannes BERNHARDT, who was formerly the representative of their firm in Tetuan. BERNHARDT, now acting as head of Sofindus, the German holding company at Avenida Generalissimo I, which acts as cover for SD operations, is generally considered the principal figure of the SD in Spain.

BC/10/265 23.8.45 OSS
BERNHARDT has offered to work for Allied interests in the management of SCFINDUS. He has agreed to accept any directives laid down by an Allied advisory committee. Subject estimates capital assets of SCFINDUS, including subsidiary company (all German-owned, although in the names of Spanish nominees) at five hundred million pesetas. See document for BERNHARDT's account of his past activities and for list of subsidiaries of SCFINDUS.

the Naval Attache, the Madrid intelligence station and the German Embassy.
Another similar project was entrusted to the Hamburg intelligence station.

V/48/D 22.5.45 OSS
Tried to recruit Luis LIANSO JORNET to go to the United States and South America as his personal representative, and saw that LIANSO had instructions in Morse Code.

BC/7/496 RX-406 2.2.45 OSS
On British June 1944 Expulsion list.

BC/7/998 RX-797 6.6.45 OSS

SD man, Barcelona (according to RESENBERG).

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BERNHARDT		Spain	
NAME AND ALIASES		COUNTRY AND PLACE	
MATIONALITY, BIRTHDATE AND BIRTHPLACE			
STATUS		DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH	
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE OF DOCUMENT	SOURCE	EVALUATION
BC/9/33	11.8.44	OSS	
Reported as head of German firm in Larache and Alcazarquivir which owns flour mills. Wealthy, and said to have made his money buying lorries, arms and ammunition and so forth in Germany for Franco's account. This firm of which this man is manager is said to supply gasoline to German submarines.			

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BERNHARDT, Johann		Tetuan	
NAME AND ALIASES		COUNTRY AND PLACE	
German			
MATIONALITY, BIRTHDATE AND BIRTHPLACE			
STATUS		DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH	
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE OF DOCUMENT	SOURCE	EVALUATION
BC/9/33	11.8.44	OSS	
Address: 14 O'Donnell, Tetuan. Reported to be branch manager of H & O Secretary WILMER, automobile importers and exporters. Reported also to be local Nazi party in 1936 and one of most active propagandists in Spanish Morocco, working with Adolf LANGENHEIM.			
BC/7/175	July 1943	NA	B-2
BC/7/496 (RX-406)	2.2.45	OSS	
SOFINDUS; resides in Madrid; "certain prominent expulsion candidate" included on British June 1944 list.			
BC/7/1029	RX-825	20.6.45	OSS
BC/8/176	19.7.45	OSS	
Translation of Statement by SCHELLENBERG, No. 17 27.7.45 (filed in V/48/P8) Stated by SCHELLENBERG to have been Amt VI representative in Madrid.			

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14. <u>Germans formerly at Miranda, now at Salamanca</u> ... Touching on the subject of relief for the Germans at Salamanca, Satoris said that Johannes BERNHARDT had called to tell him that he was trying to organize a relief fund from among wealthy Germans in Spain. (This links up with Rothe's reports on the set-up for office by Clara Stauffer reportedly in connivance with Bernhardt, to establish not only a relief center, as a cover, but a Nazi unit.)			

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14. Page 13 ... The most imp. of the numerous Span. branches under the direct control of Hisrowak* are: 1. Sofindus, (Sociedad Financiera Industrias, headed by Johannes Bernhard, who is undoubtedly one of the most important, if not the most important, German economic agent in Spain. In addition to possessing apparently unlimited powers in economic matters, Bernhard also is an S.S. Oberfuehrer as disclosed in radiogram sent by him to Himmler in Berlin. * Note: Over-all German control of econ. rel. bet. Germ. & Spain is exercised by "Hisrowak", Berlin, and its delegated subsidiaries.					
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<p>14.BERNHARDT, Johann In September 1952 was in Tetuan; branch manager of H. O. WILMER automobile importers and exporters; in 1936 was secretary of local Nazi Party; was one of the most active propagandists in Spanish Morocco; worked with Adolf LANGENHEIM, one of the chiefs of German I.S. in Morocco. Described as dangerous; was born 1/1/97. Managing Director of SOFINDUS; in contact with German I.S. Is very wealthy; said to have made his money buying up lorries arms and ammunition in Germany for Franco's account. He enjoys Franco's entire confidence due to the food service rendered him during the Spanish Civil War. Is head of a German firm in Larache and Alcazarquivir, owning flour mills; this firm is said to be supplying German subs at night by means of small fishing craft. Is greatly respected by the Spanish authorities and by the public in general on account of his intimate and friendly relations with Franco. Is described as a high German official engaged in the development of armament works and metallurgical industries in Spain. Has sent cables to Faupel, Himmler, Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Rosenberg, Rommel, Sperrle, Richthofen, etc. Has been described as the official middleman for the German Government in the purchase of priority materials that are still allotted to Spain. Is believed to work with two other German businessmen, BRUER and MEINEMANN. Has also been reported as head of German I.S. in Spain. A report dated 8.21.44 states that subject is SS Upper Group Leader; political head of SOFINDUS; manages great part of UNICOLOR; enjoys the confidence of the Germanophiles who are bought up in the Spanish Government and is the medium through which are arranged the purchases of priority material bought by Spain from the Allies.</p>			
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CX/12923/A 24.2.45 23700's No. M/3585 (Hotel List)
Johannes BERNHARD and his wife, Ellen, arrived at the Hotel Victoria, Valencia, 30/1/45 from Denia (?) and departed 31/1/45 for Madrid by bus. Subject is German, age 48. Passport #2031 issued Madrid 5.10.43; last visa, Barajas aerodrome, 18/11/44. His passport says GEBURTSORT OSTERODE/Oslyn. BESOND KENNZEICHEN. NARBEN UND RECHTEN UNTERKIEFER. Subject's wife is German, age 40, holds passport #3964/42, issued Madrid 10/11/42. They have tripticos with a stamp Puerto Denia y Cuatro Camines.

CX/12723/J 17.2.45 23700's B/3538 (23793)
#Subject is most important organizer of supplies for Germany. # BERNHARDT it is said, is a man of charm and ideas, and will always be able to get on with other people whether they be Russians, Allies, or anything else. We wonder if one may dare call this last sentence wishful thinking!

CX/12923/A 21.4.45 23700's N/4041
On 5.4.45 BERNHARDT gave a part for NS party members and some 30 men in uniform went. The discussed what should be done by the Party in Madrid to prevent people from deserting and also to bolster up morale. The economic situation was also discussed and BERNHARDT gave a report on his recent trip to Portugal and the agreement reached with Nazi leaders and business people there.

CX/22023/A 11.5.45, 23800's B/4219.
(dated 16.4.45)
Subject is on list of 15 Germans for immediate repatriation to Germany which was handed to the British#Chancery a few days ago. #Subject is a member of the firm of SOFINDUS.#
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CX/22023/A 30.4.45 23700's B/4112
The following are to be expelled or sent to Caldas : SCHULTHEISS, ZOBEL
& BERNHARD. These are presumably Friedrich, Gerhard and Johannes Eberhard
Franz.

CX/22023/A 30.4.45 23700's B/4115
#Name of Johannes E. F. BERNHARDT is included in list of expulsion can-
didates in whose cases no action has been taken.#

CX/99923 27.4.45 23700's B/4069
#Johannes BERNHARDT arrived Madrid March 27, 1945, via Lusitania.
Passport 1936, occupation: "director".#

CX/12723/L 14.5.45 23700's B/4240
On 17.3 Johannes BERNHARDT and Gertrud SCHAEFFERS BOEHME arrived in
Vigo. Next day they left for Lisbon but during their short stay they
were in touch with Edgar LOHSE, Matilde MUELLER and Bernhard ANGER. They
were travelling in car SS-10522

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1. Johan or Johannes Eberhardt Franz BERNHARDT
 Av. del Valle 3, Madrid

Married with at least three children. He holds the following passports: (1) #1621/40; (2) No. 01567 issued Madrid January 30, 1940; (3) #2031 issued Madrid October 5, 1943; and (4) #1936.

Subject is an officer of the SS, his rank being probably either Gruppenfuehrer or Obersturmfuehrer. He is a native German, born January 1, 1897 at Osterode, East Prussia.

At the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 BERNHARDT, who was then living in Spanish Morocco, offered his services to Franco, a personal friend of his. It was arranged that subject handle the exchange of Spanish products for German war material; the holding companies ROWAK in Berlin and HISMA in Tetuan were set up for the purpose and became important economic factors on the Nationalist side.

In 1938 SOPINDUS (Sociedad Financiera y Industrial, Av. del Generalisimo Franco 1, Madrid) replaced the earlier corporations. As managing director of SOPINDUS in Madrid since at least 1941, subject collaborated closely with both the Sipo & SD and the Abwehr. Under his direction SOPINDUS, in addition to serving as a purchasing agency for wolfram and other strategic commodities, handled foreign exchange transactions for the German Government and the German intelligence services, provided cover employment for the Sipo & SD agents, sometimes paying a part of their salaries, facilitated the granting of Spanish visas to Abwehr agents by promising employment, set up bank deposits (probably in Spanish names) to provide for Abwehr expenses in case of a diplomatic break between Spain and Germany, and assisted the German intelligence services in other ways. Specifically, subject is known to have handled the transfer by SOPINDUS to the German Embassy Ptas. 16,000,000 for the use of KdM Spain in November 1944. Between October 1944 and April 1945, he collaborated with the German Embassy, their Naval Attache and KdM Spain in a number of unsuccessful attempts to ship supplies from Spain to the German garrisons holding out in France.

BERNHARDT has many influential connections with high officials of the Spanish Government.

BERNHARDT is the self-declared founder of both SOPINDUS and HISMA (since dissolved). He is also vice-president of Genel. de Lanas, S.A. (Lanaco), vice-president

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of Exportadora de Pielas, S.A. (Pielco), and a director of Nova, S.A. During the German domination of France, BERNHARDT held extraordinary powers to control transportation for the more efficient delivery of goods, not only in Spain, but in France as well. He started a branch of SOPINDUS in Lisbon, under the orders of Bethke of ROWAK, and was rumored to have participated in the running of the "pirate" radio station "Atlantik", because he received a Christmas present from the German Government which also went to others connected with the station.

BERNHARDT is also said to have a substantial camouflaged interest in Prodag (Productos Agrícolas, S.A.).

In June 1945, the British reported that BERNHARDT had offered to direct SOPINDUS in the interest of the United Nations, with an Allied committee as its Board of Directors. He (BERNHARDT) estimated the present assets of the company at Ptas. 500,000,000.

2. Anton (Antonio) WAHLE

Calle Castellán 2, Madrid, June 1945

German engineer. President of the Consejo de Administracion of the Cia. General Importadora de Lanás, Ayala 10, Madrid.

Given on Board of Directors of SOPINDUS and H. GAERTNER, S.A.

WAHLE is also President of GERAL. de Lanás, S.A. (Lanaco) and of Soc. Exportadora de Pielas, S.A. (Pielco) and on the board of directors of Hermann Gaertner, S.A. de Productos Resinos.

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A report dated June 1944 reveals that correspondence from German agents in South America is sent via Spanish seamen addressed to subject or to Carlos ARNOLD, who uses HIS FIKAA, LANAS, as a cover for intelligence activities.

3. Dr. Friederich BETHKE X

Apart from Managing Directorship of ROWAK, Berlin, no additional information as yet.

4. Dietrich PROPPE

Calle Ponzano 62, Madrid

Subject has been associated with the management of SOPINDUS and at one time appeared on its Board of Directors. Subject is secretary to the following firms: PRODUCTOS AGRICOLAS, S.A.; TRANSPORTES MARION, S.A.; ARALAR, S.A.; and General de LANAS, S.A.

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5. Hermann Gaertner SCHWIEKER (also SCHWEIKER)

President, Hermann Gaertner, S.A., de Productos Resinos.

Subject was reported as a member of the German colony in Madrid who has not been politically prominent and who deserves complete confidence.

