

Gerry - R.N. Splunt

I don't think our charter can possibly be stretched to cover this.

Looked at from a sheer, practical viewpoint of power politics, it's 60% abstract reasoning and metaphysical philosophy, 40% *Die Kunst von Uzu BIMPf*.

From an ethical standpoint, its basic message is excellent - that we must return to moral integrity and the dedicated, trained statesmanship which considered a public office a public trust, to decisions based on what is best and what is right, rather than what will catch the most votes.

Publication might be worthwhile just to start thinking and discussion along those lines.

But I'm afraid (a) the average citizen who needs this stimulus would never survive the first 40 pages of highly technical dogma and metaphysics, and (b) by the time the author becomes practical, he's too visionary for the little man worried about tomorrow, not about the next century; (c) some of his remarks are so Tony as to cause volcanic eruptions not only in Germany but on the higher altitudes of our *Chlorides*.

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INSPECTION - ffing:

p 37, line 4: "Christenmenschen?" oder "Gottliebige?"
etc not yet bigoted. p. 37 - last sentence:
"es geht für das Abendland nur die christliche
Demokratie" -- This whole passage should be
rewritten to stress belief in God - Allah -
Buddha - etc. Perhaps unconsciously, author's
use of the word "Christian" borders too much
on bigotry.

p. 40a - "... wie Drogbaet... muss sich aus seiner
Oberschicht rekrutieren." - In what kind of
a democracy does the governing authority
recruit itself? Sounds like oligarchy or
aristocracy - bluntly: snobbery - to me.
And on p. 63 it becomes theocratic aristocracy.

p. 41a "Ein jeder sieht ein, dass es absurd
wäre, ~~...~~ wenn in einem Industrieland
derjenige in die Wälder zu schippern hat,
den Produktionsplan mitbestimmen
würde." Large portions of German public
disagree with our author.

"Auswahl zur Elite" (at age 12?)

Down with city life.

The congregation must be the basic
unit of the social contract.

p. 53 - "Parteien sind keine Vorbedingungen der
Demokratie" - Oh, what the man said!

strength to fight a battle of some duration in favorable terrain against _____ (a company? a platoon? an unreinforced inf. Bn?) and today it may total 8 thousand, but the situation is such that it works mainly as raiding, hit-and-run commandos of (25-50) men, many of whom during the day - the weekdays - the school year - appear to be peace-loving Soviet comrades and only take to the woods at night, weekends, or holidays for a little insubstantial raiding & looting.

The present status and the potentialities need to be brought into much sharper, factual, detailed focus.

And the conclusion, of course, should stress again that if brave men can do so much deep in the heartland of Communism, how much more can be dared by those who can still look for ultimate aid, supply, or support from a neighboring West!

Paul Peibel should be happy to distribute this.

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Jerry Best for E. Zora, I should think. I suggest we
do an introduction: we wish to make this study as a case history
of resistance against dictatorships, the problems encountered,
the mistakes which can be made, and the problems
with which the dictator's security forces are thereby
confronted, and the measures they are likely to
use.

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have had some 35 years to develop their police
state, even after the Bolsheviks have been
granted the complete education and control of
more than a generation, resistance is not only
theoretically still possible, but actually still
exists on both the political and the para-military
level. The reader should also note, however
— or recall from his experience in the
Generale-Gouvernement — that it is only
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I take it this is not complete. I hope it
will also include a note that — (while sensational
reports sometimes give the impression the partisan
today fight pitched battles with NAWD divisions
— at its highest point the UPA might muster enough

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~~In reference to Dispatch No. 01-1523~~

[^{of this office} I 1 received the files on subject at DYC/LEAN. The documents consist of CSOIC Preliminary Interrogation Report 150, dated 22 June 1946, and final report 85, dated 27 July 1946, of subject. These reports were checked with our form xx and the following discrepancies were noted:

^{in 1938} In the CSOIC report subject stated that he joined the LN Regt 12 at Frankfurt/M and served with this unit on the "Westwall" in 1939-40. On the form xx, subject stated that he joined the German Air Force in 1939 and after a short training period transferred to OKW (German High Command) as an analyst of enemy propaganda and east-Asian questions.

On both forms, subject related his academic mission to Japan ^{in 1941} but ~~on~~ the CSOIC he states that he was transferred back to OKW and ~~on the form xx he points out that the transfer was at his own request back to Germany and called up as a Sgt. Corporal, with the LN Regt 103 at Beauville, France; on the form xx this duty is not mentioned. That he closed out his wartime service in an awards unit (ABT VI 4) and served with the Div. unit is noted on both forms. His various capacities however ~~is~~ are~~

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shaded in the CSBIC to show insignificance
and in the form XX to show responsibility.
These differences ~~is~~ interpret as signs of
the Times (1946 vs. 1952). The subject realizes
the change of position and is reviewing
his wartime German activities accordingly.

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1. Interrogation was designed to bring out details of JAHNKE's dealings with Buero BLANK, and other similar agencies, apart from those concerned with the handling of the stolen documents.

2. JAHNKE sent papers on the following military subjects to his old CG, Gen Heinrich EBERBACH:-
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Discipline and Drill for Recruits,
The Part of the Infantryman in Armad warfare,
The composition of Armad Fighting Gps with
Commandos, Air Strike wings and Parachutists,
The Defence of Europe against the East.

These papers were passed into Buero BLANK by EBERBACH Jun at the beg 51, and JAHNKE later heard that they had received flattering attention. However, he was not called to personally enlarge on them.

Spring 51

During his manifold activities, Prof. CLASSEN had established contact with Prof. FOCKE, the aircraft designer, who had recently completed plans and models for a hover plane and a speed boat, which allegedly represented revolutionary advances in their several fields. CLASSEN asked JAHNKE if he knew any parties likely to be interested in the development of these projects, and JAHNKE mentioned it to EBERBACH, at that time already in contact with Buero BLANK. As a result, a meeting was arranged at CLASSEN's home, at which the following were present:-

Hulf BLEY, industrial merchant of WUPPERTAL,
representing Prof. FOCKE,
General der Flieger SEIDMANN (8 Flieger Corps),
unofficial representative of Buero BLANK,
One unknown, representing Industry,
CLASSEN and JAHNKE.

BLEY described the projects and spoke of the necessity of raising money for further development. It was suggested that the Americans be approached, but this suggestion was dropped since no-one present had the necessary access. The meeting ended inconclusively, SEIDMANN privately telling JAHNKE that it was too early to consider the realization of such ambitious plans.

Beg Aug 51

JAHNKE however reported to EBERBACH that a trial speedboat was being built at VLKESACK, and a further conference was held in the premises of Buero BLANK, after EBERBACH had officially joined that organization.

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(NOTE: Also after the documents had passed (from JAHNKE to EBERBACH.)

Present were:-

Kapitän ZENKER, described as "Seefahrt Nr 1"
at Buero BLANK,
Wulf BLEY,
JAHNKE,
EBERBACH Jun.

It was reported that the trial boat was completed and it was arranged on the spot for Admiral HAYE (Kommandeur der Kleinkampfmittel) to represent Buero BLANK at the first (run).

(NOTE: These were actually later shown in the German newspaper.)

After the meeting, BLEY and JAHNKE took coffee together, BLEY questioning JAHNKE as to his occupation. Nothing leaths, JAHNKE described his plans for the INDAG, whereupon BLEY explained that he could effect JAHNKE's introduction to the "greatest detective in the world". Interested, JAHNKE was told of the existence of a certain Gen HEINZ, WIESSTADEN, Bahnhofstr 62, to whom BLEY promised he would write on JAHNKE's behalf.

(NOTE: JAHNKE now says he had no previous knowledge of HEINZ' existence. In the first interrogation summary he is quoted as saying that HEINZ should be excluded from access to the stolen documents, when these were handed to EBERBACH in Jul 51.)

28 Sep 51 JAHNKE visited his mother in MAINZ, Freiherr v. STEINSTR. 9.

29 Sep 51 He called at HEINZ' address, which he noted was camouflaged as the "Michael Verlag". On mentioning BLEY's name, he was immediately received by HEINZ, although the latter said that BLEY had not effected the promised introduction. JAHNKE gave the purpose of his visit as being calculated to arouse interest in his INDAG plans, which he proceeded to describe. HEINZ asked him if he had been in the Abwehr and, receiving a negative answer, said that he was not concerned with industrial security, but was engaged in espionage in the spheres of high level politics and military affairs in RI and Russian occupied AUSTRIA. JAHNKE asked HEINZ if he were connected with Gen GEMLEN, of whose activities he had heard from EBERBACH Jun. HEINZ said that he was not, and, during the course of subsequent conversation, gave the following facts about the GEMLEN organization:-

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- a) that it employed 50/60 Analysis officers, and was thus better staffed than the Abwehr had been,
- b) that it employed 1000 operatives,
- c) that it conducted operations all over RUSSIA and the Satellite Countries,
- d) that Gen. HEUSINGER was GEMLEN's 2 i/c,
- e) that its HQ were in a village near MUNICH,
- f) that it was financed by the Americans.

JANKKE expressed interest in establishing contact with the organization, so that HEINZ promised to see what he could do; he did not appear keen. When JANKKE said that GEMLEN, with such an apparatus under his control appeared to be the natural successor to CANARIS, HEINZ denied this saying that part was reserved for himself, that he was already espionage chief in Busro BLANK, with OSTEN as his 2 i/c. Describing his wartime activities, HEINZ said that he had commanded the ERANDENBURG Bgt, and had conducted radio deception operations against Britain from Holland. On parting, he extended a cordial invitation for JANKKE to visit him at Busro BLANK, where he spent about three days each week.

*Why we let's didn't
Heinz shoot him on
The spot?*

*Was wonder for
the do?*

On return home, JANKKE described his interview with HEINZ to EBLRBACH Jun, and expressed wonder that HEINZ should be so indiscreet to a comparative stranger.

8og Nov 51

JANKKE described his encounter with GERSTENBERG, saying that his intention had been to subvert a secretary, but that GERSTENBERG had been pre-warned of his visit by CLASSEN, so that they parted after an exchange of insults. His account of the LEVERMUSEN incident is subjective but agrees with GERSTENBERG's in all essentials.

17 Nov 51

Charged by Coca-Cola with investigating the source of an article against CC which had appeared in the FRANKFURT KPD newspaper, "Sozialistische Volkzeitung", which was assumed to have been inspired by the German soft drink industry, JANKKE again called on HEINZ to see if the latter would give him a lead into the local KPD. HEINZ could not, but he put JANKKE on to the WIESBADEN LfV, as a result of which he had an interview with the chief, Frau MEYER. MEYER was also unable to help but he arranged for JANKKE to meet his FRANKFURT vis-a-vis in Cafe KRANZLER, FRANKFURT at 1000 hrs on 20 Nov 51.

19 Nov 51

JANKKE discovered that a KPD member, Reinhard SCHMIDT, was working the OPPENHEIM Coca-Cola concession; Peter HERDT & Sons. He briefed SCHMIDT to ascertain the source of the SVZ article, which SCHMIDT agreed to do.

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20 Nov 51

JAHNKE kept the RV in Cafe KRANZLER, duly meeting a certain BEPACK, who, on hearing JAHNKE's business, regretted that he had no source in the local KPD.

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JAHNKE visited Buero BLANK to pick up EBERBACH jun. EBERBACH was out and, while JAHNKE was waiting, HEINZ came into the vestibule, greeted JAHNKE and, assuming that JAHNKE had called to pay the promised visit, took him into his office. Here he showed JAHNKE a map pinned to a cupboard, which bore a number cabalistic signs and which he described as prepared by OSTER under his direction to show the extent of their espionage operations. Referring again to GEMLEN, against whom he seemed to bear a grudge, he said that GEMLEN had recently suffered severe operational losses, but that he was still financed by the Americans to the extent of \$5,000,000 yearly. JAHNKE then took his leave to collect EBERBACH.

where did he
get the idea?

He described his conversation with HEINZ to EBERBACH, who asked him to report it in writing. At first unwilling, JAHNKE eventually complied, later learning that EBERBACH had passed it to HEUSINGER, who had in turn shown it to HEINZ.

(NOTE: JAHNKE says that this incident led to EBERBACH first losing favour with BLANK, since his report was apparently not believed.)

EBERBACH jun then left for PARIS.

JAHNKE assumed that it was at this time that GERSTENBERG first repaired to KIELMANNSDORF to report CLASSEN's loose allegations regarding himself and EBERBACH. He later learned from EBERBACH jun that these were:-

- a) that JAHNKE was informed of all the PETERSBERG military discussions five minutes after they had taken place by EBERBACH,
- b) that JAHNKE was employed by BLANK, from which he had received large sums of money and the promise of a regtl command,
- c) that he maintained a dwelling with mistress for EBERBACH in a large town, where alcoholic and sexual orgies took place.

Jan 52

EBERBACH was called back from PARIS, faced with the allegations, ordered to break contact with JAHNKE and suspended from duty without pay.

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Gen EBERBACH communicated these facts to JAHKE and asked him to attend a council of war in BAD DOLL, enclosing DM 50 traveling expenses. Gen EBERBACH, his son and JAHKE duly conferred, as a result of which JAHKE learned of GLASSEN's (or GASTENBERG's) allegations and the fate of his report on KEIZ. At Gen EBERBACH's request, he prepared a written refutation of the charges on the spot, later supporting it with a sworn statement prepared by his lawyer.

3. Interrogation was broken off at this point.

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15 February 1946

TO: SAINT, Washington
FROM: SAINT, London PA
SUBJECT: Wilhelm CLASSEN
REFERENCE: XX-10676 of 30 January 1946.

1. The following brief and questionnaire has been sent to the field by the War Room for the further interrogation of CLASSEN:

"Legationsrat Dr. K. G. BRAUN.

According to KIRPUL, the original Referat had no cooperation with the F.O. but, on the formation of Abt. VI C 4 Liaison was established through BRAUN, who was a V-man of VI C 4.

"Under the heading STAMMER, CLASSEN states that BRAUN regularly passed to the Secret Service the more important of STAMMER's reports to the F.O. from Tokyo. CLASSEN states that he can get in touch with BRAUN.

"If it is decided to interrogate BRAUN, he should prove of interest (a) for information regarding the F.O. intelligence organization in the Far East, and (b) his knowledge of STAMMER's reports, since the latter is reported under arrest in Sugamo Prison for investigation of responsibility in regard to the Tri-Partite Pact.

"Can steps therefore be taken to arrest and interrogate BRAUN?

"V-man "BORIS"

"CLASSEN's description of "BORIS" as a white Russian, with access to the Japanese and Manchurian Embassies in Berlin, who was employed by the "Roland" Referat, is utterly at variance with previous information which indicates that "Boris" was located in China. KIRPUL stated that he was a German, possibly a Hitler Youth leader.

"The way in which CLASSEN volunteers the names of people who might be used by us, contrasts markedly with the amount of information given as to V-men used by VI C 4, sources of information, etc.

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"Taking into consideration that GLASSER was, after WEIRANGL's transfer, head of the whole Department and had (according to KIRNEL) recruited V-men, I-men and agents with KIRNEL, his statement is unsatisfactory.

"Although the set-up of Abt. VI C 4 is now fairly complete as the result of the interrogation of KIRNEL and others, GLASSER (as Head of the Department) might be asked for a more detailed general statement than he has so far provided. He should be questioned specifically as to the following:

"(1) According to KIRNEL, prior to taking over the leadership from WEIRANGL, GLASSER was chief of the Referat of VI C 4 responsible for evaluation and compilation of reports. Incoming reports from the auxiliary referats of VI C 4 were sifted for use in further reports to RAPP, SCHELIENBERG, KALTENBRUNNER, HIMMLER, HITLER, P.O., Min. of Propaganda etc.