6. Fernando CARRANZA (also CARANZA and CARRONZA)

In May 1944, CARRANZA, a naval commander, acted as assistant to Colonel ZEA in Tetuan. Colonel ZEA at that time was head of Spanish I.S. in Spanish Morocco.

CARRANZA is a director of NOVA, S.A., and of Cia. Explotaciones Mineras de Aralar, a SOPINDUS holding. Was a joint founder with (BERNHARDT) of HISMA.

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7. Ernesto KLINGENBERG (also KLINKENBERG, KLINKENBURG, and by FEA, KINGENBERGER)

General Pardinias, 114, Madrid

On Board of Directors of NOVA, S.A., SOPINDUS, and Hermann Gaertner, S.A.

Is the German Director "Gerante" of Baquera, Kusche y Martin (BAKUMAR), Plaza de las Cortes 3, Madrid.

In 1944 he was one of the men who received the power of attorney to vote the shares of Slomann from the Slomann heirs. He is considered a Slomann man. He says that he was advisor to the German Embassy and dependencies on shipping and transport matters throughout the war. At several places including one occupied by an intelligence officer of the German consulate, the phone pads contained the name of Klingenberg as one of the principal Germans in Spain who was available for specific kinds of assistance such as shipping, etc. It appears that Klingenberg entered Bakumar in June 1924. As Consul he is believed to have received 8,000 to 10,000 pesetas per month.

8. Juan Barber ALANDETE

Salamanca SPAIN - LINKED WITH OVERT AXIS FUNDING AND CURIER ACTIVITY.

On April 16, 1943, reported as one of the owners of Marion, S.A. Later he is given as Technical Director on the Marion Board of Directors. In May 1945, he was reported as the Managing Director of Marion.

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The American Embassy in Madrid reported on May 17, 1945 that Serrano SUNER, a lawyer for Marion (Franco's brother-in-law?), asked Barber to choose someone to go to Lisbon in order to obtain some secret Axis funds from the Portuguese Minister of Finance and bring the money back to Spain.

In April 1945, BARBER was reported to be organizing two cover firms for the concealment of Marion physical assets. The first was the firm Minerva, S.L., at Travesia de Luis Vives 2, Salamanca, and the second Transportes Ebro, S.L., Calle Zamora, Salamanca. The first was started by Don Gaetano Lo Grasso Vinceguerra and Don Leonard Criado Garcia. Lo Grasso is Barber's brother-in-law, and Italian, and the address of Minerva, S.L., is his own private residence. Transportes Ebro, S.L., was started by Jose Morollon, and two office employees of Marion. Both firms are being given trucks and equipment by Marion without making full payments.

9. Berkhardt ANGER (either Burkhardt or Bernhardt is correct)

Gerant General of Transportes Marion. Also executive of German Consorcio, Madrid. Reported to have assisted in the removal at different times (April 1945) of 400 liters of gasoline and 200,000 pesetas from the Marion garage and offices to his own home.

10. Jose Martinez ORTEGA (Conde de Argillo)

Cava de San Miguel 6, Madrid

Vice-President of Sierra de Gredos, Cia Minera, and of Cia. Explotaciones Mineras de Aralar. Also reported head of SOMAR, S.A.

ORTEGA is an important Spanish Financier and it is probable that his name will be used as the owner of a considerable portion of SOPINDUS' mineral properties.

11. Guillermo PASCH

G. Pasch Hermanos: Madrid Office: Alcala 48, Piso F 24,
Also the Palace Hotel

(In the same office building are: Maschinenfabrik Augsburg-Nuernberg Diesel Iberio, S.A., subsidiary of main German firm represented by Pasch. Also the Banco de Vizcaya.)

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Bilbao Office: Calle de Perez Galdes,
Also has quarters at Guecho,
Bilbao, Calle de Carmen,
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He reportedly used the
Hotel Excelsior, in Bil-
bao, for contacts with
German agents.

G. Pasch Hermanos is the association for Karl ¹⁴⁵ and Wilhelm Pasch, two Germans acting as independent commercial agents in Spain. It appears that Karl, or Carlos, Pasch is generally in Bilbao and Wilhelm, or Guillermo, in Madrid. ENGAGED IN UNDERCOVER GERMAN ACTIVITIES.

The firm is engaged in two principle fields of commerce, the exploitation and shipping of ores for and to German consumers, and the development of Spanish hydro-electrical projects using German capital, equipment, and personnel. Since December 1944, their activity in mining and shipping has almost ceased.

The two brothers came originally from Germany. It is known that Wilhelm was born in Hochdahl, Germany, in August 1889. Hochdahl is about ten kilometers away from Dusseldorf and about thirty kilometers from Oberhausen, the two main centers for Gutehoffnungshuette and the Haniel family, the most important Pasch customers. This may be coincidence, although it is hardly likely that both Pasch and his customers have not discovered the fact.

⁸⁹ Guillermo Pasch is believed, by many sources, to be very strongly engaged in espionage activities. It has been recently reported that the U. S. and British Embassies requested his expulsion from Spain. He was reported interned in February 1945, but in May, 1945, another report said that Wilhelm Pasch was negotiating for the purchase of a valuable piece of property on the outskirts of Torrelavega (Santander) which belongs to a local businessman, Jaime Diestro. Diestro is said to have asked 1,000,000 (pesetas?) and Pasch seemed ready to agree.

The Pasch brothers have been, in various ways, connected with Sociedad de Minerales y Metales, a Lipperheide y Guzman-I. G. Farben subsidiary; with the Banco de Vizcaya; SOFINDUS; and Sociedad Espanola de Construcciones Electromecanicas. Most of their Spanish associates in business are of the group that has always been strongly pro-Nazi and is suspected of continuing their efforts to gain control and cover for German individuals and assets in Spain. The Pasch brothers seem to be undoubtedly engaged in undercover German activities, and, as such, are a known security problem. In addition, their company may already have provided a channel for the escape of large investments or accounts from Germany to Spain.

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12. Enrico de ASTIGARRAGA

No additional information. There appears to be also a Ramon ASTIGARRAGA who is connected with Hijos de Astigarraga. This firm owns the Naviera Bachi at Bertendona 4-1, Bilbao. On April 20, 1945, it was reported that Bachi was sold to Rafael ARRANCUDIAGA on behalf of German interests to cover the real ownership. Most of the vessels of the firm are still in operation.

13. Ernesto PECHE

Maria de Molina 22, Madrid

Member of Nazi party. Member of SOFININDUS. Gerante of Productos Agricolas, S.A. (PRODAG), and through them controls the PRODAG subsidiary, "FRUTAL" in its operations in VITAL, S.A. *DOE c. 55 - 17*

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14. Angel PEREZ de LEZA (or Lesa, and Losa or Loza)

Hotel Gaylord, Madrid, *SPAIN '45*

Forty years old, small, very dark, dresses well. Reported clever and unscrupulous.

Founded the "Fluoruros Corporation", with the following on the Administrative Council: Tomas de Bordegaray, Elorza, Rafael Perez G. Salvador, Angel Perez de Leza, and Juan Mans Cordoni.

In 1941 or 1942, Leza visited the United States and upon returning to Spain announced that he had been named President of the International Commission on Fluorspar. Negotiations were opened with the American Purchasing Commission with Juans Mans Cardoni acting as negotiator between the Commission and Fluoruros. During these negotiations de Bordegaray and Mariano Elorna (Elorza?) resigned from the company and were substituted for by Rodolfo Carneal and Carmelo Eguigurea.

Between July 1942 and August 1943 Leza sold large quantities of fluorspar to the USCC. Just before delivery of the last lots, Leza told Mr. Walser, then Chief of USCC, and Mr. Barrel, Chief of the fluorspar section, that a new contract must be signed immediately. The Commission offered a temporary request for 3,000 tons, pending advice from the American Government, but the offer was refused in favor of the Germans.

Brugarolas and Mans Cardoni resigned, apparently with the approval of Mr. Henry Ellison. They turned in their shares of stock, amounting to 10% of the company.

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(None of the above American names, facts or figures have been checked by OSS in Washington.)

Leza made an agreement with Buttellier, Purchasing Delegate of the Germans, for the supply of minerals. The British Embassy reported at this time that negotiations were under way for the acquisition by SOFINDUS of Fluoruros. The negotiations were apparently conducted by someone named Muller, De Leza and Perez G. Salvador. The purchase was made reportedly at 20,000,000 pesetas, part of the payment being made in Swiss francs. Perez G. Salvador renounced his shares in Fluoruros, because of fear of Allied black-listing. Perez de Leza then liquidated all shares in the company but his own, basing the redemption price on the profit made from the sale to SOFINDUS. The payment from SOFINDUS was made through the Banco Germanico, and the payment by Leza to the shareholders through the Banco Viscaya.

A different report stated that Leza worked with the Bilbao company, Importacion de Minerales, supplying the Germans with wolfram and other minerals. During this period he is supposed to have made several trips to Galicia on behalf of the Germans. It was thought that he made a profit of several millions, particularly through an alleged illegal acquisition and re-sale to Germans of valuable mines in Leon or Asturias.

During the Spanish Civil War, Leza belonged to the S.I.M. and is now thought to belong to the Gestapo. It is believed that he has assisted the Germans in hiding capital. Apparently, he has made or stolen large sums of money, and may also have had money entrusted to him by German interests for placing in Argentina or other South American companies.

Leza was reported in February 1944 as a Palange exterior agent in Argentina.

In June 1945, it was reported that Leza was the head of a company known as Sociedad Americana de Fomentos Comercial y Industrial, which is also known as the Grupo Financiero de la Safoci, with offices in Madrid and Buenos Aires. He is believed to be connected with Juan OLASO.

15. Joaquim and Heinz SIEVERS

No record of Heinz Sievers.

A Sievers supposed to have purchased with Peche the Prodag, S.A., on behalf of Fisselhof.

Joaquim Sievers reported July, 1944, as German agent in Vigo. Given on list of Lufthansa departures from Barcelona for Germany on December 5, 1944.

Sievers-Becker, Joachim. Staff Fuehrer in the SS division (Oberschnitt) XIV at Bremen, 1944.

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REPORT: There is attached a list of agents which was secured through a clandestine operation from the Dirección General de Seguridad. Also attached is a summary of information, with references, of those agents in the organization on whom we had prior information.

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- ARNOLD, Karl
- BARBUZANO GONZALEZ, Agustin
- BARRIOS, Tobias
- BUKER, Siegfried
- BURGOS
- BURGOS, Johannes (Jofin)
- BOTTGER, Waldemar
- BOLOGNA, Dr.
- BONIN, Baronin
- BRACHIBOLI, Mario
- BURGOS, Dr.
- BUSH, Henry C.S.
- CAMPO BLANCO, Enrique
- CAMERO, Octavio
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- DIAZ, Jose (Sevilla)
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- ENGELING, Alfred
- ESCORIBAR, Dr.
- FERNANDEZ MORAN, Dr.
- FERNANDEZ, Padre
- FERNANDEZ
- FORSTER, Hans
- FRANZOSI, Wolf
- FUENTES GERVERA, (Oberst)
- FUENTES GERVERA, (General)
- GARCIA BEROYA, Dr. Enrique
- GARCIA PRIZ, Carlos
- GOYENSHE, Dr. Juan Carlos
- GROSS, Kurt
- GROSSE, Robert
- GOLD, Arthur
- HAARTMAN, Karl Oberst
- HAUSCHILD, Fritz
- HELMUT, Oskar
- HERNANDEZ, Mauro Lopez de, Amalia
- HERTEL, Kapf
- HOCHREITER, Fritz
- ISABELINO
- JELANAI, Octavio