- Questions:
- (a) What were the various sources of information?
 - (b) How were the reports from the Police Attache and Waffen Attache in East Asia received?
 - (c) Were any reports received from the P.O. other than through Dr. BRAUN?
 - (d) Has he ever heard the information received from the Abwehrstelle in Shanghai associated with the name "Boris" or "Borodin"?
 - (e) Who furnished the information received by the Shanghai channel?
 - (f) What does he know of the GIS organisation in the Far East?
 - (g) Of communications to and from the Far East?
 - (h) Of intelligence personalities in the Far East?

"(2) With KIRNEL he recruited V-men, I-men and agents after 1944.

- Questions:
- (a) Names, details and assignments of those employed in the Far East.
 - (b) Ditto in Germany.
 - (c) Training."

cc: Germany ✓

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3 July, 1946.

TO : SAIG, WASHINGTON
FROM : SAINE, LONDON *JS*
SUBJECT: Dr. Wilhelm CRASBY.

1. We are attaching for your information and retention, one (1) copy of SSIC(USA) FIR 150, dated 22 June 1946, on above-named Subject.

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PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT

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22 June 46

ON

Dr Wilhelm CLASSEN

1. Interrogation of Prisoner born at CSDIC (JAN) on 11 Jun 46.
Ref I-12/PF 459 dated 26 Mar 46.

PERSONAL
DETAILS

2. Date and Place of Birth: 28 Oct 05 at ST TÖNIS, Kreis
KEPPEN/RHEINLAND.

Nationality claimed: German.

Occupation: University Professor.

CAREER

3. Professional

1909-17 Elementary school at ST TÖNIS.
1917-23 Preparatory school and seminary at KEPPEN.
1924 Matriculation at COLOGNE.
1924-28 Study of philosophy, pedagogy, "Germanistics"
and geography at the universities of JENA, COLOGNE
and MÜNSTER, taking doctorate of philosophy in
1927.
1928-29 First and second State science examination for
teaching at higher schools.
1930-31 Studien Assessor in DUISBURG.
1931-32 Studien Assessor at German school in MIYAKO.
1932-35 Reader at State University, YAMAGUCHI, JAPAN.
1935-37 Assistant in Faculty of Philosophy at University
of HEIDELBERG.
1937 Married Annemarie CLASSEN, née KOCH.
1937 Doctorate of habilitation taken in order to
become university lecturer (Dozent).
1937-42 Lecturer (Dozent) on Philosophy and Political
Science at University of HEIDELBERG.
Since 1942 Professor extraordinary for philosophy and
political science at University of HEIDELBERG.

4. Military

1938 Three months trip as private with LN Regt 12 in
FRANKFURT/MAIN.
1939-40 Called up to LN Regt 12 and saw service in
"Westwall".
1940 Given leave to join party of German academicians
on a six months' visit to JAPAN, sponsored by
the Japanese Govt.
1941 Exempted from military service on representations
from University of HEIDELBERG and Ministry of
Education of BADEN.
1942 Called up as Gefr to LN Regt LC 3, DEANVILLE,
FRANCE.
1942-Oct 44 Transferred as Uffz to OKW Dept Army Propaganda,
Section F.R. 2.1, reporting on Japanese theatres
of war and making analyses of enemy propaganda
(British and American).
Oct 44-Apr 45 Transferred to Luftwaffe, evaluating Far Eastern int and
publishing regular reports.
21 Apr 45 Northward flight from BERGHEIM by car, with out a
fixed destination, in company with other members
of 1st Lt VI.

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3 May 45 Went to FLENSBURG, as news of the formation of the DÖNITZ Govt was received en route. In FLENSBURG Prisoner was taken into the new Govt by Kap z 3 van DAVIDSCHE, 1st Lt to ADM DÖNITZ, but he held no function of any importance.

May 45-15 Jun 45 In the DÖNITZ camp in FLENSBURG under British surveillance.

15 Jun 45 Presented himself at offices of FSS 845 (?) FLENSBURG where he was arrested.

5. Political

1934 Became member of NSDAP, NO JAPEN (overseas organization, JAPEN) and affiliated organizations: NSV, NSLB, NS Dozenten Bund.

1937 Appointed honorary Ostuf with orders to lecture on JAPEN in SS Oberabschnitt SÜDWEST.

Prisoner states that he never held office within the Party.

6. Decorations

KVK 2nd Class (Kriegsverdienstkreuz 2ter Klasse).

7. Publications


1928 - Studien zur Sexualpsychologie und Sexualpädagogik der Gegenwart.

1937 - Thematische Anthropologie.

1943 - Japanische Wehrmacht.

1944 - Japanische Rohstoffpolitik.

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22 Jun 46


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For Colonel GS
Commandant CSDIC(WER.)

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XAZZ-27588
27 JUL 46
19 August, 1946.

TO : SAINT, WASHINGTON ✓
FROM : SAINT, LONDON *gab*
SUBJECT: Wilhelm CLASSEN.

1. Attached hereto, three copies of a Final Report No. 85 from CSDIC (WEA) BAOR, dated 27 July 1946, on Wilhelm CLASSEN.
2. It is suggested that copies be passed to the appropriate Far Eastern stations.

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PREAMBLE

1. Prisoner is a 43-year-old Rhinlander who was posted to Amt VI at a late stage of the war (Oct 44), solely on account of his knowledge of the FAR EAST.
2. He joined the Auslandsorganisation of the Party in 1934 when in JAPAN, more, he claims, for nostalgic than for political reasons. On his return to GERMANY he became a member of affiliated organisations. His subsequent activities do not appear to have been considerable, being confined to occasional lecturing on Far Eastern subjects in SS Oberabschnitt SÜDWEST, with the honorary rank of SS Ostuf. Otherwise he maintains that he did not hold office in the Party.
3. Throughout interrogation he has been co-operative. He is of studious disposition and appears to have retained his scholar's respect for truth. It is considered that Prisoner's statements are reliable and any gaps or discrepancies may be ascribed to lack of knowledge and faulty memory rather than to an attempt to withhold info.

II. PERSONAL HISTORY

4. Career

- 1942 Called up as Gefr to an Intercept Coy of LN Regt LC 3, DEAUVILLE, FRANCE.
- 1942-Oct 44 Transferred as Uffz to OKW Dept Army Propaganda, Section FAR EAST, reporting on Japanese theatres of war and making analyses of enemy propaganda (British and American). He wore civilian clothes. During this period his transfer to OKW Amt Abw u Ausl was frequently discussed, but nothing materialised, since a suitable replacement was not available.
- Oct 44- Apr 45 Transferred to Lehr Regt KURFÜRST, KILLENZ, and, without joining this unit, ordered to report to RSHA Amt Mil. From there he was posted to Abt VI C 4, where he was told to use his SS title of Ostuf and to wear civilian clothes, although he remained throughout an Uffz of the GAF.
- 21 Apr 45 Northward flight from BERLIN by car, in company with other members of Amt VI. No destination had been decided.

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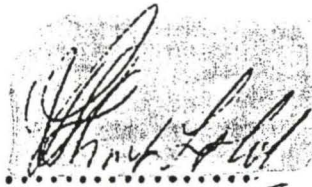
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the Press and Infm Dept, Section FAR EAST, of the new Govt.
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APPENDIX A

ABTEILUNG VI C 4 (FAR EAST) RSHA

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1. General

The work of Abt VI C 4 was the collection and evaluation of info and the subsequent publication of regular monthly and occasional intermediate reports on Far Eastern political and economic questions.

Until 1944 this work was performed by a small staff which, with one exception, lacked the necessary linguistic qualifications and background knowledge of the FAR EAST. With the sudden increase of interest in matters concerning the FAR EAST in autumn 44, WEIRAUCH, head of Abt VI C 4, enlisted the services of a number of persons, chosen for their intimate or general knowledge of the FAR EAST, amongst whom was Prisoner.

What prompted Amt VI to evince this greater interest in the FAR EAST and to expand accordingly, Prisoner does not know. Being unaware of the existence of a revoked Führer order to refrain from int activities viv-à-vis the Japanese ally, he advances two theories as motives for rising interest and intensification of production.

- a) The course of events in the FAR EAST and Japanese reaction to them may have called for a closer scrutiny, born of a growing distrust, in view of the rapid worsening of G. RIANY's military situation.
- b) Personal considerations on the part of SCHELLENBERG, who was possibly intending to provide himself with a staff of FAR EAST experts in case of his appointment to the post of Foreign Minister, may have been instrumental in enlarging the Abt. It was well known that SCHELLENBERG opposed the foreign policy of von RIBBENTROP and that he himself hoped to secure this appointment.

Whatever the reasons, the fact remains that in autumn 44, the material submitted by Abt VI C 4 to higher levels appears to have been considered inadequate and the need for more detailed and accurate info was felt.

2. Personnel of Abt VI C 4

Prisoner is ignorant of the original organization of the Abt, and of any subsequent changes prior to his arrival. He joined together with WILCKERLING early in Oct 44 and found WEIRAUCH with his two assistants, Dr LEO and HEYER. In addition there were two secretaries, Frl KEITEL and Frl Edith (surname not known). Shortly afterwards and in the sequence mentioned KLINGERBERG, Dr KIRBEL and Fr WEINERT took up duties. The secretarial staff was increased by Frl ZOBEL and Frl SCHER. In Mar 45 a police secretary joined on the day when part of the Abt was evacuated to MARKTREDWITZ. His name is not known.

The following were the officials of Abt VI C 4, which was subordinate to Gruppe VI C of Amt VI:-

TSCHERSKY

was head of Gruppe VI C, remaining only a short while (Dec 44) after Prisoner entered the Abt. He showed little interest in the Abt.

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Originally Abw, succeeded TSCHERSKY. He left the Abt to its own devices, not from any disinterest, but because he was actively engaged in the work of other Abts of his Gruppe, especially Abt VI C 2 (RUSSIA).

WEIRAUCH, Peter

SS Stubaf and Reg Rat. Is believed by Prisoner to have been head of the Abt since its inception. Before his staff was increased, he tried, unsuccessfully, to offset the deficiency of suitable personnel by sheer hard work. With the new plan of expansion he had optimistic visions of a vast network of V- and I-men and Agents under the sole control of his Abt. He left in Nov/Dec 44; rumour had it that he was removed from office for inefficiency. Nominally he was appointed IO between Amt VI and Army Gp SOUTH, in which capacity he was to do six months service at the front, before being promoted to Ostubaf and Ob Reg Rat. He was then to return to the Abt, and Prisoner deputised for him during his absence.

LEO, Dr Joern

Was with the Abt from 1942 or 1943. The outbreak of war between GERMANY and RUSSIA had prevented his return to JAPAN, where he was manager of the propaganda dept of the German State Railways. He had an extensive knowledge of Japanese internal affairs and personalities, having spent many years there; he was a graduate of a Japanese University. He speaks and writes Japanese fluently.

KIRFEL, Dr Harald

Came from Lehr Regt KNEUFURST after a short course. Before that he was instructor in Japanese at the OKW Interpreter School. A doctor of languages, he speaks fluent Japanese and reads and writes Chinese, although he has never been to the FAR EAST. He became very enthusiastic about his work in the Abt, and, deciding to make it his career, he took the necessary steps with the personnel branch of Amt VI shortly before the collapse.

Fr WEINERT

Was employed at the request of KIRFEL with whom she was friendly. She speaks and writes Japanese.

HEYER

Prisoner knows little of him as, soon after his arrival, HEYER was transferred to BRATISLAVA. In the Abt he had been responsible for Indo-Chinese agents, a task which was taken over by KIRFEL.

WILCKERLING, Rolf

Had some slight knowledge of the FAR EAST, having been employed by a bookseller in SINGHAI. He proved to be of little value and was attached as IO to SELBERT, the representative of Amt VI in HAMBURG, towards end Jan 45. From that time onwards nothing was heard of him.

KLINGEBERG, Werner

An employee of the DMB, engaged by WEIRAUCH on LEO's suggestion, as it was thought that he had good connections with the Japanese colony and leading Japanese personalities in GERMANY, having established some contacts during the occasion of his stay in JAPAN as a delegate of the German Olympic Games Committee.

Frl Edith ? Secretary to Dr LEO.

Frl ZOBEL and
Frl SOMMER Secretaries to the other members of the Abt.

Police Secretary He was intended for the registry and filing section and left for MARKEDWITZ the day he joined. Prisoner remembers him as an East Prussian, self-taught in Russian and Japanese, of which his knowledge was imperfect.

Thus, in spite of the infusion of new blood, only four people in Abt VI C 4 had the required background, viz Prisoner, LEO, KIRFEL and WEINERT. Their qualifications were a command of the language and a knowledge of Far Eastern questions, ranging from sound to fair. The general attitude can also be described as more pro- than anti-Japanese, which, in the opinion of Prisoner, was a definite disadvantage. Their training was academic and what was lacking in experience of work was made up in enthusiasm, kindled by the prospect of getting missions to the FAR EAST.

3. Ant VI/Amt Mil

For purely military matters relating to the FAR EAST Abt VI C 4 had its counterpart in Amt Mil with the nomenclature of either Mil C 4, Mil CO or Mil CFO. At its head was Obstlt OHLITZ and other officers with whom Prisoner came in contact were Maj BAECHTLE and, in particular, Hptm Dr PLAGE and Fw BIENNSCHIEDT.

Hptm PLAGE

A doctor of law, had lived 8 - 10 years in TOKYO, making a name for himself in the safeguarding of German patents, licences and copyrights and preventing their violation. He was Amt Mil IO to the Japanese military and naval attachés.

Fw BIENNSCHIEDT

A former merchant from CHINA; handled AST SHANGHAI material at the BELZIG WT stn.

Prisoner stresses that, to all appearances, liaison and co-operation between the two Abts was very good.

4. Programme and Duties

As in 1944 Abt VI C 4 had no direct sources of info from the FAR EAST, in order to function successfully the primary need was the creation of its own network of informers, abroad and at home, when Prisoner entered the Abt.

Considering the war situation in autumn 44, the overseas projects, which never passed beyond the planning stage, were courageous and optimistic. They included the purchase of an Italian transmitter in PEKING; the despatch of KIRFEL to SOUTH CHINA or NANKING, where he was to set up his own network of V-men and agents; the despatch of WILCKERLING to the DUTCH EAST INDIES with the same mission. In this atmosphere of idealistic planning with total disregard for the difficulties of communications, even WEIRAUCH and LEO had visions of going to the FAR EAST, the former as a Police Attaché and the latter to MONGOLIA. For specially trained men they were to rely on the personnel from an Abwehrakademie which SCHELLENBERG wanted to found in order to ensure a steady flow of trained recruits. The outcome of all these projects was the trg of two Indo-Chinese semi-agents at the WT school of the HAVEL Institute of the RSHA.

There still remained the recruiting of V-men and agents in GERMANY for the purpose of increasing the quantity of incoming direct info. The problem was tackled after 1944 and was as great a fiasco as the overseas project. All members of the Abt with social or other contacts and

recruited was not impressive, and though there was now quantity in incoming infm, it lacked the quality. The main feature of V-reports was gossip. Prisoner voices the opinion that, from the outset, the combined efforts of the personnel of Abt VI C 4 were too amateurish and remained so to the end.

As to the duties of individual members in Abt VI C 4 there was more a pooling of tasks than a strict allocation of work, since Referate did not exist. However, later a crystallization of defined functions became apparent.