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- IFYIN
- UHYAT
- IMYIP
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- ERTOK
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- UGYAM
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- DOYKE
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- IVYWO
- ZOYBI
- RIYKI
- ENYDL
- GEYLO
- DUYZA
- GIYWI (or SIYWI)
- EKIDO
- OVYGE
- UTYHA
- ASYKU
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- IPYMI
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 KROLL, Christian
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 LICHTENSTEIN, (Dr. Leistnes)
 LANDSBERG Dir., Michela
 LANGE, Hans
 LANGE, Jose
 LEONARD ALVAREZ, Antonio
 LEONARD, Helmut
 H. LINSE ALBUQUERQUE de Dr. Hermes Malta
 LOPEZ VIER, Joaquin
 MADARIAGA de la Campa, Jose Maria de
 MADO, Herbert
 MARTINEZ, Eduardo
 MARCH von, Carl Ernst
 MARIANO DELINGUEZ, Jose
 MARTIAL, Martin
 MINK, Alejandro Ricardo
 MOSE, Eugen Walter
 MONTAGNER
 MORENO DE PORTOUGAL
 MORALES, Manuel
 MULLER
 MURRAY, Bernard
 PODERHILS, Gerfin
 RASKOP
 RIBEIRO de Couto
 ROCAS, Abelardo
 RUIZ GARCIA, Carlos
 SALGADO, Rina
 GARCIA LARQUE, Pablo
 SANTILLANA, Servando
 SCIDLITZ, Wilhelm
 SILVEIRA, Dr. Paulo
 SOLER, Alfredo
 SOLER, Hedwig
 SCHEKEL, Georg
 SCHLEIBER
 SCHMIDT, Armin
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 SCHROEDER, (Pol. Att. Portugal)
 SCHROEDER, Josef
 SCHUBERT STOLLE, Hans
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- Octavio CAMPOS - Agregado - "JUPITER" *code name F 29 H*
- Miguel GOMEZ ANRAIZ - Agregado y Cabina - "MARTES"
- Jose KOZALBETS - Encargado Comedor - "CABO DE HORNGS"
- Francisco ALCIBAR - Primer Oficial - "MONTE AYALA"
- Diego HERNANDEZ - Cocinero - "NEPTUNO"
- HERMOSA - Camarero - "MONTE AMOTO"
- Toribio HERNANDEZ PEREZ - Fogonero - "MONTE ORDUNA"
- LERQUE - Agregado - "MONTE SAJA" (or SERQUE)
- Angel MARTINEZ BRANDT - Practicante - "CABO DE BUENA ESPERANZA"
- Enrique LIRA - "CABO DE BUENA ESPERANZA"
- Joaquin FERNANDEZ BELTRAN (Pol) - "CABO DE BUENA ESPERANZA"
- EHEVARRIA, "Simpatico" - Agregado - "MONTE FEISE"
- Javier MONTANER - Tercer Oficial - "MONTE LAR"
- Julian ABRIAN - Segundo Oficial - "MONTE ICIAR"
- Antonio OJEDA - Timonel - "SATURNO"
- Bernardine SOLANA - Repostero - "LAGALLANES"
- Gabriel AQUILAR - Capitán - "CAMPSOHE"
- Antonio FERNANDEZ - Marinero - "SONOZA"
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Attachment II - Members of the German Organization on whom this office has information

- 1) ^H ALCIBAR ARECHUAGA, Francisco. (See RX-319, 27.12.44) Latest reports indicate that subject is not engaged to Laura CABALLERO, daughter of Carlos CABALLERO German agent. Subject is suspected of being involved in the smuggling of opium to South America, but recently protested his innocence in this affair.
- 2) ^H ARNOLD, Theo or Carlos ^{Code name: U.S. 110 A.J.} (See: RX-1036, 14.11.45; RX-1031, 30.10.45; RX-969, and previous reports on subject)
- 3) ^H BEAUCONTE PABON, Major Elias ^{Code name: E.R. 402} (See RX-510, 26.3.45) Subject, a Bolivian, has for Spanish naturalization papers. (Cable 18011 from Washington, 13.8.45, reported subject as a suspect Nazi Falange link, was answered in our Cable to Washington 29023 of 23.8.45.)
- 4) ^H BERNHARDT, Juan (Johannes) ^{Code name: H. 214 H (Solindus)} (See RX-163, 21.8.44) Subject, who is reported to have been Oberführer of S.S. in BC/land and father-in-law of Pablo WIEDERBURG, has engaged in the development of armament works and metallurgical industries in BC. He is believed to have been a close friend of GOERING and to have the rank of SS General.
- 5) ^H BUNGARD, Dr. Carlos. ^{Code name: H. 214 29.} A German officer charged with German secret political work in Spain, where his address is Calle Cuesta 1, Madrid. Was formerly interpreter French and Germans on Armistice Commission at Wiesbaden. Subject was the on German lawyer for some time at Paris authorized to defend French condemned to death individuals accused of being Jewish, including Russians. He is not thought to be a Nazi Party member.
- 6) ^H CALPO, Enrique. ^{Blanco Code name: H. 214 7 E} Director of Artis Films on Calle Tufescos 1, Madrid, reported to be working for MINZER.
- 7) ^H CERBALLOS, Capt. Eduardo ^{Code name: H. 214 7 U} (See RX-229, 24.10.44) Argentine Military Attaché in Madrid. Subject and others transferred from Berlin to Madrid worked for SPITZY and presumably worked as paid collaborator for Amt VI and III. Amt.
- 8) ^H CUESTA, Carlos. ^{Code name: H. 214 P} Subject is thought to be identical with the CUESTA who was mentioned in our RX-440 of 22.2.45.
- 9) ^H DIAZ, Jose Luis ^{Code name: H. 214 M U} He has a record of one "Jose DIAZ" who is the nephew of the Capt. of the SS RITA GARCIA, Marcellino DIAZ and who works as a courier for the Gestapo that ship; and of another "Jose DIAZ", alias ALGO or DITSCH, who employs safe boxes and cover addresses in correspondence and who apparently lives in Madrid.
- 10) ^H DIAZ GALUS, Marcelino. ^{Code name: H. 214 L A} Captain of the SS RITA GARCIA. Has been arrested at least once as a German courier. Present whereabouts are unknown, but it is reported that the ship's owner continues to pay his salary. (Information dated May, 1944)
- 11) ^H DREISEN, Helga. ^{Code name: H. 214 4 B} (See RX-532, 3.4.45)
- 12) ^H DUCKWITZ, Alberto. ^{Code name: H. 214 H L} Retired Legation Counselor of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Madrid. Passport 2086, age 52. Works for the Gestapo, presumably on commercial matters. Subject is the former boss of Irene von OERTZEN. His picture was sent to DM/land with Despatch 2147 of 8.3.44.

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- 13) ESCOBAR, Luis. A writer, the second son of the Marques de VALDEIGLESIA, who may in reality be the son of Madame de VALDEIGLESIA and ALONSO XIII. *code name KJYXI*
- 14) FERNANDEZ MORAN, Humberto Avelino. The only information we have on subject is to the effect that his Venezuelan Passport No. 22051 was reported as lost in April, 1945. *code name KBR900*
- 15) FERRETTI. This office has several FERRETTI's on record, the most notorious of which is Fernando FERRETTI (See: RX-942 of 24 Aug 45 and RX-1031 of 30 Oct 45). *code name Dunga*
- 16) FORSTER, Hans. We have a record of one FORSTER at 2 Rue Franklin, Perpignan, who works for Sipo and SD, and has been in close contact with HACCES, head of Sipo and SD at Barcelona. *code name KJYXI*
- 17) FORTES SERVIRA, Brig. Gen. Eduardo de. Spanish sub-Director of the Superior School for the Army. Also "Consejero del Consejo de la Hispanidad". Address: Antonio Maura 20, Madrid. *code name KJYXI*
- 18) GARCIA BRIZ, Carlos. We have no record of this name, but a report on José GARCIA BRIZ was sent to you in our RX-167, 31.8.44. *code name KBR900*
- 19) GOLD, Arthur. An alias of Arthur ~~REBAUER~~. (See RX-948, 8.9.45) *code name KBR900*
- 20) GOYENECHE, Juan Carlos. Editor of the pro-Franco SOL y LUNA in Buenos Aires until he left for Spain in 1942 as a guest of the Spanish Government. LAZAR paid from 32,000 - 50,000 pesetas monthly to subject via Trans-Ocean News Service to cover cables passing to and from subject. *code name KJYXI*
- 21) HAARTMANN, Lt. Col. Carlos (Karl). Military Attache of the Finnish Legation; suspected of working for the Germans as early as 1943. *code name KJYXI*
- 22) HELLMUTH, Oskar. Possibly identical with Osmar Alberto HELMUTH, German agent on the SS CABO DE HORNCOS in 1943. *code name KBR900*
- 23) HERTL, Karl. German SS and SD agent living at General Mola 55, Madrid. Was formerly Head of the Nazi Party in Valencia, and prior to that a Nazi official in Santo Domingo. Is now trying to obtain Santo Dominican nationality, having been born in that country. In Valencia his cover was the German orange import firm "SCHNEIDER y Cia." Uses alias BRABANTE and DON CARLOS ANTONIO. *code name KBR900*
- 24) JELAB, Octavio. Left Venezuela in 1936 to study chemistry in Brussels and chose to remain to complete his studies after the entry of the Germans. Reported to have sailed on the SS CABO de HORNCOS enroute home in 22.7.43. We have no information later than 1943. *code name KBR900*
- 25) KALLAB, Hermann. (See RX-955, 8.9.45) *code name KJYXI*
- 26) LANCE, Hans or Heinz (See RX-911, 6.8.45) *code name KJYXI*
- 27) LATUF, Jose. Columbian; former Charge d'Affaires in Vichy. German collaborator and ex-smuggler. *code name KBR900*
- 28) LINKMEYER, Helmut. German living at Plaza de Compostela, Vigo. Manager of the Proclaimed List firm SS von JESS. *code name KBR900*
- 29) LOPEZ HERR, Joaquin. (See RBBX-193, 23.6.45 and RBBX-195, 28.6.45) *code name KBR900*

- 30) MADARIAGA de la GARZA, Jose Maria de. *Code name H 8408.* Possibly identical with Major MADARIAGA, Chief of Spanish Intelligence in Tangier, and a German collaborator.
- 31) LAECO, Herbert. (See RX-739, 30.5.45) *Code name H 8411.*
- 32) MARTINEZ, Eduardo. *Code name H 8408.* Venezuelan who formerly lived in Madrid and was reported to have left for Havana in 1943.
- 33) MAYWALD, Martin. *Code name H 8403.* Real name of Ernesto HETLANN. (See RX-1031, 30 Oct 45 and previous reports on subject). (Name spelled MAYWALD in the ANGLIC Organisation)
- 34) MARCA DO PALACIOS, Fornerio. (See RX-605, 23.4.45)
- 35) von MERCK, Karl Ernst. (See RX-969, 20.9.45) *Code name H 8407.*
- 36) MOSSIG, Eugene, Walter. *Code name H 8407.* (See RX-1031, 30.10.45; RX-942, 24 Aug 45; and other reports c subject.)
- 37) KASS, ESTER. *Code name H 8408.* Possibly identical with Adolf KASS ESTER in Lisbon, a German agent (See RX-410, 8.2.45)
- 38) NEVES de FONTCERA. *Code name H 8404.* Possibly identical with one NEVES, a German collaborator in Portugal.
- 39) PESCOLLER, Heinrich. *Code name H 8404.* (See RX-331, 11.1.45) German agent. His internment in the concentration camp at Caldas was reported in RX-1001 of 12.10.45.
- 40) PIMENTEL, (General) Brandao. (See RX-950, 5.9.45) *Code name H 8404.*
- 41) ROGAS, Abelardo. *Code name H 8404.* Ex-Brazilian Ambassador to Spain, who is now in San Sebastian His Chilean wife is on intimate terms with KARI GROSS MARTINI.
- 42) RUIZ GARCIA, Carlos. *Code name H 8404.* Subject sup lied Walter FURK with false documents, in a Spanish name, at the request of GUTIERREZ DE ANGA.
- 43) SALGADO, Polin. *Code name H 8404.* German agent, formerly in Argentina, now in Madrid.
- 44) SANCHEZ LANQUE, Pablo. (See RX-1031, 30 Oct 45 and previous reports on subject)
- 45) SCHENLBERG, Walter. (See RX-1031, 30 Oct 45.) *Code name H 8404.*
- 46) SCHMIDT, Armin. (See RX-942, 24 Aug 45 and previous reports on subject). *Code name H 8404.*
- 47) SCHLERRER STOLLE, Hans (or Juan). *Code name H 8404.* Subject was arrested in Buenos Aires on charges espionage on 8.2.44. He is an Argentine citizen of German parentage and train who arrived in Buenos Aires in 1942.
- 48) SILVEIRA, Paulo Mathias de Assis. Brazilian in Spain.
- 49) SOLANA VILLA, Bernardino. (See RX-449, 26.2.45) *Code name H 8404.*
- 50) STALER, Teodoro. *Code name H 8404.* German, born in Pottensen, Germany; passport 1559/42, single Probably living in Gijon.
- 51) TERSAJANY, Harido Ben Omar. (See RX-942, 24 Aug 45)