After WEIRAUCH left, Prisoner was assigned the task of producing the monthly and intermediate reports, wherein he was assisted with evaluation and preparatory drafts by LEO and also with sifting of daily reports and their collation by Fr. EDURT. LEO also handled scientific analyses and liaison with the Press, being assisted by KLINGBERG. ✓

KIRFEL dealt with the collection of infm from V- and I-persons and agents; in addition, he was responsible for the Indo-Chinese agents, having taken over these duties from MEYER. He was assisted by WILCHERLING after the latter had organised a registry and filing section which did not exist before Oct 44; the only documentary matter had been a card-index of Far Eastern personalities in GERMANY and abroad.

5. Situation Reports and their Distribution

Int collected by Abt VI C 4 was embodied in a monthly situation report in two parts, military and political.

The military part dealt with the Far Eastern theatres of war regionally: CHINA, BURMA, the PACIFIC, and Sea and Air. The subjects were treated objectively on a broad basis and the infm was confined to facts, without including strategical considerations or tactical details. In the last report, published in Mar 45 for the month of Feb, the Japanese situation was described as hopeless, if no compromise with the opponents were possible.

The political part contained regularly an appreciation of relations between JAPAN and USA, JAPAN and RUSSIA, JAPAN and CHUNGKING-CHINA, as well as a review of the internal Japanese situation. The critical nature of the situation was stressed without prejudice, although, with the non-renewal of the Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact, it was wrongly appreciated that a weakened but still active JAPAN was of more interest to RUSSIA as an ally against the USA than a totally defeated JAPAN. Later events showed this view, a product of wishful thinking, to have been completely erroneous.

Of intermediate reports a total of four was published on the following subjects:

WANG CHING-WEI and the choice of a successor;
Gen UGAKI and peace feelers towards CHUNGKING CHINA;
CHIANG KAI-SHEK and YEMAN Communists;
Cabinet Changes in Japan.

The reports, the quality of which had improved with a more expert presentation, were classified as "most secret" and, according to regulations, typewritten and numbered copies were distributed against signature to:-

SCHLEIBERBERG whose copy was later submitted to
KALTEBRUNNER and HELLER, and possibly
to HITLER;

RAPP whose copy was circulated for perusal to
all heads of Gruppen in Abt VI and then
returned to him;

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Zentral Büro Abt VI for Dr Gisela WIRSING;

One copy was filed with Abt VI C 4.

SCHLLENBERG gave instructions for the issue of a copy to the Foreign Office, which occurred only once during the whole period of Prisoner's employment in the Abt. Dr BRAUN was shown reports confidentially, but their text was nothing new to him.

Whilst no forecasts were demanded and, in fact, on orders from SCHLLENBERG, were not to be attempted, Dr WIRSING (Prisoner at CEDIC (EA)), of the Zentral Büro Abt VI (originally Gruppe VI A) consolidated all monthly regional reports of the Gruppen into a world political situation report. These were known as "LEGIONT" reports, and were documents of a top secret nature for distribution to the highest levels only. They did not circulate in Abt VI officially, but WIRSING permitted their perusal to a few members. Prisoner read some of the "LEGIONT" reports and was surprised at their candour about the precariousness of the German situation. In one of them peace with the Western Allies was strongly advocated if anything were still to be salvaged from the wreck. The reports were full of undisguised criticism of RIBBENTROP's foreign policy; in one of the last reports it was proposed that the Vatican should be asked to act as an intermediary in peace negotiations between GERMANY and the Western Powers.

6. Dissolution of Abt VI C 4

As a result of the increasing air raids on BERLIN, the Abt moved from the Berkaerstr. in BERLIN/SCHARFENDORF to the MANSIE, where it occupied the building which also housed the staff of UNTERMANNEN Z of Abt C 2. This was in Feb 45. Abt VI C 4 ceased to function as a proper unit when evacuation measures were accelerated in Mar 45. Dr LEO with Fräulein Edith ? and the newly arrived police secretary went to MARKTREDWITZ. NITTEL, KLINGBERG and Fräulein WEINERT went to BAD GASTLIN to remain in contact with the Japanese Embassy, which had been evacuated to that place. They were joined later by two V-persons or agents, formerly employed by Abt VI C 2 (RUSSIA), one an Estonian woman with the Christian name of Ilona, and the other a German woman, who were sent there by order of RAPP. Fräulein ZOBEL went to FRANKFURT/MAIN with a departmental recommendation to the local Postal Consorship Office. Fräulein KETTEL was taken over by Abt VI C 3 (NEAR EAST). Fräulein SOMMER, although advised to join her family in WUNTEMBERG or to go to MARKTREDWITZ, preferred to remain in BERLIN. Thus Prisoner was the only member of Abt VI C 4 left in BERLIN. ✓

On 21 Apr 45 orders were received to destroy all documents and files, which was done in the courtyard of Berkaerstr. In this connection Prisoner learned from RAPP that a similar order had gone out to MARKTREDWITZ a few days previously. On the same day, with the state of affairs verging on chaos, Prisoner was told to be prepared for a flight from BERLIN. The same evening, under RAPP's leadership, some fifteen cars left the capital in a northerly direction, but without definite destination. Prisoner recalls the presence of the following members of Abt VI in the convoy:

Dr SCHLITZ (Personal Referent to SCHLLENBERG);
Hptstuf SCHWARZKOPF;
Dr SCHOLN (Oberfeldrichter) and
Obtl Dr SCHÜTEL.

Because of low-level air attacks the convoy travelled by night via SCHERIN and LÜLCK to TIEBENDORFER STRAND, where they arrived on 1 or 2 May 45.

At TIEBENDORFER STRAND it was learned that HITLER had committed suicide and that DÖNITZ was head of the newly formed Govt in FLENSBURG. This news was the cue for the large number of officials of a great variety of Govt

7. Appreciation of Output of Abt VI C 4

When interrogated at length on the actual int output of Abt VI C 4, Prisoner stated that its work was overrated. As regards providing first-class info to higher levels, the handicap under which the Abt labored was too great to be outweighed by enthusiasm. Nothing produced had the nature of a scoop, as there was no outstanding source of info.

Prisoner believes that better monthly reports could have been published by the Foreign Office, where he presumes more int material was available, as it was never fully established whether Dr BRAUN imparted to Abt VI C 4 everything he knew. Info from V- and I- sources in GERMANY was valueless and Prisoner contends that nothing obtained through these channels was ever incorporated in a report.

Because exports prepared and published the reports, stylistic improvement was apparent from Oct '44. As to contents, they constituted general material on Far Eastern events, military and political, but no more. The difference between a Foreign Office report and one packed with secret and reliable int, as those of the Abt should have been, did not exist. Too young, lacking the necessary resources and with its plans of expansion overshadowed by impending defeat, Abt VI C 4 was too hampered to perform successfully what had been envisaged.

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APPENDIX BV- AND I- PERSONS AND AGENTS

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1. General

Before recording the statements made by Prisoner on the subject of V- and I-persons and agents and in order to gain a clear picture, it is felt that a few explanatory comments are necessary.

V-persons are men or women, of either German or foreign nationality, who knowingly impart infm gained, whether briefed for the purpose or not, and who are paid for such services, either in money or in kind or in both, or render such services gratuitously.

I-persons are men or women, of either German or foreign nationality, who impart infm without being aware that it will be used.

Agents are men or women, of German or foreign nationality, who secure infm for a Govt on a full-time basis against regular payment in money or in kind or in both.

No enlistment by the Abt of V- and I-persons and agents took place outside Germany. Details of all informers outside Germany known to Prisoner are given in Appendix C.

As regards enlistment in Germany after 1944, the crop of agents was meagre. There were only two Indo-Chinese (names not known to Prisoner), who received WT trg with a view to accompanying KIRFEL to the FAR EAST.

As regards I-persons after 1944, the list of names has been limited to those actually known to Prisoner. It will be appreciated that persons under this heading must include almost every Far Eastern Asiatic of notoriety in GERMANY.

Finally a list of names of V- and I-persons and agents recruited before 1945 is given in para 6 for the sake of clarity.

2. Recruiting of I- and V-men

As has been said before, a recruiting drive was inaugurated in 1945 by Abt VI C 4 to ensure a larger and better int output on the strength of infm received from these sources.

The fields to be exploited were Japanese Embassy circles; Japanese colonies in Germany, especially in BERLIN; the Legations of THAILAND, MANCHURIA, and NANKING CHINA; Indo-Chinese and other Far Eastern circles.

To this end, every qualified member of Abt VI C 4 set out to renew old and establish new contacts which promised success. In addition, Germans with known connections in the above communities were approached.

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3. Training and Briefing

Only the two Indo-Chinese would-be agents were under trg at the HAVEL Institut of the RSHL. For V-persons there was a briefing process on very simple lines which were unsystematic and inexperienced. The person was generally introduced to the broader aspects of Far Eastern politics by being allowed to read a recently published situation report. Certain points were emphasised verbally and ultimately formulated into questions on, which the V-person was to get the answers or views of the Japanese.

By previous appointment a villa in BERLIN-ZEHLENDORF, Horthastr 4, was available for briefing purposes. The house was kept specially for Abt VI C 2 (RUSSL) by Gruppenleiter RAPP.

4. Remuneration of V-Persons and Agents

Remuneration for rendered services was either monetary or material, and the recipient was not required to sign for cash or goods received.

The Gruppenleiter was entitled to make payments up to RM 1000. from the Funds of the Gruppe, provided that he was satisfied with the reasons stated by the official making the application. In the application the real name of the recipient was not required.

The official making the application had to sign a receipt. For payments over RM 1000 an application on a printed form was necessary, stating reason, real and cover-name of the recipient. This form went to Amt VI and, when sanctioned, payment was made from Amt Funds, the official making the application having to sign a receipt.

Applications for cigarettes and spirits were submitted to the Gruppenleiter, who instructed his secretary to make the required issue against a receipt. In the last months it became the practice to draw the entire quota for the ensuing month by submitting a specified list, showing real or cover-names, and drawing against such supplies when necessary, signing for each individual withdrawal.

For the issue of articles in short supply (toilet requisites, suitcases, films etc) an application from the Abt via Gruppenleiter to Gruppe VI F was required. When Obstdt BÖNING, head of Gruppe VI F, had sanctioned the issue, the article in question was collected personally by the applicant from the stores of Gruppe VI F in Delbrück Str, BERLIN. All goods so received had to be signed for.

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5. List of Names of V- and I-Persons and Agents recruited after 1944

a) V-Persons, German

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Recruited by</u>	<u>Payment</u> (Cash or Kind)
<u>FÖRSTER, Richard</u>	Admiral a D, President of Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft, BERLIN Ahorn St; had contact with highest circles of Japanese Embassy.	Prisoner	Nil
<u>TRÖMEL</u>	Manager of Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft; had contact with members of Japanese Embassy.	"	Nil
<u>Frl HANNEMANN</u>	Secretary to TRÖMEL	"	Nil
<u>RICHTER, Dr Otto</u>	Manager of Ostasiatischer Verein, HAMBURG, also editor of Ostasiatische Rundschau; had contact with Japanese colony in HAMBURG.	KIRFEL	Nil
<u>Frl MEYER, Ala</u>	Russo-German, Secretary at Manchurian Legation, BERLIN; secured a basic code-book.	"	Kind
<u>Frl EBERHARDT</u>	Secretary at Manchurian Legation, BERLIN; Prisoner knows nothing of her, although her name was frequently mentioned by KIRFEL.	"	Kind
<u>Frl VOGEL</u>	Secretary to Mil Attaché at Japanese Embassy, BERLIN.	"	Kind
<u>Fr HERZFELD</u>	Arbeitswissenschaftliches Institut, BERLIN; submitted lengthy reports under cover-name of TOJA; was also V-person for another Gruppe of Amt VI.	"	Kind
<u>Frl von HOPFGARTEN</u>	Student at Auslandswissenschaftliche Fakultät of University BERLIN; had contact with Indo-Chinese colony.	LEO	Kind
<u>BRUNN, Dr Karl Otto</u>	Legationsrat and head of Politische Abt Ostasien at Foreign Office.	Prisoner	Nil
<u>SCHABBEL</u>	Merchant; OSHELM's adviser on German correspondence; was also V-man for Gruppe VI Kult.	KIRFEL	Kind

<u>MOSSDORF, Otto</u>	Maj a D, Sub-Editor of Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Section Ostasien.	Prisoner	Nil
<u>FANCK, Dr Arnold</u>	Film director, BERLIN-MANNSEE; produced the film "The Daughter of the SAMURAI" in JAPAN; had contacts with Japanese circles in BERLIN.	LEO	Kind
Ilona ?	Estonian; went to BAD G. STEIN in company of another German woman, both having been employed by other Abts of Gruppe C.	RAPP	?

b) I-Persons; German

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Recruited by</u>
<u>JAKOB, Dr</u>	Deputy of Dr BRAUN in Politische Abt Ostasien at Foreign Office; it never became known whether he was aware of the fact that Dr BRAUN passed infm to Abt VI C 4.	Prisoner
<u>LOHE</u>	Sdf and Lt (Navy) at OKW Dept Propaganda, Section Press.	"
<u>Fr LEPPICH, Edith</u>	Journalist, unmarried but preferred to be called "Frau"; once owned an antique shop in PEKING; had contact with Japanese circles in BERLIN.	"
<u>BRAUNE, Dr</u>	Head of Reichsstudentenführung Overseas Dept, BERLIN; had contact with Japanese students.	"
<u>COLLISS, Dr</u>	Deputy to BRAUNE	"
<u>von DIRCKSEN</u>	Former German Ambassador in TOKYO, MOSCOW and LONDON; was retired when RIBBENTROP took over Foreign Office.	"
<u>BRÜCHER, Dr</u>	OKW Feldwirtschaftsamt, BRESLAU, and member of Informationsausschuss Politische Abt Ostasien at Foreign Office	"

c) V-Persons, Foreign

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Recruited by</u>	<u>Payment</u> (Cash or Kind)
<u>NAKANISHI</u>	Former Curio Dealer in BERLIN; married to a German; performed odd jobs for Japanese Embassy; was connected with Japanese	Prisoner	Total of about RM 1500.-

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d) I-Persons, Foreign, personally known to Prisoner

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>OSHIMA</u>	Army Gen, Japanese Ambassador in BERLIN, very pro-German (known by Embassy staff as "PG OTTO"); his political outlook was much criticised by Japanese.
<u>KINOHARA</u>	Counsellor to Japanese Embassy, BERLIN; diplomat, opposed to OSHIMA's policy; remained behind with naval staff when Embassy was evacuated to BAD G. STEIN at beg Mar 45.
<u>KOMITSU</u>	Army Gen, Mil Attaché at Japanese Embassy, BERLIN.
<u>NISHI</u>	Lt Col, with Mil Attaché at Japanese Embassy, BERLIN.
<u>ENDO</u>	Lt Col, with Mil Attaché at Japanese Embassy, BERLIN.
<u>NAGAI, Alexander</u>	Commercial Attaché at Japanese Embassy in BERLIN (father Japanese, mother German).
<u>UCHIDA</u>	Legation Secretary or Counsellor at Japanese Embassy in BERLIN; confidant of OSHIMA; rumoured that he was head of Japanese IS in GERMANY.
<u>DEGUTCHI</u>	Reception Clerk and Porter at Japanese Embassy in BERLIN.
<u>IWAKURA, Dr</u>	Reader in Japanese at the Universities of HEIDELBERG and BERLIN; member of Imperial family.
<u>WAKAYAMA</u>	Reader in Japanese at the Universities of BONN, LEIPZIG and BERLIN; married a German.
<u>ARAKI</u>	Mining Engineer; HOHENLYCHEN nr BERLIN
<u>OGA, Dr</u>	Journalist; during war employed in Press Dept of the Japanese Embassy in BERLIN.
<u>KOMORI, Prof</u>	Embassy doctor in BERLIN; came to Germany on an instructional tour and was prevented from returning to JAPAN by the Russo-German war.

e) Agents, Foreign

Two Indo-Chinese (names not known to Prisoner) under NT instruction at H. VEL Institut, RSH. Although not active as agents, they received payments in cash and kind. They were recruited by KIRFEL.

6. V- and I-Persons and Agents recruited before 1945

a) V-Persons, German

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Recruited by</u>	<u>Payments</u> (cash or kind)
<u>ZÄHL, Karl</u>	Manager of Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft, predecessor of TRÖMEL; joined Army in 1939, first as SdF and later as tank offr; had good contacts in Japanese circles in BERLIN.	EIRAUCH	Nil

+ DONAT, Walter Prof Dr	Head of Ostasien Institute, Oranienburger Str, later evacuated to MERLENB.D. Auxiliary Referent in Kultur-politische Abt, at Foreign Office. Professor at Auslandswissenschaftliche Fakultät, University of BERLIN; member of Informationsausschuss of Politische Abt Ostasien at Foreign Office; prior to his return to Germany in 1940 head of Deutsch-Japanisches Kultur Institut, TOKYO.	WEIRAUCH	Nil
+ REICHEL Dr	Referent in Ostasien Institut	"	Nil
+ POPPE	Referent in Ostasien Institut; specialist in Mongolian and Tibetan languages.	"	Nil
+ DE JONG (?)	Referent in Ostasien Institut, specialist in Chinese and Malayan languages; Referent for DUTCH EAST INDIES.	"	Nil
+ JUERGENS	Manager of Ostasien Institut	"	Nil

(Note: Strictly speaking, persons marked + were not
V-men, as the Ostasien Institut was an organisation
of RSHL and came under Gruppe VI C.)

SCHÄFER, Dr Fritz Robert	Referent of Abt Ostasien in Press Dept of Propaganda Ministry,	LEO	Nil
HINDER	Architect; Referent of Abt Ostasien in Press Dept of Propaganda Ministry; lived 20-25 years in JAPAN.	"	Nil
Fr BUSCH	Russo-German, kept a boarding house, was known as "mother of all Indo-Chinese".	HEYER	Kind

b) I-Personen, German

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Recruited by</u>
TRITTEL, Prof Dr	Professor of South-East Asiatic Languages and Geography at Auslandswissenschaftliche Fakultät, University of BERLIN.	WEIRAUCH

PERNITZSCH, Prof Dr	as above for Chinese and Geography	"
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(Note: Although the Auslandswissenschaftliche
Fakultät of University of BERLIN had connections
with Gruppe VI Kult, TRITTEL and PERNITZSCH were
unaware of this relation.)

RAMMING, Prof Dr	Professor of Japanology at University of BERLIN, head of Japan Institut (Culture and Arts), BERLIN, Brücken Allee.	WEIRAUCH
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<u>Frl von SCHULTZ</u>	Secretary to RAEBING.	WEIRBUCH
<u>SCHLERSCHMIDT, Prof</u> Dr	Retired professor of Japanology at University of BERLIN.	"
<u>KOLB</u>	Former Legationsrat in TOKYO, predecessor of Dr K O BRUNN at Foreign Office; was Consul-General in GÖTEBORO from 1944.	
<u>KÜBBEL, Prof</u>	Scheintrat and Director of Prussian State Museums, BERLIN; professor at University of BERLIN.	LEO

c) I-Persons, Foreign

<u>SENZOKU</u>	Student who failed to complete his studies; performed odd duties at Japanese Embassy in BERLIN; had journalistic aspirations; married to a German.	LEO
<u>S.K.I</u>	Naval Constructional Engineer with Naval Attaché at Japanese Embassy BERLIN; considered to be the most cunning expert in economic espionage in GERMANY.	

d) Agents, Foreign

WHLN KOA, an Indo-Chinese, is the only person whom Prisoner considers as an agent, although he was quite unproductive. He never met him personally and his knowledge comes from HEYER and KIRFEL. WHLN KOA posed as the head of an anti-French Indo-Chinese movement which aspired to the political autonomy of INDO-CHINA. It had a Fascist character and almost all Indo-Chinese living in Germany were claimed by him to be adherents. In truth, as far as HEYER and KIRFEL could ascertain, his countrymen thought WHLN KOA to be a presumptuous dreamer. He was very pressing in his constant demands for cigarettes, spirits, food coupons etc and money, asserting that he had to maintain the necessary dignity of a future statesman of INDO-CHINA. These demands were made to VI C 4 and to the Foreign Office. KIRFEL made several attempts to use him, but all his efforts miscarried, as WHLN KOA had no contact with Japanese circles and the Indo-Chinese were on their guard. Ultimately all supplies to him were cut off by the Lt and Dr BRUNN was asked to accept responsibility for WHLN KOA.

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COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM THE FAR EAST

1. Prisoner was out of his depth when interrogated on the subject of sigs comms between GERMANY and the FAR EAST. He knows of only two channels:

a) The BELZIG WT Stn

It would appear that the BELZIG WT Stn which, according to Fw BRENNSCHEIDT, was a Foreign Office station, was shared by Amt VI because the RSHL station at the HAVEL Institut was not powerful enough for Far Eastern traffic. Hence, in the opinion of Prisoner, it is reasonable to assume that Foreign Office communications from NANKING and HSINKING came to the BELZIG WT stn via SHANGHAI, which was the main centre of activity of the Embassy in NANKING. He believes that between Foreign Office and TOKYO direct WT comm existed.

b) Telephone

MÜLLER, head of Amt IV, had weekly telephone conversations with MEISINGER, Police Attaché in TOKYO. This infm came from RAPP and the fact that for security reasons the talks were in Bavarian dialect, caused much amusement.

Japanese desirous of getting in touch with relatives in JAPAN by telephone had to go to the Japanese Embassy in BERLIN.

2. In Oct 44 no transport comms existed between GERMANY and the FAR EAST. The need for these was felt so strongly that plans for the operation of passenger and transport aircraft had been carefully prepared. According to Dr BRAUN the plans had to be dropped because GÖRING's attitude was totally unco-operative. GAF Gen KESSLER, who was to have been the first passenger, had to approach the OKM to get accommodation on a U-boat if transport by this means were resumed in the spring of 1945 as planned. About mid-Apr 45 a U-boat was made available and sailed, carrying Gen KESSLER, who was to become the new Air Attaché in TOKYO, an assistant to the Naval Attaché in TOKYO, and also MAHLFELD, a WT frequency technician and Radar expert from the RLM. The U-boat left, but before reaching NORWAY had suffered damage which necessitated the transfer of the passengers to another U-boat. This is said to have sailed from BERGEN, but it could not possibly have reached SINGAPORE before GERMANY capitulated.

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GIS ORGANISATION AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONALITIES

IN THE FAR EAST

1. Prisoner is uninformed about the organisation of the GIS in the FAR EAST. Basing his statements on the int material which Abt VI C 4 received from TOKYO and SHANGHAI, he maintains that apart from Ast SHANGHAI and the German diplomatic corps, no other organisation could have existed.
2. Without being able to give details, he thinks that, like Ast SHANGHAI, the diplomatic corps must have had its own network through consular and other official establishments as well as through V-men. Furthermore he expresses the opinion that the reason for the lack of an efficient int organisation lay in the general German attitude to the FAR EAST, which was always regarded as a Japanese sphere of influence. When this attitude underwent a change, as demonstrated by the projects of expansion, it was too late and the difficulties of comms could not be overcome.
3. Prisoner has given the following names of personalities in the FAR EAST who were possibly connected with int work:-
 - a) Embassy TOKYO

STÄHMER	Ambassador
WENNECKER	Naval Attaché
von GRONAU	Air Attaché (to have been replaced by Gen KESSLER)
von PETERSDORFF (?)	Military Attaché
MEISINGER	Police Attaché
von MARCHTHALER	Legationsrat
LUEDE-NEURATH	Legationssekretär
BOLTZE	Gesandter
TICHY	Gesandtschaftsrat (Economics)
SCHULZE	Propaganda Ministry
KRAFF, Franz	Attaché or Legationsrat
DÜCKHEIM-MONTMARTIN, Graf	Kulturpolit Assistent
WIRTZ, Dr med	Gesandtschaftsrat
NEMITZ	Stabsing with Air Attaché.
 - b) Embassy NANKING (Main centre of activity SHANGHAI and branch at PEKING)

WOERMANN	Ambassador, SHANGHAI
HUBER	Police Attaché, SHANGHAI
KLARE, Dr	Assistant to HUBER. SHANGHAI, formerly in HSINKING
von ALTENBURG	? PEKING.
 - c) Legation HSINKING

WAGNER	Gesandter
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 - d) Ast SHANGHAI

EISENDREHER (or EISENTRÄGER)	Korv Kap, head of Ast SHANGHAI
SCHENKE, Wolf	V-man, cover-name BORODIN, SHANGHAI
HEISSIG, Werner	V-man, SOUTH CHINA
LISSNER, IVAR	V-man, HINCHURLI
BÖKENKAMP	V-man, HINCHURLI

Lebenslauf.

Dr. Wilhelm Clausen

Geboren am 29. Oktober 1903 zu St. Tönis bei Krefeld. Nach Erhalt des Reifezeugnisses Studium der Geographie, Germanistik, Philosophie und der verwandten Fächer an den Universitäten Jena, Köln und Münster. 1927 Promotion zum Dr. phil., 1926/29 erstes und zweites wissenschaftliches Staatsexamen. Studienreisen nach Holland, Frankreich, Italien, Griechenland. 1931 als Assessor an die Deutsche Oberrealschule in Athen, Griechenland.

1932 als Lektor und Dozent an die Staatshochschule und an die Wirtschaftshochschule (Kotogakko und Kotoshogyogakko) in Yamaguchi, Japan. Dort tätig bis 1935. In den Semesterferien Studienreisen nach Nordchina und der Mandschurei. Auf der Rückreise 1935 Studienreise durch Britisch Indien.

1935 Rückkehr nach Deutschland. Übernahme einer Assistentenstelle am Philosophischen Seminar der Universität Jena. Vorbereitung auf die Habilitation. 1937 Habilitation, Erwerb des Dr. habil. und der Dozentur. Lehraufträge für Philosophie und Auslandskunde. 1942 Ernennung zum a.o. Professor.

1939 eingezogen zur Luftwaffe. Nach kurzer Ausbildung abkommandiert zum OKW, Wehrmachtseinsatz, Abt. WPR. Hier Analyse der Feindpropaganda und Bearbeitung der WPR-Fragen für Ostasien. 1941 als Mitglied einer akademischen Delegation (Erweiterung eines vorherigen Besuches japanischer Akademiker in Deutschland) zur Besuch der japanischen Hochschulen nach Japan entsandt. Hier durch drei Monate hindurch Reisen nach allen japanischen kaiserlichen und privaten Universitäten. Keinerlei politische Aufgaben. Nach drei Monaten Rückkehr nach Deutschland. Kurze IA-Stellung zur Vertretung eines gefallenen Referenten im Kultusministerium. Auf eigenen Wunsch wieder einberufen. Tätigkeit im OKW, Abt. WPR, bis Oktober 1944.

Im Oktober 1944 von OKW, WPR kommandiert zu OKW, Ausland/Abwehr, Abt. VI/Wil. Hier zunächst Referent für Ostasien, später (ab Januar 1945) Referatsleiter für Ostasien. Am 1. Mai - nach Auflösung der Dienststelle - kommandiert zur Informationsabteilung, Gruppe Ostasien, der Dönitzregierung. Nach Auflösung der Dönitzregierung interniert bis 1947.

Von 1947 - 48 Dolmetscher bei der Militärregierung, danach Eintritt in die Firma W. B. Düchting o.H. (Textilgrosshandlung), Düsseldorf. Vom 1.4.51 bis 31.11.51 Geschäftsführer der "Koordinationsstelle für Deutsche Getränke e.V."

München, den 7.11.51.

Ref.:

- Reichsleiter*
- 1/ Herr von Christoph Frh. v. Stauffenberg, Rastatt (Württemberg)
 - 2/ Herr Kurt Pring zu Löwenstein, Trossenbach (Württemberg) *Pring*
 - 3/ Herr Dr. Robert Dr. Otto Long, Bundeskanzleramt, Bonn

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Lebenslauf Dr. Wilhelm Classen

Geboren: am 28.10.03 zu St. Tönis b. Brefeld. Eltern: Kaufmann Wilhelm Classen und Ehefrau Henriette geb. Litschka, beide wohnhaft St. Tönis b. Brefeld.

Ausbildung: nach dem Abitur Studium der Geographie, Germanistik, Philosophie und verwandte Fächer. Universitäten Jena, Münster, Köln. 1927 Promotion zur Dr. phil. 1928/29 erstes und 2. wissenschaftliches Staatsexamen. Studienreisen nach Holland, Frankreich, Ägypten.

Tätigkeit: 1931 Assessor an der Deutschen Oberschule in Anson, 1932 als Lektor und Dozent an die Staatsnobenschule in Tsingtau (Japan). 1935 Rückkehr nach Deutschland. Assistent an Philosophischen Seminar der Universität Heidelberg. 1937 Erwerb des Dr. habil. und der Dozentur. Habilitationssache Philosophie. Dozent in der Philosophischen Fakultät. 1942 Ernennung zum a.o. Professor.

Kriegszeit: Eingezogen 1939 zur Luftwaffe, Kommandierung ins OKW, Wehrschaftsfernsstab, Abt. WPr. 1941 als Mitglied einer akademischen Delegation nach Japan, in Erwiderung eines Freundschaftsbesuches japanischer Akademiker in Deutschland. Dauer der Reise 3 Monate. Nach Rückkehr: OKW, War bis Oktober 1944. Von 1944 bis zur Kapitulation zu OKW, Abt. Ausland Abwehr, Amt VI/Bil des RSHA kommandiert. Hier zuerst Referent für Ostasien, zuletzt Referatsleiter. Nach der Kapitulation interniert bis 1947. Danach Dolmetscher bei der Engl. Militärregierung bis 1948. Eintritt in die Firma W. B. Duesting, Düsseldorf (Textilgroßhandel) als Teilhaber. Von 1.4.51 bis 31.11.51 Geschäftsführer der Koordinationsstelle für deutsche Getränke e.V.