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- 52) RUSSETT, ALFONSO, German. *Code name: E 7 4 8*
 old professional boxer, living ~~at~~ *agent working under FERNANDEZ DE LA ROSA* Calle de Tordera 47, Barcelona. 27-year
- 53) WINZER, Paul. (See RX-323, 8.1.45) *Code name: E 8 4 1*
 Although subject was reportedly shot down in a plane en route from Germany to Spain, he apparently was not killed but fell into the hands of the French Maquis. He is now thought to be in Spain, and in contact with Maria Eugenia OSTROLSKA.
- 54) WHLER, Eva. (See RX-1046, 14.11.45 and RX-1031, 30 Oct 45) *Code name: E 3 4 7*
- 55) WISGRA, Hans. SS and Gestapo agent, age 41, passport 9804/42, presumably residing in Madrid, where he was reported to be negotiating to acquire the "Ana de PCBO" di shop. Although he posed as a businessman, one of subject's jobs was to check on wavering Nazis and inform Berlin. He was therefore one of the most feared and hated Germans by the rest of the German colony.
- 56) ZOHLSDORFF, Hans (or Johannes) *Code name: E 8 4 8*
 Rudolf Christin. (See RX-969, 20.9.45)

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Supplementary Remarks

"Gräfin PODSWIL" is very probably identical with Countess Rixa von PODSWITZ, a Bolivian-born German, living in Madrid (possibly at the Hotel Ritz) and a known German agent. She was a great friend of HINDENBURG's right-hand man, Obergruppenführer WOLF, who arranged the details of her coming to Spain in 1941, 1942, and 1943, since when she has stayed here. She is 30 years old, beautiful, married to Herr SIBER, but uses her maiden name. Has many influential Spanish friends.

"Schneemann" *Code name: E 8 4 8*
may be Lux Christian Johannes SCHNEEMANN, about whom complete information was sent in our RX-960, of 12.9.45.

"Angel MARTINEZ BRANDT" (see RX-524, 2.4.45) recently requested the British Consulate in Bilbao for travel facilities to Argentina, which have been refused.

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Mr. Noel

March 11, 1946.

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MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Morwin
 From H. . . Ramsey
 Subject Suggested Questions for further Interrogation of Johannes BERNHARDT

In your interview scheduled with Bernhardt for Tuesday, March 12, you may wish to develop the following suggestions, data in respect of which would be most useful:

1. Bernhardt, in his previous conversation with you, stated that the ROCAF-HISMA clearing had been initiated by a German credit in the amount of of RM 30 million. This sum represented the amount which Loyalist Spain owed Germany at the time when the commercial clearing between Loyalist Spain and Germany was terminated.

Erich Gaebelt, on the other hand, makes no mention of this credit, and states that the HISMA-ROCAF clearing was initiated by mutual credits of \$1.1 million (on the part of Germany) and Ptas. 40 million (on the part of the Spaniards). Gaebelt states that he was Bernhardt's right hand man in HISMA during the Civil War period, and was in direct charge of German deliveries to Spain. If this is true, he should know what he is talking about, and Bernhardt should be queried to clear up the matter of initial credits and who owes who what as of the a) beginning, and b) end, of the HISMA-ROCAF clearing.

2. Although Ange, Gaebelt, and Bernhardt all state that the HISMA-ROCAF clearing was in "substantial balance" as of the end of the Civil war (mid-1939), there was apparently a period of accounting, extending into 1940, which was required to achieve this result.

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During this period of accounting, the Institute apparently did two things:

- a. it took a census of existing German arrearages in respect of the Spanish state and/or its nationals, and
- b. it consolidated in some fashion amounts which Loyalist Spain owed to Germany (stated by Bernhardt to be \$3.3 million).

This subject should be developed with Bernhardt toward the end of ascertaining exactly what happened and how. The development of this subject will also lead into another field in which we lack definite information, i.e., the mechanics of the transfer of HISEA functions in respect of the clearing to the Instituto Español de Moneda Extranjera, and the manner in which the German clearing house (Deutsche Verrechnungskasse) entered the picture on the German side. Interrogation on this subject, in turn, should require Bernhardt's explanation of the exact relationship between ROZAK and Deutsche Verrechnungskasse (our information to date, based on Bethke's statements, indicates that Deutsche Verrechnungskasse merely acted as banker for ROZAK)

3. The Anschluss between Germany and Austria occurred during the Spanish Civil War, and during the tenure of the HISEA-ROZAK clearing. Bernhardt should be queried, accordingly, on his knowledge of any Austrian arrearages to Spain or Spanish arrearages to the former Austrian State which may have been involved in and settled through the clearing.

4. Bernhardt unquestionably knows as much as any German in Spain about the Baerprogramm. The armaments investigations being conducted by Mr. Noel and myself indicates that F. Bethke (head of ROZAK) was the principal negotiator; the only other name identified in the German commission which negotiated the program in Madrid is that of a German naval officer named FLUSS.

You will recall Becker's statements to the effect that the delivery of \$160 million involved in this program did not affect the German overdraft in the clearing, and gave rise to a claim of \$4 million on behalf of the Spanish War Ministries. The armaments agents interviewed state, almost without exception, their belief that the payments made by the Spanish

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war Ministries for these deliveries were made outside the commercial clearing; some (including Lallet and Gaebelt) believe that the Spanish war Ministries made payment directly to SCFINBUS. Gaebelt has stated that Bernhardt should know how payment was made. It strikes me as entirely possible that these payments for munitions delivered under the Baerprogramm explain in large part the "secret funds" of Bernhardt (although this is not intended to dispel the hypothesis that these also came from sales of gold).

All of this points to the necessity of interrogating Bernhardt closely on all aspects of the Baerprogramm and on the manner of payment. Inasmuch as we last week telegraphed WILSON to interrogate Bethke and Becker on the subject, it is hoped that within a few weeks we may be able to test the veracity of any statements which Bernhardt may make on this subject.

I am convinced, however, that he is in a position to disclose the whole story if he so chooses.

5. You will recall that a corollary of the Baerprogramm was the payment by Spain in installments beginning October 1943 and ending in January 1944 of RM 100 million, in its peseta equivalent, toward the Spanish Civil War debt to Germany. Certain amounts of this sum were earmarked for the procurement of specific materials, some of it earmarked for the payment of wolfram export taxes, and some of it was delivered to the German Embassy in Madrid. SCFINBUS, as the principal German procurement agency in Spain, unquestionably has all details in respect of the expenditure of this money, and Bernhardt should, accordingly, be able to explain them.

In addition to a breakdown of the amounts allocated to each purpose, we should have the following additional information:

- a. To what extent did the possession of the RM 100 million allocated to procurement of raw materials suffice to finance the German procurement program until summer 1944, as stated by Koenning? In other words, were all German procurements until summer 1944 allocated out of this RM 100 million, or was it supplemented by sums which the Spanish war Ministries may have contemporaneously placed at the disposal of SCFINBUS for munitions delivered under the Baerprogramm?

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- b. How was the payment of this installment on the Spanish Civil War debt recorded and accounted for in respect of the Ministry of Finance and/or the Instituto de Moneda Extranjera, and, was an appropriate budget entry made or recorded?
- c. Mercury was one of the items earmarked for procurement from that portion of the payments allocated to acquisition of raw material. The British are interested in securing a breakdown of mercury shipments which may have been made during this period.

6. Bernhardt's knowledge should be probed, of course, in respect of the receipt of gold shipments to reduce the German overdraft in the clearing. In this connection it will be recalled that Huete, de la Puerta, and Navasquez acknowledged in various conversations with Mr. Ackerman that some gold had been received to reduce the German overdraft in the clearing and that Huete, in one of these conversations, indicated that Spain may have received as much as 5 - 10 tons of gold for this purpose.

7. Bernhardt's opinion on the final clearing balance and the amount of any German deficit which he acknowledges should also be sought.

8. The matter of the "consolidated clearing debt" of RM 70 million (later consolidated into Ptas. 300 million) should also be explained. Goenning's testimony on this point is somewhat confused in that he indicates that Germany may have been granted a corresponding credit, whereas all other information in our possession indicates that this "consolidated debt" was no more than an earmarking of a portion of the German overdraft into a final debt running between the German clearing house and the Spanish clearing house, and that its due date was originally fixed as November 30, 1944 and subsequently extended to November 30, 1945.

9. We are considerably ignorant in respect of the mechanics of the clearing and the number of accounts comprised therein. Bernhardt should be asked to explain this matter, and the usual procedure employed in transmitting capital sums from one country to the other. This is an important point in connection with pending claims of SOFINDUS against the Instituto Español de Moneda Extranjera, as you are aware, and it remains a mystery why the Instituto did not apparently enter a corresponding

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credit in Reichsmarks upon receipt of telegraphic advices from ROWAK and the German clearing house that corresponding sums had been deposited in Berlin, since it appears to be fairly well established that the Instituto did not operate on a telegraphic basis vis-à-vis ROWAK and the German clearing. Bernhardt should be asked to explain on what basis the clearing did operate, and to give precise information of the mechanics of remitting a sum paid into the clearing.

10. Bernhardt should be queried on whether the German debits in the Instituto are the ultimate responsibility of the Instituto and/or the Spanish State (through semi-official banks such as the Banco Central, the Banco Exterior, et cetera), or the responsibility of private banks which have advanced bank credits.

The sense of this inquiry should be to ascertain whether the German overdraft in the clearing is reflected in Spanish bank credits which may still be outstanding, or whether it consists of an obligation running from the Instituto or some other official or semi-official adjunct of the Spanish State.

11. Inquiry should be made into what, if any, effect the change in the exchange rate of the Reichsmark vis-à-vis the peseta had in calculating the Civil War debt and the arrearages in the commercial clearing.

12. Koenning states that part of the trade agreement of 1943 provided that Spain should pay 135% of the pre-war price for certain German goods (principally military materiel) and reduce the sales price of certain Spanish articles sold to Germany.

Bernhardt should be queried on this toward the end of

- a. ascertaining in more detail the true state of facts and the type of goods involved, and
- b. ascertaining whether the arrangement—which was not reflected in Spanish trade figures—may have in any way reduced the German overdraft in the clearing.

In this connection, you will recall the unexplained reduction in the German overdraft in the clearing between the 1943 trade agreement and V-E Day.

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Because answers to certain of the above questions may conceivably be supplied to Mr. Randall in future conversations which he may have with Kuete and Ministry of Commerce officials, a copy of this memorandum is being forwarded to him for his files.

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22 April 1946

Memorandum for: Mr. Walter S. Surrey
Department of State

Subject: German Shipments of Gold to Spain

References: Our memoranda L4-10,232 dated 26 February 1946;
L4-10,232-2 and L4-10,232-3 dated 7 March 1946;
L4-10,232-4 dated 22 April 1946

1. Attached is additional information concerning German shipments of gold to Spain.
2. This information has been made available to Foreign Funds Control of the Treasury Department.

Jason Paige, Jr.
Liaison Officer

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German Shipments of Gold to Spain

Please refer to memoranda dated 26 February, 6 March and 14 March 1946 concerning shipments of German Gold from Switzerland to Spain and Portugal.

The following information about shipments of Gold to Spain has been provided by Johannes BERNHARDT, managing director of BERNHARDT, the German holding company in Spain.

Early in 1943, BERNHARDT received from Germany secret shipments of gold, estimated at about three to four tons for the specific purpose of conversion of this gold into Swiss francs.