München, 8.12.51

Dr. Classen

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1. Name CLASSEN, Dr. Wilhelm Aliases _____

2. Project KIMANLY

3. Proposed by (and date) 2426-CFRFG, 22 January 1952, [] PM 593

4. Position General secretary and manager for the Gesellschaft Fur Markende

6. Occupation Bus. Manag. wit' Deutsche Getrande

7. Date and place of birth 28 Oct. ¹⁹⁰³ in St. Tonis near Krefeld

8. Sex: Male _____ Female _____

9. Marital status: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____

10. Nationality German 11. Citizenship German

12. Present address Munchen

13. Previous address _____

14. Height _____ Weight _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____ Scars _____

15. Identity documents -

16. Case history _____

17. Comments _____

FIELD INVESTIGATION

	Initiated	Report
DAD	943-CFGKG	<u>IGDA-1323, 25/2/52 Report</u>
CIC	25 January 1952	Report
CID	25 January 1952	<u>NR</u>
EPCOM ID	_____	_____
IRO	_____	_____
Police and Neighborhood	_____	_____
Berlin Documents	_____	_____
MCOG Files	_____	_____
District Court Files	_____	_____

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RESULTS OF FIELD INVESTIGATION FORWARDED: 2789 CPGWU 7/3/52

Team Leader _____ H. O. _____

H. O. CLEARANCE REQUESTED 2426-CFRFG 22 January 1952

FULL CLEARANCE GRANTED _____

TEAM LEADER NOTIFIED _____

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1. C L A S S E M , Dr. Wilhelm
2. - -
3. 28 Oct in St. Tönis near Krefeld 1903
4. German
5. German
6. München
7. - -
8. male,
9. - -
10. - -
11. studied at the Universities of Jena, Köln and Münster in the fields of German philg., philosophy, geography, and rel.sub.-certif. of matur. 1927- promotion to Dr. of philosophy 1928-29 first and second tech. state exams
12. - - 1.4.51-to 31.11.51 with firm Deutsche Getränke" as bus.manag.
13. 1931 as assessor at the Deutsche Oberrealschule(sec.sch.) in Athens Greece; 1932 as faculty member at the state college and the college for economic affairs(Kotogakko and Kotoshogyogakko) in Yamaguchi, Japan. Was in this position until 1935 1935 returned to Germany-given an assistantship in philoso. at the University of Heidelberg 1937 aware of the Dr. habil. taught philosophy and know. of foreign countries. 1947-48 interpreter with military gov't. 1942 received professorship
14. from 1 April 51 to 31 Nov 51- Düsseldorf
15. a. Hans Christoph Freiherr v. Stauffenburg, Ribtiesen (Würtembg.)
b. Hubertus Prinz zu Löwenstein, Amorbach(Odenwald)
c. StateSec. Dr. Otto Lenz, at Bundeskanzleramt in Bonn
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25. - -
26. 1939 in German Air Force. After short training transferr. to OKW(German High Command) Section WPR(worked here as analyzer of enemy propaganda and east-asian questions. 1941 member of an academic delegation which was sent to visit japanese colleges. Sent three months visiting all royal and private universities. Had no political duties to fulfill. Again recalled to OKW Sect.WPR at own request. This lasted until Oct 1944. Then transferred to OKW Ausland/Abwehr (foreign counter. esp.) Amt VI/Mil. At first served here as rep. for East Asia, later(from Jan 1945) was rep. manag. for this section. From 1 May 1945(dissolution of group) transf. to Information Section, Group EastAsia, of the Dönitz Gov't. After dissolv. of Dönitz Gov't. interned until 1947.
27. - -
28. - -1932-1935 Japan; 1935 North China and Manchuria, 1941 Japan
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CONTACT REPORT

DATE OF REPORT: 7 January 52

Date of contact: 6 January

Approximate length: 2 1/2 Hrs

Present: Agent(s): RNSPLUNT

Case Officer(s): []

PROJECT: QKSNITCH

FILE: "

- (1) Agent submitted ___ written reports on (main subjects):
1. Final, corrected "schlussrechnung" for this project covering period from 1 December 1951 through 31 December 52. His figures are now in substantial agreement with ours; difference, at first glance, appears to be only 30 DM and, in fact, in our favor!
 2. Separate, regular accounting for December - data also included in schlussrechnung as noted above.
 3. Overt books of the Gesellschaft for Dec - these to be returned to him after inspection.
 4. Copies of receipts for all brochure costs during life of project - to substantiate his own figures on this matter.
- (2) Agent reported orally (summarize briefly; if detailed rept. necessary, submit on separate sheet and attach to this form:)
- (Add to above item - received from agent)
5. Special report, prepared at my request, on his impressions of way this project has been handled and his suggestions as to how it might have been improved.
 6. Returned financial work sheet data I had previously loaned him as aid in preparing his final accounts.

Agent reported:

1. Gesellschaft has not yet succeeded in finding a new source of funds to permit it to stay in operation. Bonn government definitely will not pick them up - neither Blank office nor Lenz. Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie has eyes on election campaign and money for the coalition parties...but none for the Gesellschaft.
2. Sole favorable prospect at the moment is not an encouraging one. RNSPLUNT says Gen. Felix Steiner has informed Vorstand that he has hopes of getting money for them from the "Gesellschaft fuer Neue Staatspolitik" of Ulm. I am not familiar with background of this organization, but RNSPLUNT says it is a nationalistic/rightist group, critical of Adenauer, and politically ambitious. It would like to beef itself up with "front generation" recruits and ex-officers and, if possible, get into the Federal elections, perhaps by temporarily associating some of its people with the Deutsche Partei. If it thus gets any of its people into the Bundestag, idea would be to later have these split off from DP to form nucleus of a new radical rightist party - all this according to RNSPLUNT. He said that Steiner may very well be talking thru his hat (as he has often done) and that nothing may come of this. But if it should develop, SPLUNT said both he and Von Kleist would immediately quit the Gesellschaft - they want nothing to do with the Staats Politik group. I got the impression that others of the Vorstand probably...(See notes sectio

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(3) Case Officer instructed Agent:

1. Since I was unable to draw the 6,915 DM needed to terminate this project at this meeting, as scheduled, I was forced to tell him that his termination salary for 3 months, plus that of the office secty. and the funds for terminating office rent contract would not be ready until January ~~16th~~ 16th: thus another meeting should be held on that date.
2. Told him I had done my best to see if he could fit into other work with us but that fact he is rather generally known or suspected of having had American contact made another assignment regrettably impossible. He took this very well, said he understood and "you are quite right" and thanked me for trying on his behalf.

(4) Case Officer gave Agent (payments, written instructions, forms, materials of any sort):

Nothing - except volume 5. of Churchill memoirs to complete set given him as Christmas present.

(5) Special remarks (including additional observations about Agent's person, security, etc.):

(6) Next meeting (date, hour, place -- if out of town): 16 January at Mannheim.

(7) NOTES: (Agent's comments - continued)

.....would go along simply as a means of keeping Gesellschaft in existence. (Shades of past history!)

NOTES

1. I cannot help but feel that Steiner is probably exaggerating his ability to raise enough money from Staatspolitik organization to keep the GfW active as an organization. Such a development as outlined above would be deplorable, but we are in no position now to do anything about it. My personal feeling is that the GfW will fold up completely within next month or two.
2. Final GfW brochure X on "Wehrkundliche Folgerungen aus dem Schicksal der Satellitenstaaten" was distributed between 16 Dec. and 24 December. (I will forward sample copies after final meeting).

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REQUEST FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE

Name: CLASSEN, Dr. Wilhelm

Date: 14 J 52

Precedence: (check one)

TOP PRIORITY
(Very urgent)

Priority

Routine

CASE OFFICER!

Note before filling out this form:

- a) be as specific as possible in the information you give
- b) demand a priority only if you have strong reasons for it
- c) check the agent's questionnaire carefully at the time you receive it and demand clarifications or additional information right then and there; this will save much work and time later
- d) whenever the questionnaire concerns a sub-agent, have his superior fill out a form EMPFEHLUNG (in one copy only) and attach that form herewith
- e) strike out all words which don't apply in the case. Where the form mentions several alternatives, check the correct one.

To: Agent Control Officer

Attached are submitted

(Number of copies)

Form XX ("Bewerbung")

Form "Empfehlung" (filled out by subject's superior or sponsor)

Photographs

Lebenslauf

1. Subject has been personally introduced to me by

was recommended to me by [redacted]

who has known him personally

who does not know him, but to whom subject was recommended by [redacted]

2. Subject is to be employed in Project KEMANLY

and manager
as (give specific job description): General secretary (for the) schaft für

Wehrkunde

in (city or area of operations): HEINRICH-DUBALY

Handwritten notes:
held
clearance
[unclear]

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8. Subject will be

_____ in direct touch with Case Officer _____
and/or staff members _____

x _____ will not be in touch with any staff member, but be supervised by
_____ whose position in said project is
_____ the cut-cut and chief-agent in the FJSTROKE phase.

(Specify for instance: Agent-in-Charge, Leader of District A,
Manager of plant N, etc.)

9. If no full operational clearance is required, explain: Subject will not be in
touch with any one from this office - the clearance is merely to be on the
safe side in case of a future special assignment.

10. Additional remarks and recommendations (including justification for any priority
handling): Request for approval of the sub-project has been prepared
we want to be sure that there will be no objections to subject
being in a sensitive position.

(Case Officer's Signature) _____

NOTE: Agent Control Officer will submit this form, as well as the original Form XX and
the EMPFEHLUNG filled out by subject's superior, to the Chief of Station, when
the memo requesting clearance is ready for signature. Afterward, this form, the
Empfehlung and the original FRAGEBOGEN will be part of the agent's file (left side).

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DISPATCH SYMBOL NO. 593

2426- FTSB

22 January 1952

TO : Request for Clearance

TO : Chief, ZAN-TUS
Washington, D. C.

FROM: Station Chief, DTRAFID

ATTN: Security Officer

ATTN: []

1. It is requested that operational clearance be granted on subject, as identified in enclosure A, for project KRAMER.
2. 3 copies of an English translation of subject's replies to questions contained in Form XX are forwarded under separate cover as enclosure A.
3. It is contemplated that subject will be employed as general secretary and manager for the Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde in Munich. Subject was recommended by [] to whom subject was in turn recommended by [] Subject is qualified for this assignment by past experience and training, as indicated by points 12 and 13 of subject's questionnaire, and also by past military experience, as indicated by point 26 of subject's questionnaire. Subject is motivated by the fact that, as a well-informed individual (see points 17 and 26), subject is well aware of the danger of TROTSKY aggression and would like to use his background and experience to prepare for this danger.
4. Since the Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde is an overt organization, no special cover problems arise. Nevertheless, subject's prominent position in this organization warrants an operational clearance. Subject will not be in direct contact with a staff member but will be supervised by [] the cut-out and chief agent in the TROTSKY phase of the project. Subject will be a full-time, paid employee.
5. DTRAFID is concurrently conducting a field investigation, results of which will be forwarded directly to you by DTRAFID upon completion.
6. It will be appreciated, however, if you will proceed with your investigation for granting operational clearance on the basis of the information contained herewith.

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1 Enclosure: SEPARATE COVER

A - English translation of Form XX

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TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 20 February 1952

FROM : Chief of Station, Frankfurt 4/21

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Dr. Wilhelm CLASSIFIED

Ref: 943-CPW

1. Frankfurt files contain OSD's Preliminary Investigation Report 150, dated 22 June 1946, and Final Report 85, dated 27 July 1946, of Subject. Paragraph 26 of your questionnaire contains a brief review of these documents. However, if more detailed information is desired, we suggest you send a representative to review the documents.

2. There are no obvious traces on Hans Christoph. Probert von STALFORD.

3. For information concerning Dr. Otto LEWZ, we refer you to OSD-CPW, dated 13 December 1951, in response to which OSD-LEWZ, dated 26 January 1952, was sent.

4. Frankfurt files contain no further identifiable traces on individuals mentioned in referenced memorandum.

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TO: OD/OP/SEC

DATE 28 Feb. 1952

FROM: EE-3

SUBJECT: CLASSEN, Dr. Wilhelm

1. Covert Clearance, for use as outlined below, is requested for subject, on whom available information is submitted separately.

Op. Clearance Security Clearance Op. Support Sp. Inquiry

2. Use of subject: (State in detail the scope and nature of activities to be performed, their duration, the area involved, project involved, etc.)

Subject will be employed as general secretary and manager for the Gesellschaft fur Wehrkunde in Munich. KEMANLY

3. "Cover" story suggested for investigation: Governmental Commercial
 Other None

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4. Limits, if any, to investigation:
No CIA or government interest to be shown.

5. Is subject aware that an investigation is in process?

Yes No

6. Is subject aware of CIA interest?

Yes No

7. Has subject been briefed on "Cover" story?

Yes No

8. Has subject established "cover" for investigation with probable contacts?

Yes No

9. Is Prov. Operational Clearance necessary?

Yes No

If so set out DETAILED JUSTIFICATION in separate memo.

Yes No

10. Investigation to be Routine Expedite. Must be completed by: 28 May 1952.

11. Remarks:

Field investigation results will be forwarded when received.

1 Ditto Master

2 cc Form XX

CASE OFFICER

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SECURITY OFFICER

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1. Field request for clearance:

2426 CRRFB 12 Date Rec: 27 Feb

2. Field receipt:

2426 CRRFB Date Rec: 21 Feb

29 Feb 52

3. Clearance request:

Open Date: 29 Feb 52

4. Field official clearance:

File: _____ Visa: _____

5. Field request for clearance:

Date: _____ Resu: _____

6. Results of field investigation:

No 2759 CFCWN Date: 7 March Date Rec: 14 Mar Date Forwarded: 28 Mar

7. Clearance request: ~~23 May '50~~ 23 May '50

8. Field notification:

Date: 27 May via: cable

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CLASSEN, Dr. Wilhelm

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NAME: CLASSEN, Dr. Wilhelm

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 28 October 1903 in St. Tonis near Krefeld

CITIZENSHIP: German

PRESENT RESIDENCE: Munchen

MARITAL STATUS: No information

EDUCATION: Studied at the Universities of Jena, Koln, and Munster in the fields of German Philg., Philosophy, Geography, and rel. sub.-certificate of Matur. 1927- Promotion to Dr. Of Philosophy 1928-29 first and second tech. state exams

PRESENT OCCUPATION: 1.4.51- to 31.11.51 with firm Deutsche Getranke as bus. manager

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: None

MILITARY SERVICE: 1939 in German Air Force. After a short training transfer to OKW (German High Command) section WPR (worked here as analyzer of enemy propaganda and east-asian questions. 1941, member of an academic delegation which was sent to visit Japanese colleges. Sent three months visiting all royal and private universities. Had no political duties to fulfill. Again recalled to OKW Sec. WPR at own request. This lasted until Oct. 1944. Then transferred to OKW Ausland/Abwehr (foreign counter esp.) Amt VI/Hil. At first served here as rep. for East Asia, later (from Jan 1945) was rep. manag. for this section. From 1 May 1945 (dissolution of group) transferred to Information Section, Group East Asia, of the Donitz Gov't. After dissolution of the Donitz Gov't. interned until 1947.

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2789 CFWU

SUBJECT : Results of Field Investigation - Identity 1 of 2426-CFRFG

TO : Chief, DYCLIP
Washington, D. C.

INFO : Station Chief, QKFENCE
Frankfurt, Germany

Att: []

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1. The following files have been checked on Subject with results as stated:

- (a) ^{cic} DYMACLE - Report forwarded under separate cover
- (b) ^{ci} DTELDER TPETUDE - No record
- (c) ^{os} DYCLEAN - Report forwarded under separate cover

2. It is the opinion of this office that the DYMACLE report verifies the information contained in Point 13 and 26 of Subject's Form XX. Several omissions on the Form XX with regard to the DYMACLE report can be explained in the same way as the DYCLEAN report.

3. This completes Subject's field investigation. We hold no objection to Subject's clearance.

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1 Enclosure
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1 copy of Report for QKFENCE

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Report for 2789 CFGWU, dated 7 March 1952

CIC Report

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One Doctor Wilhelm CLASSEN, no identifying data, is listed as being connected with the DU and DG in August 1950. (Source: Information card, dated 28 August 1950. Evaluation: B-3)

OSO Report

[If this office reviewed the files on Subject at OSO headquarters. The documents consist of CSDIC Preliminary Interrogation Report 150, dated 22 June 1946 and final report 85, dated 27 July 1946, of Subject. These reports were checked with our Form XX and the following discrepancies were noted:

In the CSDIC report Subject stated that in 1938 he joined the LN Regt. 12 at Frankfurt/M and served with this unit on the "Westwall" in 1939-40. On the Form XX, Subject stated that he joined the German Air Force in 1939 and after a short training period transferred to OKW (German High Command) as an analyst of enemy propaganda and East-Asian questions.

On both forms, subject related his academic mission to Japan in 1941 but on the CSDIC he states that he was transferred back to Germany and called up as a Gefr. (corporal) with the LN Regt LC 3 at Deauville, France; on the Form XX this duty is not mentioned. That he closed out his wartime service in an abwehr unit (ABT VI C4) and served with the Donity government is noted on both forms. His various capacities however are shaded in the CSDIC to show insignificance and in the Form XX to show responsibility. These differences are interpreted as signs of the Times (1946 - 1952). The subject realizes the change of position and is reviewing his wartime German activities accordingly.

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28 March 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: OD/OP/SEC

SUBJECT : CLASSEN, Dr. Wilhelm

1. Field investigation results have been received on subject.
2. A check of CID files revealed no record. CIC and OSO reports are forwarded under separate cover.

G. D.
Chief, EE-3

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The files of the State Department were re-examined on 30 April 1952 at the suggestion of the FBI that they had information relating to our Subject.

The files of the Security, Foreign Correlation, and Visa Divisions were searched with negative results. The files of DC/R contained a letter from the U.S. Political Adviser of Germany, Frankfurt, 29 March 1946 to the Department, transmitting a detailed report by one Dr. Wilhelm -----, University of Heidelberg, received from a British source regarding the Far Eastern questions and dealing with relevant material gathered about Japanese personalities by German observation and experience. The report contained very detailed information regarding Ambassador Oshima and his staff. Dr. ----- further advised that if British authorities--in particular the Far Eastern Department of Secret Service--wished to open up a new information section embracing Far Eastern questions he would suggest collaboration with following persons owing to their specialist knowledge and their experience in making intelligence reports:

Legationsrat Dr. K. O. Braum, formerly in charge Far Eastern
Department of Foreign Office
Herr Karl Zahl, former general, Secretary to German-Jap
Society in Berlin
Herr Joern Leo, former RSHA referent on Jap question

Report of 23 September 1943 from Lisbon, Portugal recommended that the name of one Wilhelm -----, Avenida Palace Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal be deleted from Proclaimed list of Blocked Nationals inasmuch as he had returned to Germany shortly after his specification and had not since returned to Portugal.

The files contained no further information in the name of the Subject.

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Chief of Station, Frankfurt

6 May 1952

Chief, Bonn Liaison Office

Operational

Erich Gustav JANKKE

REF: WCHA-070 (copy)

Pepsi-cola hit the spot!

1. About six weeks ago during my last meeting with [redacted] of MI-5, I asked him if he could tell me something about JANKKE. I explained to him that on several occasions JANKKE had requested a NICO employee (Miss E. M. Kotschin) to introduce him to some American intelligence officials to whom he could make some rather interesting disclosures. [redacted] admitted that he was familiar with JANKKE's case, when he considered an intelligence peddler involved in all sorts of shady deals. For example, the German Soft Drink Association gave JANKKE some of their trade secrets as a basis for his investigation of the trade secrets of American soft drinks. JANKKE sold the German secrets to the Coca-Cola representative in Düsseldorf for 10,000 DM, and the German Soft Drink Association is now considering the advisability of suing JANKKE for breach of confidence.

2. About two weeks after my talk with [redacted] I learned that JANKKE had been arrested by the British. Knowing our interest in the case, the British liaison officer this morning brought me the attached extract of their interrogation report. He was careful to explain that the report contained only items that would be of interest to us, and should we want additional details we should get in touch with [redacted] in Wiesbaden, who is handling the case. If you wish to send a representative to talk to [redacted] I shall be glad to arrange an appointment with him.

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No. 2420

OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE

TO: Chief, EE-3

Operational Clearance is granted for the use of CLASSEN, Dr. Wilhelm.

Limitations: To be used as stated in EE-3 memo dtd. 28 Feb '52. This clearance is based upon a ~~(cover investigation)~~ check of (non-derogatory) ~~(negative)~~ files available to headquarters and (non-derogatory) results ~~(negative)~~ of field traces. It should be borne in mind that this clearance is in no way to be construed as a guarantee of subject's bona fides, but merely reflects that disqualifying derogatory information was not developed during the course of the inquiry outlined above. The extent of headquarters checking and the basis for this clearance should be conveyed to the field station concerned.

STAFF C/SPB
JWA/mh

Date 23 May 1952 ✓

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SUBJECT : Operational Clearances

TO : Station Chief, QRFMOB
Frankfurt, Germany

Att: []
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Operational clearance has been granted the following personalities
per WAMNG 13260, dated 30 May 1952:

Dr. Wilhelm GLASBEIN - KUMMELY ✓

August MILLER - []

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15 July 1952

SUBJECT: Status Report - 2d Quarter 1952 - CONFIDENTIAL

1. RES-LURP has continued to handle the affairs of CUSPITCH in an admirable manner. He is most conscientious and meticulous in the work performed.

2. He has kept us abreast of all the intricacies of [] and can be considered to be classed as a top-level agent.

3. His address in Munich is:

Königinstrasse-73b

he has no private telephone but can be reached during working hours at the GFW Munich 48 00 48.

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Chief, CIS Att: []
Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

Operational

Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde

Reference - EGSA-141

1. On 30 September 1952, you queried this office concerning our interest in the Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde and its business manager, Dr. Wilhelm Claassen.

2. By EGSA-2500, 15 Oct 1952, an answer was forwarded to you. It was also requested that you inform us concerning the stimulus for CIC's interest and investigation of Subject organization.

3. It is requested that this information be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

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By: MBP Date: 9/15/06

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INTERNAL ROUTE SLIP

EUROPEAN COMMAND

EGSA-141

FILE NO: D-312655

SUBJECT: Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde (GfW)

DATE: 30 September 1952

(Number each memo or minute consecutively. Fill in each column, signed legibly draw a line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.)

No.	From	Page to	Date	HAS THIS PAPER BEEN COORDINATED WITH ALL CONCERNED?
1.	Esq 66th CID Det	DAD LO	30 Sep 1952	1. It is requested that this headquarters be advised whether or not <u>EEU</u> is in any manner sponsoring the Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde (GfW) or the activities of its business manager, <u>Prof. Wilhelm GIESSEN</u> .

2. In this regard, it is again requested that this headquarters be advised if Ernst HUBERMAN, FRANKFURT/Main, Carl von Dinnendorffstrasse 2, telephone FRANKFURT 53069, is associated with any agency represented by your office.

3. If the above named organization and personalities are known to these agencies, continued investigative action will be taken to determine their connections and expose their present propaganda and intelligence activities.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

T.G. Kuczyński Capt
for
ROBERT L. MALONEY
Major, TD
Chief, Operations Section

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SECURITY EVALUATION

Agent's Name : Dr. Wilhelm Classen

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1. The field investigation conducted on Classen revealed that an OSO dossier was maintained on him. This dossier contained a CSDIC preliminary, dated 22 June 1946, and final interrogation report, dated 27 July 1946, on Classen. The information regarding Classen's military service given in the CSDIC reports varies with the information given in Classen's PMS. The information given in the CSDIC report is shaded to show insignificance, whereas the information given in the PMS (re Classen's military career) is shaded to show responsibility.
2. This office received a request from CIC, dated 30 September 1952, regarding the Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde and its business manager Classen. CIC requested that they be advised whether or not DDM is in any manner sponsoring the Gesellschaft and the activities of Classen. CIC also requested information regarding one [] Our CIC liaison representative was instructed by [] on 15 October 1952 to inform CIC that this Mission has supported the Gesellschaft through contact with Classen, and that the name [] is an alias used in the past by a German Mission staff officer. [] also requested all information available to CIC regarding the stimulus for their interest and investigation of the Gesellschaft so that appropriate action could be taken in terms of our relations with this group. To the knowledge of this office no reply has as yet been received from CIC regarding our request.
3. This office wishes to point out that Classen was granted operational clearance upon information contained in QKSMITCH's original request for clearance indicating that Classen would not be in direct contact with a staff officer, but that he would be supervised by Damerlau, chief agent with the Soldaten Zeitung. This office had not been advised that Classen was in direct contact with a staff officer. Nevertheless, on the basis of the information available (preceeding receipt of the CIC request outlined in paragraph 2 above), this office would have held no objection to staff officer contact with Classen. In fact, we would have agreed that Classen's activities should be separated from Damerlau's control (although one of the objectives of this action has apparently not been accomplished as is evidenced by the statement in the case officer's assessment that Classen is aware of Soldaten Zeitung activities to the point of knowing when our support with the Zeitung will be terminated).
4. This office will continue to consider Classen's security status "questionable" until receipt from CIC information as to why they initiated investigation on Classen and the Gesellschaft (which might indicate how CIC was able to obtain the alias and address of our staff officer). We also wish to point out that ZIMMER is apparently well enough represented within the Gesellschaft to have obtained as much information as CIC regarding our staff officer.

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Henry, Here is the info from COM on
RNSPLUNT. [] sends us the
following message: "This project has been
terminated. We request however, that Fran
Hqs be informed in advance if you contemplate
using subject at any time in the future."
Incidentally, CIC has requested that I query
ZIPPER regarding the Gesellschaft für Wehr-
kunde. What do you suppose they have in mind,
and what should I tell them? I know nothing
about the current status of this organization
and would appreciate your advice.

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- a. Name : CLASSEN, Dr. Wilhelm
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- b. Date & Place of Birth : 28 Oct. 1903 in St. Tonis near Krefeld
- c. Address : Munchen
- d. Present Nationality : German
- e. Occupation : General secretary and manager for the Gesellschaft fur
Wehrkunde
- f. Identity Documents: -

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g. Doctor Wilhelm CLASSEN, may possibly be identical with one Doctor Wilhelm CLASSEN, approximately 49 years old, no place of birth listed; former professor at the University of HEIDELBERG; who joined the Auslandsorganisation of the NSDAP in 1934, while residing in Japan. CLASSEN's career from 1942 to 1946, is as follows: 1942 - Drafted into the Intercept COY of LN Regiment LCS, LTRAUVILLE, France. 1942-October 1944 - Transferred to the OKW Department Army Propaganda, Section Far East. October 1944 - April 1945 - Transferred to RSHA Amt Mil, and assigned to Abt VI C4. CLASSEN was considered to be an expert on Japanese affairs. (Source: Interrogation Report, BAOR, dated 27 July 1946. Unevaluated)

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One Doctor Wilhelm CLASSEN, no identifying data, is listed as being connected with the DU and IG in August 1960. (Source: Information card, dated 28 August 1950. Evaluation: B-3)

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Chief, CLS
Chief of Mission, Frankfurt
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Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde
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1. You may inform CIC pursuant to reference request that this Mission has supported subject organization. In this connection contact has been maintained with its business manager, (Professor) Wilhelm CLASSEN.
2. We have also determined, and you may so inform, CIC, that the subject of paragraph 2 of reference dispatch is an alias used in the past by a staff officer of this Mission.
3. In passing this information to CIC, it is requested that you query the appropriate offices concerning the stimulus for their interest and investigation of subject organization. We would appreciate having all information available to CIC as a result of their efforts in order that we may take whatever action seems necessary in terms of our relations with this group.
4. Please keep us advised.

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SUBJECT: RNSPIANT; Status Report for Third Quarter, 1952

1. Throughout the Third quarter of this year, RNSPIANT has continued his efficient work as a high-level agent. His management of KREITON has been shaped by our interests and wishes and his handling of the organization has been at all times discreet and conscientious.

2. His usual frank relationship with us on all matters has not changed. He has continued to furnish us detailed reports on all important matters of his organization and has sought our advice and guidance on all major matters of Kessel's staff policy and program. Where our views have conflicted with his own, he has accepted the course laid down by us. His honesty was successfully tested in the matter of a WIPER report which he passed on to us.

3. RNSPIANT's address in Munich is: Königsstrasse 73a. He has no private telephone but can be reached during working hours at the Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde, Lamontstrasse 21. Tel. 48 00 48.

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Chief of Base, QXFENCE

12 November 1952

Chief of Base, Pullach

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Name Trace Reply on Vollrath von HELLERMANN, et al

Reference: EGZA-279

1. POB/US files have been checked with the following results:

a. Felix STEINER. Felix Martin STEINER, born 23 May 1896 in Stallupoenen East Prussia is not a ZIPPER connection. Subject is a former Lieutenant General in the SS, he served as commander of the Viking Division. Since the war he was active in the formation of an officers group "for possible disposition within the German army". STEINER maintains contact with one Guenther REINECKE, who is a ZIPPER special connection. HGLA-3101 of 22 August 1950 gives ZIPPER's evaluation of STEINER, as "a bad character". HGLA-6613 of 23 May 1951 contains a report of SMERKER in which he again advises the Americans to keep away from STEINER. A carded entry in our files, source unknown, date about 1948, states that it is believed that STEINER was connected with Dr. Willi HOETTL and working for an unidentified American Intelligence Agency. HGLA-653 contains information on STEINER's present activities in Munich.

b. Eberhard Graf von NOSTITZ. Eberhard Artur Graf von NOSTITZ, aka Eberhard Graf von NOSTIZ, aka Erich NOLTE, born on 15 February 1906, living at Oberalterallee 80a, Hamburg 20, Germany, bears ZIPPER agent number V 12 899 and is also carded as a ZIPPER "Special Connection". A TIB report of February 1948 states that NOSTITZ is an active member of ZIPPER. The attachment to MORA-23686, a list allegedly written by UTILITY for Bundespraesident HEUSS, gives an appraisal of Graf von NOSTITZ;

" A younger general staff officer who is not without ambition. With warm heart and cool head, he is progressively inclined. Under strict supervision he would perform well. Suited as assistant in command or organization field."

c. Detloff von KALBEN. HGLA-653 lists one von KALBEN, fm as being BDS leader in Munich. Another entry in our card files, source unknown, lists von KALBEN, fnu, as being one of STEINER's men. There is no indication that von KALBEN is connected with ZIPPER.

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d. Ewald Heinrich von KLEIST. POB files indicate that Ewald Heinrich von KLEIST, born 10 July 1922 lives on Voitstrasse Munich. MGKA-28696 states that Ewald Heinrich von KLEIST, formerly, was a sub-agent of an intelligence net sponsored by G-2 USSET. There is no indication that Ewald Heinrich von KLEIST is a ZIPPERite; however, Hans Ewald von KLEIST, born 13 October 1904 is a ZIPPER staff member. We are unable to make any positive connection between the two.

e. Prinz Eurchard von PREUSSEN. POB files list one Prinz Oskar von PREUSSEN as having been issued an "E" identity card on 2 March 1951. Although we do not know why the card was issued, or even if it is the same person; the issuance of an evacuation card by ZIPPER definitely denotes an interest. We have no other information on von PREUSSEN in POB files.

f. Joachim RUOFF. In addition to the information on Joachim (Jochem) RUOFF contained in MGKA-35545, attachment to MGLA-9512, and MGLA-10843, the following information on-subject might be of present interest. Joachim RUOFF, former SS colonel, has recently moved from the Gasthaus "Garibaldi", Starnberg-Niederpoecking to Munich, Hildegardstrasse 22. He is a member of the "Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde". He is an advisor to Felix STEINER and financial backer of the BBS. He is not connected with ZIPPER, but does maintain contact with Dr. Rolf ROEDER and DIERBAU, Frau, who have connections to ZIPPER and to Joachim OSTER.

g. Dr. RIEDWEG, (Franz). A memo for record in POB files discusses a trip made by UTILITY to Switzerland in April 1949. While there he was asked by ULRICH of the Swiss Federal Police to furnish all information he might have on Dr. Franz RIEDWEG, former Swiss doctor, at that time in KONSTANZ. There is no other information in POB files.

h. Prof. Dr. Wilhelm CLASSEN. The only information on Dr. Prof. CLASSEN, other than the negative traces forwarded by telephone to DYCLAVIER (February 1952) on Prof. Dr. CLASSEN, born 28 October 1903, is that Dr. Prof. CLASSEN, residing in Duesseldorf, am Rempfort, is active in the "Deutschen Aktion" and the "Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde."