At about the end of 1942, according to BERNHARDT, the Banco Exterior had exerted pressure on the Spanish Government not to permit further advances to Germans, in view of the heavy German commercial deficit. The Germans thereupon deposited gold in Switzerland for the purpose of guaranteeing credits advanced to this in Swiss francs or the equivalent in Spain. Later on—that is, from December 1942 to early 1943—the Germans shipped from nine to ten tons of this gold to Spain.

Interviews with Johannes BERNHARDT are being continued, and further developments will be reported.

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BERNHARDT, Johannes Eberhard Franz

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The following Spanish Primer has been furnished by an attached agency:

German: born Osterode (East Prussia) January 1, 1897: as managing director in Madrid since at least 1941 of the German firm SOFINDUS (Sociedad Financiera Industrial, S.A.) he collaborated closely with both the Sipo & SD and the Abwehr: under his direction SOFINDUS, in addition to serving as a purchasing agency, handled foreign exchange transactions for the German Government and the German I.S., provided cover employment for Sipo & SD agents, sometimes paying a part of their salaries, facilitated the granting of Spanish visas to Abwehr agents by promising employment, set up bank deposits (probably in Spanish names) to provide Abwehr expenses in case of a diplomatic break between Spain and Germany, and assisted the German I.S. in various other ways: reported in April 1944 to be engaged in smuggling wolfram to Germany: helped KdM Spain with customs problems at Irún in September 1944: handled, in November 1944, the transfer by SOFINDUS to the German Embassy of Ptas. 16,000,000 for the use of KdM Spain: closely connected from October 1944 until April 1945, in collaboration with the German Embassy, the Naval Attaché and KdM Spain, with a number of attempts, mostly unsuccessful, to ship supplies clandestinely from Spanish ports to German garrisons isolated on the French coast, these undertakings being separate from those being conducted simultaneously for the same purpose by Ast Hamburg: listed for expulsion, but was still in Spain in April 1945: married with at least three children: passports (1) No. 1621/40, (2) No. 01567 issued Madrid Jan. 30, 1940, (3) No. 2031 issued Madrid Oct. 5/43 and (4) No. 1936.
Address: (1944, office) Av. del Generalísimo 1, Madrid.

From a reliable source dated April 2, 1946: Johannes BERNHARDT, former head of SOFINDUS, has been Oberfuehrer der SS. - a title corresponding to the military rank of General. Subject, however, chose the administrative field and wore silver stars instead of gold ones. Whenever he travelled to Germany, he wore the Oberfuehrer's uniform after reaching Hendaye.

See despatch No. 3408 of January 15, 1947, sent to London and Berlin, which gives a full account of the activities of Johannes BERNHARDT in Spain.

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21 October 1947

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1. S.S. Oberfuhrer Johannes Eberhard Franz BERNHARDT is a German national, born in Osterode East Prussia in 1897. When the Spanish Civil War broke out in 1936, BERNHARDT was living in Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, as local manager of the import-export firm H. & O. WILMER and secretary of the Tetuan Nazi Party. He was a friend of General FRANCO, and immediately offered to arrange the procurement of war materials for the Nationalists in exchange for Spanish products. For this purpose, BERNHARDT set up two companies, ROWAK in Berlin and HISMA in Tetuan, later adding numerous mining companies and other subsidiary firms, all under the control of HISMA. HISMA thus became the largest single factor in the economy of Nationalist Spain. In November 1938, HISMA was replaced by SOFINDUS (Sociedad Financiera Industrial S.A.) with headquarters in Salamanca, a company virtually controlled by the German Government under BERNHARDT's direction. After FRANCO's victory in 1939, SOFINDUS established its main office in Madrid; by this time it was a very complicated system of holding-companies, subsidiaries, dummy organizations and interlocking directorates.

2. With Germany's engagement in World War II, SOFINDUS assumed new importance as the official German purchasing company in Spain, where (by 1941) it controlled assets of 500 million pesetas. The firm acted under orders from the Reichsministerium in Berlin and was given access through the German Embassy to German credits and other German resources in Spain. The large-scale smuggling of wolfram out of Spain by SOFINDUS was a major issue in U.S. and British relations with Spain during the war.

3. As managing director of SOFINDUS, Johannes BERNHARDT collaborated closely with the Sipo & SD and with the Abwehr. SOFINDUS provided cover employment for SD agents, sometimes paying a part of their salaries; it facilitated the granting of Spanish visas to Abwehr agents by promising employment, set up bank deposits (probably in Spanish names) to provide Abwehr expenses in case of a diplomatic break between Spain and Germany, and assisted the German I.S. in other ways. A specific instance was the transfer by BERNHARDT in November 1944 of 16 million pesetas from SOFINDUS to the German Embassy for the use of the RSHA (KdM Spain). In the first part of 1945 BERNHARDT collaborated

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with the German Embassy in attempts to ship supplies to the German pockets of resistance on the French coast. BERNHARDT was also a special agent of Amt VI, responsible directly to Walter SCHELLENBERG, who exploited his high-level contacts and considered him the best Amt VI agent in Spain.

4. BERNHARDT was originally (in 1944) listed by the Allies for expulsion, but the Safehaven Committee requested that his name not be included on the later repatriation lists, since he was in a position to render valuable assistance. It was also felt by the British and American Embassies that any attempt to bring about BERNHARDT's repatriation would fail because of his intimate friendships with high Spanish authorities and their remembrance of his help during the Civil War.

5. BERNHARDT has several times been reported as the head of a post-war Nazi resistance group in Spain, and was reported in January 1947 to have held a meeting of prominent Nazis in the SOFINDUS offices.

6. All of the foregoing information is from the most reliable sources, most of it repeatedly confirmed. Unconfirmed reports indicate that BERNHARDT administered a "secret fund" of several million pesetas, that he handled sizeable investments for Hermann GOERING (a personal friend), and that he has in Spain a private fortune amounting to 80 million pesetas.

7. Johannes BERNHARDT was last reported as living at Av. del Valle 3, Madrid. He is married (wife, nee WILMER) and has at least three children. He held German passport no. 01507, issued at Madrid in 1940. He entered the Nazi Party in April 1933 and his Party no. was 1572619.

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4 August 1948

Subject: "Hogar de Los Desesperados" - Fascist Movement in Spain and other countries, dated 26 July 1948

JAK Sources: Nightingale *Johannes E. F. Bernhardt*

A usually well-informed source tells us that there exists in Spain, with ramifications in various other countries in Europe and Latin America, a clandestine movement called "Home of the Desperados"—with fascist tendencies. The goal envisaged would be the destruction of the democratic system in the world and the establishment everywhere of strong and authoritarian governments, capable of fighting in a more effective manner the misery and especially the famine, which prevails in a hidden state among certain peoples of Europe and elsewhere. In that system of ideas it would be of importance above all to believe in the best understanding between nations, in view of an anticipation of the return of economic crises of the past, thru the establishment of an economy directed on a world-wide scale.

It is out of the weakness of western democracies and from the loss of such organizations as the O.N.U. and others, just as out of the increasing interference by the Anglo-Saxon powers in the affairs of Europe, that would be born this movement whose doctrine is called: The New Social Europe. In South America also would exist an important ramification of this movement, in view of the fighting in all this part of the continent against the very great influence of the U.S.A.

This movement which could be presided over by a German named Guido BECK but a naturalized Spaniard under the name of Ramon PAREDES, assisted by two other Germans named BERNHARDT and KOPPING, possessing considerable financial means. The essential source would be provided from German capital evacuated

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thru Switzerland before 1944 and also from sums owed by the Government of Franco for German war materiel furnished by Hitler to Spain.

The home of the Desperados would be, especially at first, recruited from the adept among the exiled German-Belgian-French-Italian-Dutch-Czech-Yugoslav people, etc. The password was "Manana" meaning "tomorrow" but probably to be interpreted in the sense of "future". Each country would be designated further by a particular numbering system.

The members of this movement would be classed by categories of Intellectuals, Technicians and Artisan-workers. Each category would be sub-divided into groups according to the diverse professions or trades. Each group would have a good deal of self-government and very extensive financial means, under the direct control of a higher committee of the movement, represented mainly by the three persons mentioned above.

The organization technique would have as its main object to gather information in all countries about their commerce and local industry, production statistics, etc.

With the participation of some big international financiers, and also thru the interpretation of certain credits discreetly allocated, a large part of the commerce and industry of South America, mainly in Argentina, to Brazil, Honduras and Paraguay, representing about a thousand million dollars, would be already at the present time under the *(influence?) (coupe)* of the promoters of this new movement.

One considers that already at this time a good thousand persons enter daily all the countries of the West, under the cover of commercial agents, but in reality, for the most part, as an agent devoted to the above-mentioned movement. These persons would communicate their information by secret code in the form of commercial communications to Madrid or to Buenos Aires.

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For Spain, this would be Joaquim AZNAR, former very influential member of the Falange, but who fell in disgrace after a short while for his fascist and extremist fanaticism, who would be the delegate for his country, close to the top committee of the movement. In Argentina it would be directed by KORPING, but who is called Augustino GALLEGAS. It isn't known if he has obtained Argentine nationality. The center in that country would be located at Mendoza near Buenos Aires. In Switzerland they will have found a man favoring their ideas in the doctor of medicine, director of a sanatorium, named RICKERT, originally from the German part of Switzerland.

The above-named Guido BECK was a doctor (PhD) and well-informed specialist in industrial and nuclear chemistry. It appears that BECK, among various other learned Germans, would have created at Mendoza a scientific research center with a view to manufacturing an atomic bomb and delivering it to the Argentine government.

On the political plane, the attitude "extolled" by said movement would be, according to our informant, to fight momentarily anti-communism, at least on the surface, in order to better enable the various communist parties to continue to be discredited in the eyes of democratic governments, weakening the latter at the same time and always. This extraordinary manner of proceeding would seem there to impel their adversaries to be mutually destroyed and to profit then from the chaos so created in order to impose their new order.

It enters notably in the intention of the leaders to subsidize and assist certain "Bolchevist" elements, as they are called, to foment disorderly strikes and to commit crimes against political persons of first rank. There would be, besides this matter, a vast project of plans being considered, aimed at the

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principal chiefs of the democratic parties in all the countries of Europe. The crime that just took place against TOGLIATTI would not seem at all to be foreign to the project in question and one sees that other analogous crimes will be repeated in an accelerated tempo in the very near future.

They tell us again that would have already acquired, at the present time, the sympathy and even the material aid of very powerful financial trusts in Belgium, in France, in Spain, Argentina and from German-Americans in the United States; certain delegates from these trusts would be in permanent contact with the leaders of the movement at Madrid and in Argentina.

We say in finishing that the movement in question would have published a book giving the intentions of the faithful entitled: "La Paz". This book would not be the same sort of work as Hitler's "Mein Kampf", but evidently revised and improved, following the exigencies of present-day politics.

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14. A man named Clarence Oscar Lambeth was said to to have backed a man named Mario Piselli, in the establishment of "Radio Atlantis". Lambeth denied this. Recently Lambeth made a trip to Madrid; Piselli asked him to call on the following: Johannes <u>BERNHARDT</u> .			
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Subject either owns or is in some way connected with the following companies:

1. Sagitario Films, S.A. This is a film production company which was founded about a year ago. The entire capital is BERNHARDT's. The company has produced or is in the process of producing the following films:

- a. "Cuatro Mujeres". Released in Spain, and has just been sold to England.
- b. "El Huesped de las Tinieblas". Story of the Spanish philosopher Bequer. Released in Spain.
- c. "La Fiesta Sigue". Finished, but not yet released. The film was shot in Salamanca. Story concerns bullfighting.
- d. "El Senor Esteben". Film now in production.
- e. ? ? Film now in production.
- f. ? ? Film now in production.

BERNHARDT is trying to sell number b. to South America and to the United States.

Sagitario Films has recently opened a distribution department, located on Calle Zurbano. They have at the moment nine films to distribute - three of their own and six foreign films.

2. Cine Arte. Entire capital is BERNHARDT's. This is a film laboratory where they make educational films, synchronize films, etcetera. There is a large staff.

3. Erce, S. A., Gran Via 31, Madrid. This is an import-export company. The entire capital is BERNHARDT's. Among other employees is the German national HEIMLING, who was employed in the German Embassy in Madrid during the war. Another employee is RAHLKE (probably Rudolf), a former Sofindus employee. One Doctor FRANZ or GANTZ, a Dutchman, also works in Erce.

4. A motor factory in Madrid which works together with the Army. This factory has a big work shop with very modern installations. BERNHARDT owns the entire factory. The factory has been operating since the end of the second

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World War. Source believes the factory has some relation to a Diesel engine factory which is being put up in Valencia. BERNHARDT is said to be contributing capital to this Diesel factory, but will not own it exclusively. BERNER (?), the man who handled secret accounts in Sofindus during the war, worked for the motor factory in Madrid for some time, but was later dropped by BERNHARDT - reason unknown.

5. A new office at Jose Antonio 42 or 46. BERNHARDT opened this office about the middle of September. Source does not know what the purpose of this company is, but said it was possibly a money lending business. Last year (1947) BERNHARDT was operating a money lending business on the Calle Zurbano, where he loaned money at a very high rate of interest.

6. A soap factory at Maliano in the Province of Santander. BERNHARDT provided all the capital. Doctor YOST, a former teacher of the Colegio Aleman in Madrid, is manager and persona de confianza in this undertaking.

7. BERNHARDT is believed to have recently purchased a big finca somewhere near Madrid. Source does not know at all if this is true. BERNHARDT is known to have a finca in Denia, near Valencia, which includes a large orange grove, and owns still another finca, location unknown.

8. Secret funds left in BERNHARDT's custody. Source states that Hens Thomson, Nazi Party Chief in Spain, who was repatriated at the end of the war, turned over to BERNHARDT some 1,700,000 pesetas. At the same time about 2,000,000 pesetas of SS funds were put in subject's custody.

From the end of the war until recently subject made monthly payments to some (not many) widows of German soldiers in Spain. He recently stopped these payments to the widows, although source believes he could not have used up more than 5% of these funds. When there was some adverse comment about subject's failure to continue the payments, he resumed some of the payments and source believes he is making the payments at the present time.

Source stated that the above sums are really "small potatoes"; that the German underground in Spain has hundreds of millions of pesetas which is not being used at the moment, some of it in the form of jewels.

9. Source states subject tries to give people the impression that he needs money. He is now negotiating for a loan from the government branch (el ayndicato) which supervises the Spanish film industry. He is asking for a loan of three million pesetas. Source believes subject is doing this in an attempt to cover up his true financial status. He has sent large amounts of money to Argentina. According to subject's friends, he has two or three business enterprises in the Argentine. Recently he complained that one of his enterprises in the Argentine was costing him money instead of making money.

Subject's secretary, Mrs. Scheaffer, has made two trips to Switzerland in the last two years. She also made one trip to Portugal and another to Argentina. Source believes she assisted in moving some of BERNHARDT's money from Switzerland to Argentina. Mrs. Scheaffer travels with a Spanish passport.

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She was a German up to the end of the war, when she suddenly became a Spanish citizen. Her husband was the banner bearer of all Nazi parades, and an official of the Party. He was previously a chauffeur and she previously worked in SEPU, Madrid. The explanation given by BERNHARDT for the trip to Argentina by his secretary was that she was assisting his wife who visited the Argentine for six or eight months in 1947.

Source states that BERNHARDT has a good contact in Argentina in the person of the Spanish Ambassador AREILZA. He states that AREILZA was bribed several times by BERNHARDT during the war, when AREILZA held a high post in the Spanish Foreign Office. One favor he did for BERNHARDT was to convince Spanish frontier authorities that they should "look the other way" when German supply trucks arrived at the Spanish-French border. AREILZA was paid 500,000 pesetas for each of his favors for BERNHARDT.

10. BERNHARDT chose a Spanish manager and director for his film company, Sagitario Films, S.A., since it was not advantageous to operate in his own name. The manager is a former Gobernador Civil of Salamanca. BERNHARDT hired two German employees to work with the Spanish manager in the belief that their nationality and friendship would naturally make them loyal to him (Bernhardt) and they could be depended on to report to him any irregularities in the procedures of his Spanish manager. One of the German employees was Clara ZEPP, former secretary to MOSIG, BERNHARDT's righthand man in Gestapo affairs, and the other was Adolf KOHR, former Sofindus employee.

BERNHARDT recently dismissed eight employees from Sagitario Films and Cine Arts, and all eight have filed suit against the companies. Among the eight were the two German employees mentioned above. BERNHARDT personally called the two Germans by telephone and attempted to persuade them to call on him to talk the matter over, and offered to pay them indemnization, which he had at first refused. He later sent his secretary, Mrs. Enrique Schaeffer, to persuade them from taking action, but they stood firm. Source states the two were fired when BERNHARDT began to suspect that they were more loyal to the Spanish manager than they were to BERNHARDT. This matter was to be settled at the session of the Special Court for Labor Affairs on 7 October 1948.

The Spanish manager of the film company, who is an old time Falangista, is trying to persuade the Spanish government to take action against BERNHARDT, based on the belief that BERNHARDT has been giving information to the British concerning relations of high Spanish officials with the Nazis during the war. In this regard the Spanish manager has contacted Spanish Minister GIRON and also the secretary to the Minister of Justice, Fernando or Francisco CUESTA. Source states that an official of the Spanish secret police, one LASCARO, who lives on Serrano, is investigating this matter. LASCARO is convinced of BERNHARDT's guilt, but will not take any steps until he has absolute proof.

11. Source stated that BERNHARDT was on very friendly terms with William Milton of the British Embassy. The latter spent several afternoons in BERNHARDT's office having tea and talking for several hours at a time.

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12. Source also made the comment that whenever he meets any of BRENNHARDT's present or former collaborators on the street, their remarks are to the effect that the only solution for the future of Germany is to cooperate with Russia.

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23 January 1949

Subject: - BERNHARD, Johann

Re: - 22-3

Ref: - Request to SPO of 6 Dec 48.

1. BERNHARD is a member of this Organization, Sub-Organization 66 as regarding the following on him:

2. Before the break out of the Spanish Civil War BERNHARD was employed as a clerk in North Africa. At the beginning of this war he offered FRANCO to be his liaison man to HOSS in order to support FRANCO by delivery of war material. FRANCO thanked him by leaving BERNHARD several Spanish positions. He was then actively engaged in the Spanish business.

3. In order to enable BERNHARD to be an official representative in Spain he was granted the title of an SS Oberführer. His business methods are without any scruples. Therefore he has many opponents amongst Spanish business men.

4. Secretary of BERNHARD was a Mrs. SCHAFERS. He tried now to send her to Germany in order to sort out business possibilities for him. He is said to have transferred part of his capital to South America.

5. After the capitulation the SOPHUS was taken over by an Allied Control Commission. The Spanish Government refused an internment of BERNHARD and his people in Germany as BERNHARD had threatened to say everything he knew in such a case which would compromise FRANCO.

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28 JANUARY 1949

8 February 1949

Subject: ~~REDACTED~~

To: ~~REDACTED~~
From: ~~REDACTED~~
Info: ~~REDACTED~~

- 1. Reference is made to identity records of your headquarters, dated 8 December 1948.
- 2. Subject is not a member of this organization.

1. ~~REDACTED~~ is a member of this Organization, Sub-Organization B in reporting the following: ~~REDACTED~~ was formerly employed as a clerk in North Africa, during the Spanish Civil War. Before the war, ~~REDACTED~~ was employed as a clerk in the office of ~~REDACTED~~ in Madrid. ~~REDACTED~~ was employed as a clerk in the office of ~~REDACTED~~ in Madrid by delivering of the material. ~~REDACTED~~ thanked him by letting him have several municipal positions. ~~REDACTED~~ thanked him for his services by giving him several business monopolies.

2. During the war, ~~REDACTED~~ was employed as a clerk in the office of ~~REDACTED~~ in Madrid. ~~REDACTED~~ was employed as a clerk in the office of ~~REDACTED~~ in Madrid by delivering of the material. ~~REDACTED~~ thanked him by letting him have several municipal positions. ~~REDACTED~~ thanked him for his services by giving him several business monopolies.

3. In order to be able to represent ~~REDACTED~~ in Spain he was created the title of ~~REDACTED~~ and transferred a number of his capital to South America, amongst Spanish business men.

4. Secretary of ~~REDACTED~~ and ~~REDACTED~~ requested him to send her to Germany in order to sort out business qualifications for him. He is said to have transferred part of his capital to South America.

5. After the capitulation the ~~REDACTED~~ was taken over by the ~~REDACTED~~ Control Commission. The ~~REDACTED~~ was taken over by the ~~REDACTED~~ Control Commission and his people in Germany. ~~REDACTED~~ was taken over by the ~~REDACTED~~ Control Commission and his people in Germany. ~~REDACTED~~ was taken over by the ~~REDACTED~~ Control Commission and his people in Germany.

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<i>E. W. B. Milton, Third Sec. (Commercial), Madrid</i>			
<p>.....During late 1944 or early 1945, when subject was actively working in the field of economic warfare in Spain, he established contact with Johannes BERNHARDT, the top German economic expert in Spain and head of the Sofindus complex. BERNHARDT, sensing that the war was lost, made a deal with the British to provide information on hidden German assets, provided that he would not be tried as a war criminal after the war. David THOMPSON, then B.I.S. chief in Spain, began to work BERNHARDT through MILTON. Some of BERNHARDT's information was given by MILTON directly to the Allied Commission, but some was also transmitted through THOMPSON to London and passed by B.I.S. channels there to the Americans. Called to account on this, MILTON said that in certain aspects of the BERNHARDT operation, he was working for THOMPSON and not the ACC.</p> <p>When BERNHARDT's repatriation to Germany seemed imminent, the O.S.S. unit in Madrid received a communication in writing asking that a subterfuge be found to prevent the American Embassy from pressing such action, inasmuch as BERNHARDT was being used as an agent by British intelligence. At the present time, David THOMPSON is under and may be dealing directly with BERNHARDT; however, it is considered more likely that MILTON is still handling the operation.</p>			
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Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Embassy is in receipt of several communications from the Office of the Political Adviser for Germany at Frankfurt commenting on evidence received that the firm Empresas Reunidas Comercio Exterior S. A., Avenida Jose Antonio No. 31, Madrid, sometimes known as ERCESA, is a cover for Johannes BERNHARDT, former S. S. General and operator of the German state holding company, SOFINUDS, and on intimations that Bernhardt also has some connection with the firm of H. V. Oswald Company, of whom the principal proprietor is Mr. Victor OSWALD, a Swiss national resident in Madrid. This Embassy has thoroughly investigated this matter, utilizing the facilities of a controlled American source, normal credit agencies, and available files.

It is found that Empresas Reunidas Comercio Exterior, S. A., is unquestionably controlled by or serving in the interests of Johannes Bernhardt. The management has changed hands at least twice in the last two years. All three of the present Spanish directors are known to have been former pro-Nazis. Two of them, Gregorio PEREZ Ruidobro, an officer of the Madrid police department, and Federico CARUNCHO Astray, have long been known to be intimates and employees of Bernhardt. Evidence is available indicating that Bernhardt owns all of the capital of the company.

With regard to any financial or business connections between Bernhardt and Victor Oswald or his firm, the Embassy has been unable to secure any evidence. Oswald is known to be acquainted with Bernhardt and readily admits such acquaintance, but disclaims any connection or dealings with him whatever. From evidence at hand, it is my opinion that Oswald is too intelligent and too well-connected to either wish or need to have any dealings with Bernhardt.

It is recommended that the firm of Empresas Reunidas Comercio Exterior, S. A., be added to the list of undesirable foreign trade contacts to be issued by the Joint Export Import Agency as a supplement to their Operations Memorandum No. 18, provided such action is consistent with present operating policy. The Office of the Political Adviser for Germany reminds us that they can take no action to prevent ERCESA from trading with German firms unless they are added to this list. On the other hand I seriously doubt whether this action will prove more than a minor annoyance to Bernhardt, inasmuch as it is believed that he already has several other front concerns and can create

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more at will. Furthermore, unless he should accidentally fall into our lap, there is probably very little that we can hope to accomplish in regard to Bernhardt, since he is most strongly entrenched with the present Spanish Government, which is considerably indebted to him. I certainly do not suggest condoning Bernhardt in any way, but if for any reason the adding of this firm's name to the list, when in the past we have been deleting names as rapidly as possible, appears inconsistent with present policy, I do not feel that any significant accomplishment will be lost by leaving matters as they are.