2. There are no traces on Vollrath von HELLERMANN or F. J. Ritter Hentschel von GILGENHILMB in POB/US files.

3. If a ZIPPER check is desired please indicate and at the same time please forward any personal data available to aid us in making positive identifications.

Approved:

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CONTACT REPORT

PROJECT: QKSNITCH

FILE: "

Date of contact: 28 Nov. 52 (Wiesbaden) Approximate length: 3 hrs.

Present: Agent(s): RNSPLUNT

Case Officer (s): SUSSET Sch

(1) Agent submitted _____ written reports on (main subjects):

1. Gesellschaft account for November. 2. Copies of issue #13 of Wehrkunde. 3. Report on Bundestag EVG Ausschuss proceedings. 4. Copy of report on developments in Egypt from Gesellschaft member in Cairo. 5. Special report, prepared at my request, accounting for all QKSNITCH expenditures from inception of project through Nov. 1952.

(2) Agent reported orally (summarize briefly; if detailed rept. necessary, submit on separate sheet and attach to this form):

1. Negative results in Gesellschaft contact with Blank Office to obtain new sponsorship.
2. Asked if local sections could be kept alive thru January - at no additional expense to us - in hope that new sponsor can be found by then.
3. Reported in detail on other details of project liquidation. (FURTHER DETAILS BELOW)
4. Declared he has no compromising material of any kind from us remaining in his possession; said he immediately destroyed all briefs, etc. when EDJ flap broke in press. (Gave me assurance to him that we had nothing to do with it!)

(3) Case Officer instructed Agent:

1. To complete his report reviewing & commenting on all project operations to date.
2. Authorized completion of two brochures now in final stages of preparation; these will be out & distributed by Dec. 15 at latest. Refused authorization for 2 others already started.

(4) Case Officer gave agent (payments, written instructions, forms, materials of any sort):

1. 13,900 DM to cover "regular" December expenses, plus re-print commitments already completed. (We also reviewed close-out requirements - see below)

(5) Special remarks (including additional observations about Agent's person, security, etc.): He has no idea what his personal job future will be after project close-out; since he is assured of his salary (1550 DM per month) thru March 52, he has not yet attempted to solve this problem.

(6) Next meeting (date, hour, place -- if out of town): 1600 hours on 16 December at Mannheim - Bahnhof.

(7) NOTES:

1. The Gesellschaft Vorstand has now been told by RNSPLUNT that "contributions" are drying up and the organization will have to close on December 31 unless ~~new~~ new sources of income can be found. This announcement naturally has upset the Vorstand members and has caused them to seek other sponsors. (Actually, RNSPLUNT says they all realize that they have been US-supported.) They are bitter over this development and RNSPLUNT ~~was~~ emphasized to them the need for discretion in any public comments. He feels, however, that there is always the danger that Gen. Felix Steiner or one of the others might talk too much. Von Hellermann, von Kleist and one or two others approached the Blank Office in a body to seek financial assistance, giving the same story as noted above. However, General Heusinger, whom they visited, said the Blank Office had no funds with which to help them and left them with the impression - without saying so - that he knew they had been held up by the Americans and was enjoying their present discomfiture. The Vorstand delegates then asked him to put in a "good word" for them with State Secretary Lenz; Heusinger blandly said he would. RNSPLUNT has meanwhile written to Lenz, who is a personal friend, asking for an appointment; this letter has not yet been answered.

2. Several of the ~~the~~ Gesellschaft local sections have been notified by mail that the size of contributions do not permit continuance of the organization much longer and it has been suggested that the sections locally seek to increase their membership with persons in a position to give them some financial help - even to drawing in people who are not strictly ex-officers. Three of the sections ~~xxx~~ so addressed have been able to successfully do this. The others are either not informed or are hoping that Gesellschaft headquarters will find a means to keep them going.

3. RNSPLUNT in November cut the section subsidies in half and will do so again in December, thereby ~~xxxx~~ creating a "pool" of 1,600 DM from subsidy funds already in hand. He asked permission to allot this to the local sections for January use - thereby keeping them in existence through January instead of forcing them to close down on December 31. I did not immediately agree to this, but told him that I thought it could be done provided that there appeared to be a fair chance of the Gesellschaft finding a sponsor by the time we meet again on December 10th. In any case, if the sections are kept intact for the month of January, there will be no additional cost to us. The organization's publication "Wehrkunde" will cease in December; all other paid-for activities will also stop by 31 December. Present membership size: 112 sections throughout the country with slightly over 2,000 members.

4. With the payment of 13,900 DM at this meeting, all "regular" Gesellschaft expenses are covered through December 31. Residual obligations which are presently known or anticipated are the following:

16,460 DM.....Cost of 2 brochures in regular Gesellschaft series, previously obligated and due to be completed & distributed by Dec. 15. This sum includes: 14,000 for printing 20,000 copies of each brochure, plus 560 DM for clichés & other production costs, 400 DM for distribution expenses and 1,500 DM due on obligated writers' fees including fee for one brochure which will not be completed.

4,650 DM.....RNSPLUNT's salary for January, February, March.

1,140 DM.....Three months salary for same period for office secretary, according to German law. She receives 380 DM per month.

190 DM.....Xmas gratification for secretary; a moral obligation ~~xxx~~ under German custom.

1,025 DM.....Rent contract thru March. This is in conflict with earlier information that contract only ran thru February; I will check up on this. In any case, it may be reduced to one month's rent if Gesellschaft finds new tenants; landlord. Monthly rent is 375 DM.

23,465 DM ... Remaining expenses (anticipated).

5. We discussed past use of Stifterverband cover. Money paid into Stifterverband was then paid by check to Gesellschaft as a "contribution". This was handled by Nord, director of Stifterverband, who is aware ~~xxxxxxx~~ that Americans were behind the Gesellschaft. This due to early indiscretions of Gen. Steiner in project's early days - as, indeed, is the same realization by virtually, if not all, members of the Vorstand. No tax problems for Gesellschaft since it was not legally registered owing to lack of formal HICOG approval. Thus, no corporate taxes had to be paid and no complications with tax authorities. They have not looked at Gesellschaft books...nor will they. I asked RNSPLUNT to turn over to me all formal Gesellschaft books at close of our relationship. He agreed. However, this is not really necessary and would be inadvisable if Gesellschaft succeeds in finding new sponsor - they will then need to retain books for subsequent tax purposes after registration. As soon as treaties go into effect, there would no longer be any obstacle to registration.

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CONTACT REPORT

Date of contact: _____

Present: _____

(1) Agent submitted _____

1. _____
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(2) Agent reported orally _____ on separate sheet and attached _____

See notes below and _____ news that our support of _____

He asked permission to read _____ very successful. No copies left. _____

Announced that in response _____ resign as 2nd chairman of the _____ member until expiration of his term. _____ (Ironical that this should come _____ end of our relationship.)

_____ Officer instructed Agents _____

_____ asked for return of Sept. accounting records which had been returned to him _____ of correction of minor error.

_____ informed him that because of forthcoming treaties, we feel it best to _____ continue our support of the Gesellschaft as of December 31, 1952, hoping, _____ of course, that they can find some way to _____ continue on their own.

_____ Blashed him to give us detailed report and critique on our past work together.

_____ Officer gave agent (payments, writer instructions, forms, materials of _____ any sort).

_____ Copy of press clipping concerning the Gesellschaft.

_____ Copy of Stain article on economic foundations of Socialism.

_____ Chronik der Woche

(5) Special remarks (including additional observations about Agent's person, security, etc.):

I told SPLUNT we intended to pay him his full salary through March 1953; i.e. for 3 months after the project cut-off date. He was very grateful since his own future is now in doubt. Instead of a lump sum payment, he suggested it be paid each month so that he could continue to meet with him concerning the _____ on developments after January 1.

(6) Next meeting (date, hour, place -- if out of town): Friday, 28 November, Wiesbaden railroad station, 12000

(7) NOTES: RNSPLUNT's reaction to news of the cut-off was pretty much as expected; he was obviously very much disappointed - but agreeable and resigned to our way of thinking. He had, in fact, expected such a development and was not taken completely by surprise. He said he will make every possible effort to find new support _____ for the Gesellschaft, but feels there is very little hope. None of their own people has enough money. The Bonn government; and the Blank office in particular, suspects them of having been American-supported, he said, although completely without evidence of such support. For this reason, he feels they are "abgestemmt", slightly tinged as collaborators - a phrase which he showed a trace of bitterness. He explained this by saying that _____ collaborators _____ to _____ or appreciate _____

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they have been living on the Marshall Plan and other forms. Could ever since the war and that without that help they would have long ago starved or become Communist.

As for support from business or industry circles, he did not feel prospects were very good. In other words, he said, have people together a large sum of money to be shared by the government parties in the forthcoming election campaign, starting January 1, (largest part of this is to be DM) and he felt that this was enough to spoil the Gesellschaft's chances of getting help.

He will, however, do what he can to find an angel. His initial efforts will be made at Bonn and he will undoubtedly consult with State Secretary Bonn who is a friend of his.

I stressed to SPLUNT that there were two main considerations in mind: (1) to close out our financial support as cleanly as possible with no loose ends or obligations and (2) to preserve the security of our past relationship.

With regard to the first of these points: the Gesellschaft will function through December; we have several brochures in various stages of editorial preparation, of which two ~~brochures have already been completed~~ can be completed in December. I told him to go ahead with these since we are already obligated for the 500 DM author's fees. However, they must be out by December 31. The Gesellschaft rent contract runs through February 1958 and we may have to pay 750 DM to cover the January-February period unless SPLUNT can have the contract cancelled by agreement with the owner - which he will attempt to do. There are no other outstanding obligations and no physical property to be reclaimed with the possible exception of a desk and two typewriters.

I told him that if the Gesellschaft did find a sponsor and stayed in business, I felt we could write off the typewriters and desk and they could keep them. However, if the office closes, we would want the typewriters back. The desk he could sell - and give us the money.

We have no obligations at the de Bouche printing plant - this plant was given 5,000 DM in the early days of the project to expand its space and general facilities - no physical equipment is involved.

As for security, SPLUNT said he would immediately destroy the duplicate lists which he has kept of all material sent to us (accounts, reports, etc.). I told him he must either destroy or turn back to me all remaining briefs and other papers for us.

The theoretical possibilities of any flap-like repercussions to the end of QXSNITCH lie, I believe, in one or both of the following:

a. Loose talk by Gen Felix Steiner (I have faith in SPLUNT's discretion) or by one of the other Vorstand people who are aware of US support to QXSNITCH. Much to my surprise, SPLUNT, in answer to a query, told me that [] had met not only Steiner but also von Kleist, von Gilgenheim and Riedweg in the early organizational days of the project - before SPLUNT himself came into the picture. These are all aware of US support. I will make every effort to ensure their silence and it is certainly not in their own interest to talk.

b. Solicitation of the Gesellschaft's demise by their prospective rivals. The latter will certainly be jubilant to see QXSNITCH fold up and we must expect that they take advantage of it - possibly by claiming that QXSNITCH was artificially kept up by the Americans and suggesting that it should be withdrawn. They might even try to wear the Gesellschaft as a new sort of propaganda organization. This is only speculation, of course, and I am not at all sure, in any case, to have to risk this development if we are to close our shop.

One more point - SPLUNT spoke warmly of his relationship with us during the past year and the smoothness which characterized our cooperation. He will prepare a detailed report on the whole business, as I requested. He also said quite frankly that if the Gesellschaft does find a way to keep going - even with Bonn support - he personally would be quite willing to continue to give us complete information on their activities. I passed this off without a definite reply - but it may be worth remembering and taking advantage of, depending, of course, on circumstances including the future activities of both the Gesellschaft and SPLUNT himself.

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REPORT REPORT

PROJECT: QKSNITCH

DATE OF REPORT: 17 December 1952

FILE: #

Date of contact: 16 December 1952

Approximate length: 2 1/2

Present Agent(s): RNSPLUNT

Case Officer(s): []

(1) Agent submitted written reports on (main subjects):

1. Copies of Gesellschaft brochure #9 "Kalter Krieg - Angriff und Abwehr" which has already been distributed. The final one - #10 - is still in the works owing to the recent printing strike. It will be out and distributed before the middle of next week.
2. Cover mock-ups for brochure #10; I selected one I thought best.

(2) Agent reported orally (summarize briefly; if detailed repts. necessary, submit on separate sheet and attach to this form.)

1. Von Hellermann and von Kleist had an appointment with von dem Basse of the Federal Chancellery (Lens office) to seek government backing for Gesellschaft. They were not successful and there is now no hope that Bonn will keep the organization going. According to RNSPLUNT, the Chancellery spokesman made it quite clear to them that the government was aware they had been American supported but did not actually know by whom or by what means.
2. The Gesellschaft is now getting some nibbles from the Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie - but the possibilities are still cloudy and uncertain. RNSPLUNT says its a question of how much assistance the Gesellschaft could be to the coalition parties in the forthcoming election - and what role the Gesellschaft could play, if any. It would be difficult for them to support any one party because of (a) their previous basic rule against involvement with any single party and (b) their mixed political complexion; some members being CDU, others FDP and some DP.
3. That no new Gesellschaft sections have been formally organized, although 35 have been ready for some time and merely awaiting official recognition from Gesellschaft headquarters. RNSPLUNT has called a halt to various trips by Vorstand members to the sections; Bombeck for example wanted to visit Hamburg, Bremen and other North German chapters; his request for travel authorization was refused. (I told him this was quite correct.)

Did they say anything or did they just let it drop?

() It was not discussed

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(3) Case Officer instructed Agent:

1. That our next meeting - scheduled for January 6 - would be the last and that I would bring his severance salary for 3 months at that time, plus the same for the office secretary.
2. Told him to carefully review his own schlussrechnung figures in the light of the financial worksheet I gave him and to account for discrepancies noted. If his figures cannot be made to match our own, I will bring Doug to the next meeting so that the two can go over the monthly figures.
3. Told him that unfortunately we could make no financial settlement for Harnisch, von Hellermann and von Kleist as we have done for him and the office secty. Explained that we could not consider them as salaried employees since their names had never been submitted for that purpose. He agreed we had no obligation to them; said von Kleist could probably get his old job back and he could help Harnisch get a job with the Munich power company. As for von Hellermann, who receives a small pension, RNSPLUNT said he intended to assist him out of his own pocket for a short time.

(4) Case Officer gave Agent (payments, written instructions, forms, materials of any sort):

1. 16,650 DM (190 DM of this to pay for secretary's Xmas bonus, rest to cover final brochure costs.)
2. Some financial data from our side to assist him in making up his final accounts.

(5) Special remarks (including additional observations about Agent's person, security, etc.)

(6) Next meeting (date, hour, place -- if out of town): 6 January 1953 - Stuttgart
1200 hours - Bahnhof.