Respectfully yours,

Paul T. Culbertson
Charge d'Affaires, a. i.

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Case File Number :
Case File Title : BERNHARDT, Johannes E.F. Spain

Prior information on this matter may be on record in previous filing systems and may be obtained by contacting the Intelligence Integration Division, Service Section.

A German with war-time Nazi connections in Spain who currently has extensive financial interests in the country.

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Subject: German Participation in Spanish Industry

Report No: NSM-546

Date of Information: February-March 1951

Place Acquired: Spain, Madrid

Date Acquired: March-2 April 1951

Evaluation: C-3

Date of Report: 3 April 1951

Source: []

Source indicated

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1. ~~Source reports that there have been several indications over the past year that certain German industrial and financial interests were active in building up auxiliary activity in Spain. In some cases they have established "technical bridge-heads" through the renting of patents and licenses, and the loan of technical advice and know-how. Such procedures give the German interests openings which can be more fully exploited at a later date. In other cases the Germans have still further and have made plans to export surplus machinery to regions south of the Pyrenees for production purposes. Source claims that such of the planning in the latter connection is in its initial stages, and detailed evidence of German capital contribution, the establishment of pilot plants, etc., is still meagre. Certain facts, however, lead him to believe that a displacement policy is under serious consideration by German interests.~~

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2. As an example of the first type of renewed German activity, i.e. the renting of patents, etc., source cites the ~~deal~~ involving ~~the~~ patents for the manufacture of "perlon" concluded by ~~the~~ Urquijo Bank interests with the German firm Vereinigte Glanzstoff. The patents were obtained through the agency of one HARTMANN, a German engineer under contract with the Instituto Nacional de Industria (INI) in Spain. The perlon is already being manufactured in Spain. Source also ~~states~~ that the German firm, St. Didier, has concluded or is about to conclude a deal with the Spanish Montana-Quijano steel interests. The deal allegedly involves patents for the manufacture of refractory material. ~~Source~~ In addition ~~also~~ believes that the German automobile firm DAW is negotiating a deal with the Spanish Elizalde company whereby DAW will loan its technical assistance and manufacturing know-how in the manufacture of automobiles in Barcelona.

In addition

Source reported

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3. ~~Source reports that~~ a representative of the German Internationale Treuhand und Verwaltung Gesellschaft of Munich recently ~~visited~~ Spain for the purpose of investigating the possibilities for an ~~own~~ active tie-up with Spanish industry than the ~~the~~ instances cited ~~above~~. Treuhand ~~is~~ as intermediary for various other German industrial ~~concerns~~, including Algaier, ~~which~~ specializes in wind power generators. ~~The~~ Treuhand representative offered said generators, as well as metal working machines and machinery for the production of cellulose. Treuhand ~~classification~~

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was interested ^{only} not in the sale of the machinery ~~but~~ ^{also} in the opportunity for capital participation. Source says that ~~an~~ ^{an agreement} for the Allgaier wind power generators ~~has been~~ ^{is being} concluded with the Spanish Empresa Nacional de Helices.

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4. The first clear-cut instance of undisguised German participation since World War II is the 25% interest of the German firm Phrix in the FEFASA, a Spanish artificial textile company with INI participation. Phrix had had such an arrangement with FEFASA before the war, but had never carried it out, and the present arrangement can be regarded as a new one representing genuine capital participation. Going even a step further, the German baking powder company Cotker has purchased an old Spanish factory and will shortly begin the manufacture of baking powder and puddings in Spain.

To Spain

5. Other German firms ~~which have~~ ^{which} recently sent representatives ~~to~~ ^{to} include the Kochtiefbau Gesellschaft, and the Mannesmann Werke. The latter's representative returned to Madrid from Tangier in February. In addition, ~~the~~ ^{the} Frankfurter Bank, which deals chiefly with the heavy and chemical industries in Western Germany, has shown considerable interest ~~on~~ ^{on} behalf of its clients in the possibilities of capital participation in Spain and Spanish Morocco.

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6. ~~Among the personalities~~ ^{and} ~~promoting closer German-Spanish industrial and financial ties~~ ^{are} Otto SKORZENY, his "wife" the Countess FINKENSTEIN, and Johannes BERNHARDT, war-time head of SOFINUDIS in Spain.

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SKORZENY was active in the Allgaier wind power generator deal, and BERNHARDT also played a role in the negotiations. Countess FINKENSTEIN, ~~is now active in the Spanish movie industry~~ ^{is now active in the Spanish movie industry} ~~has been entrusted with the mission of buying wolfram mines for German interests.~~ ^{has been entrusted to make the arrangements for a visit to Spain by SCHACHT. The pretext for SCHACHT's trip was to be a series of lectures to Spanish bankers. Source believed, however, that SCHACHT may have been interested in Spain from the ~~viewpoint~~ ^{viewpoint} ~~of the German movie industry.~~ ^{of the German movie industry.} The trip was completely organized, but was finally called off ~~late~~ ^{late} January, apparently upon the insistence of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. BERNHARDT, who is now active in the Spanish movie industry, is interested in a deal with a German firm involving stove and hearth construction in Spain. He ~~has~~ ^{has} made a definite arrangement with ~~the~~ ^{the} Madrid lawyer GARRIGUES (fnu), and with one PASO, an executive of the airline company Aviacion y Comercio, ~~although source is not certain whether or not a contract has been signed for the German patents.~~ ^{was}}

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Subject: Johannes BERNHARDT

Report No: WSM-742

Date of Information: May 1952

Place Acquired: Spain, Madrid

Date Acquired: 8 May 1952

Evaluation: B-2

Date of Report: 9 May 1952

Source: []

1. Johannes BERNHARDT has brought a patented device to Spain from Germany which the Spanish Army has been using very successfully. This piece of equipment, called the DEZ IMETERGERAET, reportedly sends out micro waves of a decimeter in length. The Spaniards have set the equipment up on mountain-tops, inasmuch as the waves cannot pass over mountainous terrain.
2. BERNHARDT holds the patent on the device. Although the Spanish Army wishes to obtain more of this equipment, it is not known if they intend to manufacture them in Spain or have more sent from Germany.
3. BERNHARDT is married to an Argentine woman of German extraction and travels frequently between Spain and Argentina. His wife is reportedly quite wealthy.

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Herrn
Herrn Richter
(13) München-Pullach
Klosterstrasse 34

Hamburg, den 3.12.1953.
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Sehr geehrter Herr Richter!

Die einleitenden Worte Ihres Briefes vom 1.12.1953 kann ich nur in der gleichen Fassung erwidern. Ich hätte Sie wirklich in der Zwischenzeit gern einmal wieder gesehen.

In der Annahme, dass wir nach wie vor völlig offen miteinander sprechen, darf ich voraussetzen, dass Ihr Brief an sich nicht ausgeliefert ist durch Mitteilungen, die Ihnen in den letzten Tagen zugegangen sind und in Ihnen den Wunsch auslösten, von mir etwas zu hören. Denn ich sehe wirklich keinen Grund, weshalb ich Ihnen auf eine konkrete Frage hin nicht völlig klar und offen antworten sollte.

Ich komme jetzt direkt aus Paris, wo ich mit Freunden der spanischen Regierungsmisde zusammentraf, um Fragen einer deutsch-spanischen Zusammenarbeit abschliessend zu besprechen.

In meiner Begleitung befand sich hierbei Herr Dr. Paul Rheinländer als Chef der Reichswerke und der gesamten Salzgitter-Gruppen. Die Voraussetzungen für die Einschaltung jener Gruppen im Wirtschaftsverkehr zwischen Spanien und Deutschland sind bereits fixiert, sodass für Ihren Bekannten in Spanien kaum eine Basis bleiben dürfte. Es sei denn, dieser ist persönlich und als Fachkraft so stark zu bewerten, dass es sich wirklich lohnt, ihn durch mich im Rahmen grösserer Objekte mit einzuschalten.

Dann müsste ich zunächst aber wissen, um wen es sich handelt. Wahrscheinlich wird dieser Herr mir oder meinen Freunden in Madrid nicht unbekannt sein, wenn tatsächlich so weitgehende Verbindungen bestehen wie Sie diese in Ihrem Brief andeuten.

Dieses zu Ihrer direkten Frage.

Im Übrigen wollte ich Ihnen sowieso jetzt, d.h. nach meiner Rückkehr nach Deutschland, schreiben.

Sie haben doch sicherlich vielfach in der letzten Zeit Gelegenheit gehabt, mit Herren zu sprechen, die Übersicht haben über das US-amerikanisch-spanische Verhältnis und die dementsprechend auch beurteilen können, auf welcher Basis Platz bleibt für eine deutsch-spanische Zusammenarbeit in der Erfüllung der neuen Verträge mit den Vereinigten Staaten.

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In Spanien besteht selbstverständlich die Tendenz, nach Möglichkeit alles das, was irgendwie nach Phantasie und Meinung ausgebender spanischer Herren der Regierung durch Spanien selbst geleistet werden kann, auch selbst zu übernehmen. Dass hieraus erhebliche Gefahren für das Tempo und die Qualität der in Spanien verplanter Massnahmen resultieren, ist selbstverständlich. Ich rechne daher für die Zukunft mit erheblichen Kontraversen zwischen dem us-amerikanischen Planungsbüro und denjenigen spanischen Herren, die das Interesse der spanischen Wirtschaft selbst wahrnehmen als Gegenpol gegen ihre amerikanischen Vertragspartner.

In diesem Zusammenhang ist nun sicherlich interessant, dass die massgebenden Herren der Regierungsspitze in Madrid zu mir und meinen Freunden in einem ausgesprochen guten persönlichen Verhältnis stehen, und dass wir daher zweifellos eine gute Brücke bilden können beim Aufeinanderprallen der Meinungen.

Dass wir daran interessiert sind, im möglichst weitgehenden Umfang eingespannt zu werden bei den dortigen Arbeiten, liegt sovielle auf der Hand.

Sehen Sie in diesem Problem eine Basis, um vertrauliche Verhandlungen zu den us-amerikanischen Dienststellen aufzunehmen?

Ich kann Ihnen vertraulich hiersu mitteilen, dass jegliche Mitteilung, die ich nach Madrid gebe, ohne jede Einschaltung weiterer Instanzen als der Person meines dortigen Freundes (Gesellschafter) unmittelbar Franco vorliegt, sodass also die Plattform für internes Besprechungen oder Absprachen ausserdem gegeben ist, ohne dass ich aber irgendwie gesungen bin, mehr zu sagen als das, was Ihnen und Ihren Freunden auf der einen Seite und mir auf der anderen Seite zweckmässig erscheint.

Ich nehme an, dass ich mich deutlich genug ausgedrückt habe und Sie meine Gedanken verstehen.

Ich würde mich freuen, bald von Ihnen zu hören. Ich bitte Sie aber dringend, mein Schreiben an Sie als offen aus Freundschaft und Vertrauen zu betrachten und nur in der Form mit dritten Personen Rücksprache nehmen, dass mein persönliches Verhältnis zu den Herren in Madrid nicht gefährdet wird durch Indiskretionen.

Mit herzlichsten Grüßen bin ich

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Beteiligung deutscher Firmen am Bau von US-Stützpunkten in Spanien?

Washington (AP)

Die amerikanische Regierung prüft, wie die beiden Senatoren Herman Wadsworth und Pat McClellan mitteilen, gegenseitig-abhängende amerikanischer Bauarbeiten, um die Errichtung amerikanischer Luft- und Frachtmittelpunkte in Spanien zu erleichtern. Die Firmen aus der Bundesrepublik sollen bis zu 50 Prozent der Kosten für die Bauten übernehmen, und dieser Kostenumwand soll gegen die Lieferung amerikanischer Lebensmittel in die Bundesrepublik ausgedrückt werden. Aus Kreisen des amerikanischen Verteidigungsministeriums verlautet, daß zu dem Bauvorhaben Ingenieure und Techniker aus der Bundesrepublik hinzugezogen werden sollen. Diese Dienstleistung sei auch deshalb zu betrachten, weil die Bundesrepublik wegen des Flüchtlingsstroms Nahrungsmittelzufuhren benötigt.

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James: Oberwiesler
 Johannes: Bernhard Fjanz

1. The only post war traces available on BERNHARDT are: (a) ZIPPER memo-
random dated 3 August 1949 (attached hereto); (b) USFET Intelligence Division
(U-2) memo, dated 10 November 1948 to Commanding Officer, 7821 Composite Group,
state a former U.S. Army Lt. Colonel R. J. H. Hertz, who served with a Quarter-
master Unit in Munich "contacted the former German Major General BERNHARDT in
connection with his export-import business". On the advice of representatives
of the OCMCID in Madrid Hertz allegedly severed all connections with BERNHARDT;
(c) in a memorandum from ZIPPER, dated 28 January 1949, ZIPPER reports essen-
tially the same information contained in attachment, plus the statement that
BERNHARDT's secretary, a Frau SCHAEFFERS, was to come to Germany from Madrid to
"sort out" business opportunities for him. BERNHARDT is said to have transferred
part of his capital to South America. The memo is concluded by the statement
that one of ZIPPER's members "knows that BERNHARDT played a big part in the
Public Safety Service in Madrid".

See attach

2. The above unimpressive as it is, is all that we have on BERNHARDT.
3. ZIPPER's interest in Spain other than the Base Station activities can
be described as:

(a) Overall political complexion. Most of this type of information
obtained by ZIPPER and seen by us appears to be overt and of no particular intel-
ligence value to KUBARK. On the other hand this sort of information is grist for
ZIPPER's mill, similar to the more or less overt type information we pass UTILITY
on the Middle East countries.

(b) Economic and industrial status. ZIPPER has recently taken an
active interest in the U.S. Spanish bases construction program. An example of
this is one of ZIPPER's Special Connections Fridtjof MAYFRANK, owner and director
of several large steel combines, asked ZIPPER to maintain contact to the proper
American element which could assist MAYFRANK's firms to get into the base construc-
tion act. For your information one of MAYFRANK's subsidiary firms in Spain fur-
nished cover for an unidentified ZIPPERite recently. We are attaching a copy of
MAYFRANK's letter which lists the primary firm involved. In this connection a
short article recently appeared in the Soeddeutsche Zeitung describing the possi-
bility of sub-leasing base construction to German firms. It appears

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Washington release and we are attaching it for your information.

(c) Ex-GIS operatives in Spain. We have little from ZIPPER in this regard. It appears to be part of their general program to learn and keep tabs on the whereabouts and activities of as many ex-GIS, abwehr types as possible.

(d) General interest in armament deals negotiated through Spain where German personalities are involved. We have not heard anything on this from ZIPPER for the last two years.

4. ZIPPER has not informed or cooperated with us as pertains to their interests outlined in part 3 above. As you know they have not sent us copies of "yellow reports" ZIPPER sends to the Spanish since May of 1953 (see comment to BUA-4-91). Perhaps we can use the clippings on Middle East which you send us as leverage to extract a little of what goes on with ZIPPER in Spain.

5. When I was at FOB on 15 January 1954 we briefed him on ZIPPER activities in general, in addition to the alternate base station situation. Weeden assured us he would send to FOB information available to his mission on ex-GIS and abwehr operatives presently in Spain.

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1. BERNHARDT is not a member of this organization.
2. BERNHARDT was a commercial employe in North Africa before the Spanish civil war broke out.

During the Spanish civil war he supported FRANCO by considerable supplies of war material. In appreciation of his services he was given certain commercial monopolies by FRANCO.

3. BERNHARDT founded the firm SOFINDUS (Sociedad Financiera e Industrial). With the aid of this firm he carried out the supply of Wolfram from Spain and Portugal to Germany during the war. He made enormous profits with these transactions. His business methods were considered unscrupulous, methods which caused much opposition against him amongst the Spanish business men.

In order to give BERNHARDT an official German status in Spain, he was given the title of SS-Oberfuehrer (corresponding to the rank of major general in the German Wehrmacht).

4. During the war, BERNHARDT was in contact with the German SD office in Madrid. It is not known here which role he played there and if he did any IS work.

5. After the capitulation his firm SOFINDUS was taken over by an Allied Control Commission. BERNHARDT was supposed to be brought back to Germany as the other Germans. The Spanish Government objected to this and succeeded inasmuch as he could remain in Spain because BERNHARDT threatened to compromise FRANCO through his statements should he be expelled.

He then tried business deals in orange between Spain and Germany which apparently failed.

6. At the beginning of October 1948, a former US Lt. Col. HERTZ paid a visit at a higher official of a German ministry, developing plans of a large export-import business between Spain and Germany. During this occasion he brought regards from BERNHARDT in Madrid.

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7. On 14 July 1949 the following report regarding BERNHARDT came from Spain:

" BERNHARDT, Madrid, Avenida de Valle 3, Tel: 244 997. Johannes BERNHARDT was the only one on whose behalf Generalissimo FRANCO intervened with the Allies. BERNHARDT is not well liked in the German colony as he was not very helpful to the Germans and keeps away from the German colony. No political activities of BERNHARDT could be ascertained and such activities are not very likely due to his exposed position. Until the end of the year 1948, BERNHARDT was occupied with the winding up of the "Montana" and is at present interested in film deals.

" It is known to the Spaniards that BERNHARDT has worked for the German IB. In 1939, shortly before the war, pro-German persons as well as well-known Communists were interned in France in the well-known "Camp de Vernet". There were three departments:

- 1st Department for persons suspected of pro-German activities,
- 2nd Department for criminal cases,
- 3rd Department for persons suspected of activities for the Soviets.

BERNHARDT was in the last department."

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1. NAME OF APPLICANT (include aliases, maiden name; previous married name, etc.) MOSIG, Walter Eugen (Eugenio).		2. DATE OF BIRTH (mo., day, yr.) May 24th, 1907.
3. PLACE OF BIRTH (city, province, country) Giessen Hessen, Germany.		4. PRESENT ADDRESS Calle 9 N° 528, Cerro de la Rosas, Córdoba, Argentina.
5. DISTINGUISHING MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION None.	6. SEX M.	7. MARITAL STATUS married.
8. ALIEN REGISTRATION (if any) _____		
9. OCCUPATION (present and former, if pertinent. Include name and address of present employer) Commerce representative.		
10. NATIONALITY (including former, if any) German.		11. PASSPORT NO. 9/69 ISSUED BY German Authorities, Córdoba, Argentina. TYPE (Consulate). DATE _____
12. FATHER'S NAME Herrn, Walter.	13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Aufderwager, Katharina.	14. SPOUSE'S NAME (include maiden name) Lehmann, Hildegard.
15. PLACES OF RESIDENCE OF 3 MONTHS OR MORE SINCE REACHING THE AGE OF 16 (years, street addresses, cities, countries) 1917 - 1923 Dirschel Hessen, Germany. 1925 - 1933 Lichterfelde & Wilmsdorf, Germany (Berlin). 1937 - 1943 Madrid, Spain. 1946 - 1972 Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina.		
16. RELATIVES IN U. S. (name, street addresses, cities, states) Son, Dirk (son) Blair Cliff States, Lot. # 42, Americus, Georgia.		
17. PURPOSE OF ENTRY (give details in narrative statement if pertinent) Immigration.	18. ANTICIPATED DATE AND PORT OF ARRIVAL - LENGTH OF STAY AND DESTINATION OR ITINERARY IN U. S. Miami, Florida.	
19. TYPE OF VISA CONTEMPLATED (visa symbol, no. of entries and validity period)		20. REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE
21. APPLICANT TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY (give name, date and place of birth, nationality and relationship)		
22. REMARKS		(For Use of Office of Security) <input type="checkbox"/> No record <input type="checkbox"/> Security info attach <input type="checkbox"/> No derogatory information <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see remarks)
For Name check only, forward original and 6 copies to SY. (Complete items 1 through 18 only) For China background check, forward original and 1 copy to SY. Attach photo with alien's name in Chinese characters. (Complete items 1 thru 18 only) For "Parakeet" name check, security advisory opinion, or 212(d)(3)(A) waiver action forward original and 6 copies to SY. (See instructions on reverse of last page for preparation of narrative statement to accompany security advisory opinion and 212(d)(3)(A) waiver action) For 212(d)(3)(A) waiver actions directed to INS abroad, forward original and 1 copy. (See instructions on reverse of last page for preparation of accompanying narrative statement) Use additional sheet for any item for which insufficient space is provided.		

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5 SEP 1972

TO: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
Department of State

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: MOSIG, Walter Eugen
aka: MOSIG, Walter Eugenio

1. Reference is made to your request dated 4 August 1972 concerning Subject. The files of this Office contain the following information concerning Subject obtained in the course of his interrogation by the 7707 European Command Intelligence Center.

2. Subject joined the Prussian Criminal Police in 1934 as a Kriminalkommissar candidate for the Police Headquarters in Berlin. In the period from 1934 to 1935, he took various courses of instruction for the position of Kriminalkommissar and also joined the Nazi Party. He was assigned to the Criminal Police, Berlin in early 1936.

3. Due to his past experience as a salesman in Spain, Subject was sent to Spain by the Criminal Police on 1 October 1936. Ostensibly, he was traveling as a private citizen on a two-year leave to study the Spanish police and courts system and to perfect his knowledge of the people and language. However, his real assignment was to act as an informal observer for the German Criminal Police. While in Spain, Subject established contact with the commander of the Guardia Civil, with a regional chief of the Spanish Intelligence Service (SIPM - Servicio de Informacion Politico-Militar), and with the director of a German company in Spain. Through these people he developed further

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contacts and was soon working in close collaboration with high-ranking members of Franco's police and intelligence organizations.

4. Subject was given free hand in his studies of Spanish law enforcement agencies and received the full cooperation of every Spanish agency with which he came in contact. He worked very closely with the SIFM in attempting to counter the influence of the Third International which was being directed from the USSR. In the latter part of 1937, he became seriously ill with undulant fever and was unable to continue his association with the Spanish Nationalists. He finally returned to Germany in February 1938.

5. After his recuperation period ended, Subject was assigned as Kriminalkommissar to the Criminal Police in Karlsbad, Sudeten in November 1938. He was later transferred in February 1940 to Kassel, Germany, where he was accepted into the Gestapo with the rank of Kriminalrat and the equivalent Schutzstaffel (SS) rank of Sturmabfuhrer. Following a course in sabotage prevention at the Fuehrerschule in Berlin, Subject served at the Gestapo headquarters in Breslau, Germany.

6. While serving in Breslau, he came to the attention of Walter SCHELLENBERG, who, as chief of Amt VI of the Main Office of Reich Security (RSHA), was attempting to recruit for his foreign intelligence section of the RSHA. SCHELLENBERG brought Subject to Berlin and placed him in charge of the Iberian section of Amt VI in February 1942. In early 1943, during the visit of Brigadefuehrer Johannes BERNHARDT, director of the Sofindus firm in Spain, SCHELLENBERG agreed to send Subject to Spain to gather political intelligence using BERNHARDT's Sofindus organization as a cover.

7. Subject worked at various police and intelligence tasks in Spain until the end of World War II. He, subsequently, was employed by a Spanish Service as an advisor in the investigation of Bolshevik subversive activities in Spain.

8. On the basis of Subject's work against the Communists in Spain, the Spanish authorities hoped to convince the Allies that he should not be returned to Germany. At the insistence

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of the Allies, however, he was arrested on 17 August 1946 and repatriated to the United States zone of Germany. After his interrogation, it was recommended that Subject be evacuated to a civilian internment camp to face denaturalization proceedings and eventual internment as an automatic arrestee.

9. For additional information concerning Subject, you are referred to Department of State despatch number 23,863 dated 23 June 1945, subject: Transitting Repatriation Lists for certain Eastern Hemisphere countries, from the American Embassy in London, England.

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