(7) NOTES:

1. For first time, RNSPLUNT hinted clearly that he would like to be employed by us in some capacity in the future. He went about this rather shyly, but his interest was evident and unmistakable. I did not encourage him - merely said that I would investigate and see if we had anything that would fit him, adding that at the same time he must realize that a good number of people, both in Munich and Bonn, appear to know or to strongly suspect that his organization was American-supported, a fact that would naturally limit his future use. He said he realized this and quite understood our viewpoint. I do not believe he is counting on anything further from us.

2. Final payments due at next meeting:

4,650	DM	- RNSPLUNT salary 3 mo.
1,140	DM	- Secty salary 3 mo.
1,125	DM	- rent contract termination
6,915	DM	- Total

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TRUE NAME: Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Classen AGE: 49 ADDRESS: Koniginstrasse 73a,
Munich, Germany
PROJECT: WKENITCH (Gesellschaft fur Wehrkunde; overt ex-officers' group.)

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REMARKS	
SALARY	1,550 DM per month.

IN PROJECT: Chief Agent; Installed by us as business manager of the Gesellschaft, he has directed its growth and shaped its policies, publications and activities according to OPC instructions.

CLEARANCE STATUS: Full operational clearance granted by WASWG 43260, dated 30 May 1952

RELATIONSHIP WITH AGENCY: The Gesellschaft fur Wehrkunde, a purely OPC creation, was founded a year ago when [] then in charge of the Soldaten Zeitung project, developed with his contacts the idea of organizing an overt, non-political study group, primarily composed of former senior German officers interested in the broader aspects of German defense. In full awareness of the nationalist-tinged tendencies of its potential membership, it was decided to restrict membership to those ex-officers and others who were willing to openly promise to oppose political extremism of both Right and Left, to work constructively for the democratic association of West Germany with the Western Allies and who were willing to accept as respected comrades those former officers who participated in the 1944 plot to overthrow the Hitler regime. The Gesellschaft was founded on the basis of these points and acceptance of them has remained a requirement for membership. Through the creation of local branches and sections, through discussion meetings and publications, the Gesellschaft was to stimulate West German feeling in favor of the Contractual Agreements and the European Defense Treaties.

Dr. Classen was recommended for the position of Gesellschaft business manager by Helmut Damerau, publisher of the Soldaten Zeitung. Damerau did not personally know Classen; the latter had been recommended to him by ex-General Felix Steiner. Classen was induced to resign from his position as business manager of a large German soft drink concern in Duesseldorf and was brought to Munich. He has since been in regular contact with a REFUGEE case officer and has shaped his management of the Gesellschaft (it now has over 100 local sections throughout West Germany and more than 2,000 members) according to our wishes and interests. Where his personal views or policies have conflicted with ours, he has accepted the course laid down by us.

ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER ELEMENTS: He has no working connection with other projects. However, he is aware of our support of the Soldaten Zeitung and from the beginning has had considerable contact with Damerau, [] It is clear that the two have discussed mutual problems relating to U.S. support - Classen, for example, knows from Damerau that we are terminating support of the Soldaten Zeitung by the end of January 1953.

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PERSONAL INTEGRITY: Dr. Classen's honesty has been tested in many ways. He has precisely accounted for all Gesellschaft activities and each month has turned over for case officer inspection the complete financial records of the organization, including bank statements, receipted bills, etc. He has regularly presented almost verbatim transcripts of Gesellschaft board meetings as well as copies of office correspondence and original activity reports turned in on a monthly basis by local Gesellschaft chapters. In addition, OKFENCE has maintained (via SIS) a full mail and telephone intercept control over the Gesellschaft without producing evidence that

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CHARACTER: Again, the writer's short personal relationship with the agent is a limiting factor in a full consideration of his character. Dr. Classen is a scholarly, somewhat quiet and unobtrusive man of obviously high intelligence and education. His standard of living (the writer has seen his quarters) appears to be moderately comfortable and certainly not out of line with his income. His extensive library, dating from professorial days, shows an academic interest in political science and geopolitics and includes a large selection of standard American works on the subject. (His English is excellent.) From all appearances, he is devoted to his wife and children and leads a quiet family life. No known excesses. Intercepts of his office correspondence show a fairly wide - and innocuous - acquaintanceship with influential persons in many walks of life but no close or suspect relationships. State Secretary Lonz in the office of Chancellor Adenauer is a personal friend, though probably not a close one. His relationship with the writer, as well as with the previous case officer, has been marked by an open-minded, frank and friendly cooperativeness. He has willingly done everything asked of him, including the recent distasteful task (which was embarrassing to him) of forcing General Felix Steiner to withdraw from active participation in Gesellschaft affairs because of his obnoxious SS background and frequent indiscretions which made his persona non grata to OPC. Ironically, this long-desired step was completed during the same week that the decision was taken to terminate support of this project.

LAST CORRESPONDENCE ON SUBJECT FROM CASE: 2426-CFRMG, dated 22 January 1952. A detailed dispatch on project-termination plans with Dr. Classen's reactions to this development has been completed but not yet forwarded.

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Munich, Germany

PROJECT: QRENITON (Gesellschaft fur Wehrkunde; overt ex-officers' group.)

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SALARY: 1,550 DM per month.

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Dr. Classen has in any way attempted to deceive us. Classen once turned in an intelligence report on pro-Communist veterans' organizations which the case officer recognized as a ZIPPER product. When casually asked later for the source of his information, Classen without hesitation said it had come from ZIPPER via a member of the Gesellschaft board who has close ties with that group.

CHARACTER: Again, the writer's short personal relationship with the agent is a limiting factor in a full consideration of his character. Dr. Classen is a scholarly, somewhat quiet and unobtrusive man of obviously high intelligence and education. His standard of living (the writer has seen his quarters) appears to be moderately comfortable and certainly not out of line with his income. His extensive library, dating from professorial days, shows an academic interest in political science and geopolitics and includes a large selection of standard American works on the subject. (His English is excellent.) From all appearances, he is devoted to his wife and children and leads a quiet family life. No known excesses. Intercepts of his office correspondence show a fairly wide - and innocuous - acquaintanceship with influential persons in many walks of life but no close or suspect relationships. State Secretary Lenz in the office of Chancellor Adenauer is a personal friend, though probably not a close one. His relationship with the writer, as well as with the previous case officer, has been marked by an open-minded, frank and friendly co-operation. He has willingly done everything asked of him, including the recent distasteful task (which was embarrassing to him) of forcing General Felix Steiner to withdraw from active participation in Gesellschaft affairs because of his obnoxious SS background and frequent indiscretions which made him persona non grata to OGC. Ironically, this long-desired step was completed during the same week that the decision was taken to terminate support of this project.

LAST CORRESPONDENCE ON SUBJECT FROM WASS: 2426-CERF3, dated 22 January 1952. A detailed dispatch on project termination plans with Dr. Classen's reactions to this development has been completed but not yet forwarded.

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Dr. Wilhelm G. GLESSER of project QKSNITCH has been dropped without prejudice. QKSNITCH has been closed out. There are no plans at the moment for contacting Glessen in the future.

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30 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: STC/SPB
SUBJECT : Clearance Cancellation

Dr. Wilhelm CLASSEN

1. This Division wishes to cancel the operational clearance granted subject under project KMMANLY.
2. This clearance is being cancelled ~~with~~ (without) prejudice.
3. Remarks:

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Chief, EE/PP/G

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DATE 3 April 1953

MEMORANDUM: CHIEF, EE/PP/G
ATTENTION []
FROM : FI/STC/SPB
SUBJECT : CLASSEN, DR. Wilhelm

1. Reference your memorandum dated 30 March 1953.

2. This is to advise that the Operational
Clearance issued ~~FOR~~ Subject dated 23 May 1952
is hereby cancelled.


CHIEF 

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SPECIFIC— QMSITCH Final Termination Report

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I. Introduction

1. The following items are attached as Annexes to this report:
 - a. Quitclaim signed by Principal Agent (Annex "A");
 - b. Principal Agent's summary on history, structure and purely overt activities of the Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde. (in German only -- Annex "B");
 - c. Principal agent's final critique on operational problems and internal difficulties encountered in this project. (in German with English translation -- Annex "C");
 - d. Financial summary sheet, showing sums paid into this project and list of accountings received from principal agent (Annex "D").

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2. The report which follows is not as detailed as the writer would wish, particularly with respect to the project's organizational development period. This is due to the fact that the undersigned took over as Case Officer in October 1952 and began termination proceedings with the principal agent after less than three weeks of normal operation. Thus, there are unavoidable gaps in both comment and analysis. These are perhaps best filled by reference to the principal agent's critique which discusses internal problems and situations with which the writer, unfortunately, does not have first-hand experience.

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3. QMSITCH refers to the Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde (Society for the Study of Military Science), an overtly functioning association of former German officers of all military branches, many of them high ranking. At time of termination, the Gesellschaft had grown to slightly more than 100 local branches or sections throughout West Germany, with a membership of approximately 2,000. Permanent headquarters were maintained in Munich. Principal Agent for the project was (Dr.) Wilhelm Glassen, former professor of psychology at Heidelberg University, recognized specialist on Far Eastern affairs, and one time member of the Wehrmacht. Through his position as business manager of the Gesellschaft, and membership on its Board of Directors, Glassen was in complete charge of Gesellschaft policy, operations and finance. This was possible since the Gesellschaft was a complete HUGCP creation; Glassen

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was brought into the picture to run the operation under our control, and his role was aided to by the leading personalities of the Gesellschaft, including its elderly and more or less figurehead chairman, former Major General Volkmar von Hollmann.

II. Project Origin

4. Although the Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde was formally organized on 5 January 1952, its roots go back to the previous year when G.D.M.F. was engaged in developmental activities under HINLEY, the master project covering veterans' affairs. There were at that time a bewildering array of budding veterans' organizations. To win them over to Western interests and exploit their psychological warfare potential, it was decided to establish a newspaper for veterans which would serve as an operational springboard toward influence and control over the veterans' movement in general, regardless of which of the several organizations rose to the top in the struggle for pre-eminence. This newspaper was Die Deutsche Soldaten Zeitung (DSZ) and G.D.M.F. control over it was formalized in HAWKIN sub-project WFFG/TH/CH/AG/AG. The Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde, in a sense, was an outgrowth of HAWKIN since the idea for such an ex-officers' association apparently developed from discussions held between Case Officer C

5. G.D.M.F. chief agent Helmut Demerau and other Germans then connected with the newspaper, including former SS General Felix Steiner.

6. These discussions gave birth to a plan (said by Classen to be the brainchild of Felix Steiner) to organize an ex-officers' group capable of commanding respect and influence throughout West Germany and which, at the same time, could serve under HUGGIN control and supervision as a cold war asset against both Communism and neo-Fascist influences in Western Germany. Included in the basic aim was the rallying of support in former German military circles for German participation in the defense of Western Europe.

7. On recommendation of Demerau, Dr. Classen was induced to resign a responsible position with a soft-drink firm in the Ruhr area and come to Munich to serve -- under HUGGIN control -- as organizer, administrator and policy head of the Gesellschaft. A small permanent office was set up in Munich in late 1951, staffed by Classen and a secretary, and the work of the organization began. As already noted, the Gesellschaft formally took shape in January 1952.

III. Operational Development.

8. In the recruiting of members and formation of sections in various parts of the Federal Republic, the Gesellschaft, on HUGGIN instructions, imposed the following rules of membership eligibility:

a. Loyalty to Western ideals and the concept of integrated European defense. Rejection of neutralism.

b. Rejection of neo-Fascism and neo-Nazism and groups sponsoring these or similar philosophies -- particularly the ultra-rightist and now outlawed DFP.

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c. Rejection of Communism and opposition to its front organizations and activities; and

d. Acceptance of the July 1944 bomb plot against Hitler as a justifiable and honorable act.

8. Structurally, the Gesellschaft was headed by its Executive Board under the nominal chairmanship of von Kellermann. Deputy chairman was Felix Steiner, whose tainted SS background, fuzzy political ideas and pushing, bumptious temperament partially contributed to the organization's demise as a WEGGON project. Although not personally popular with his colleagues (Classen explains this well in his critique), Steiner, by virtue of his alleged role as foster father of the Gesellschaft, and by his aggressive personality, entrenched himself in the organization's leadership circle. The Gesellschaft also had a Beirat, or Advisory Council, headed by ex-General Hasso von Manteuffel, but this group had only honorary functions and no significant voice in Gesellschaft policy matters. Various specialized Gesellschaft committees (Arbeitsausschüsse) were also set up, each dealing with research and preparation of special papers and studies on technical military matters. Among these committees were those on Military Training and Education, Defense Propaganda (headed by Dr. Classen), Youth and Defense, Military Law, Military Organization, Military Medicine, Armored Troops and Warfare, Partisan Warfare, etc. One objective of the committees, in addition to indoctrination and instruction of section members, was to lay the groundwork for potential future usefulness in research and basic staff work on behalf of the embryo "defense ministry" (known as the Blank Office) at Bonn, charged by the Federal Government with organizing German participation in Western military affairs.

9. Pages 4 and 5 of Annex A contain a list of local Gesellschaft sections formally established or in process of organization by 10 December, 1952. There totalled 107 sections in every part of the Federal Republic. Each contained a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 members.

IV. Operational Control.

10. As soon as Dr. Classen appeared on the scene in late 1951 and assumed the function of principal agent, contact between Case Officer [] and the Gesellschaft was, with rare exception, maintained through him alone. A potentially complicating factor was Meyer's simultaneous role as case officer for HTFULFILL/QUEMAGAG which put him in the difficult position of handling two "cross-fertilized" organizations. Although the control line in one case was to Dameran and in the other to Classen, nevertheless it was inevitable and unavoidable that "informed" personnel of each organization kept in touch with each other, compared notes and generally contributed to a basically unsound situation from a clandestine operational viewpoint.

11. It is necessary to mention here that the origin of the Gesellschaft (as an offshoot, in a sense, of HTFULFILL/QUEMAGAG) and the circumstances of its founding, resulted in at least 27 persons connected with QUEMAGAG and/or the Gesellschaft being aware of American support of the latter. (Classen

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lists this number in his critique -- Annex C, page 3). The focal point of the trouble in this respect was General Steiner, whose notoriously wagging tongue was impervious to all warnings from [] and Dr. Classen alike. Steiner is constitutionally incapable of keeping his mouth shut, particularly since the Gesellschaft was more or less his own idea and this weakness remains a permanent source of potential KUGOMI embarrassment.

12. Mechanisms by which the Gesellschaft implemented KUGOMI policies -- the psychological warfare line was laid down by Whybrow to Classen and faithfully followed by the latter -- were personally managed by Classen and included the following:

a. The internal information bulletin *Wahrlande*, published bi-monthly and distributed to all sections and members as well as to a number of selected outside organizations. This was a house organ of 20 pages in which Classen, Editor Joachim Ruoff and other designated writers discussed topical military matters with heavy stress on U.S. and KUGOMI objectives; German integration with the Western World; an active military contribution; resistance to Communist pressure and policies, etc. The publication was intended -- and used -- as a formalized set of briefing notes for the guidance of section leaders. Its subject matter provided themes for subsequent local rallies and discussion meetings.

b. Public meetings, conducted under local Gesellschaft auspices in many cities, often with speakers directly assigned by the central office in Munich. Dr. Classen reports that as of 12 December 1952 (immediately preceding termination of KUGOMI support), a total of 87 public rallies of this kind had been held, with attendance ranging from 40 to 350 persons. This is not a bad record considering that the Gesellschaft's basic appeal is to a narrowly specialized and professional audience. Of these 87 meetings, 66 were devoted directly to promotion of German support for the European Defence Treaty, 12 to questions of military training, and 9 to lectures on civilian defense against atomic warfare. Not included in these figures are the literally hundreds of local Gesellschaft discussion evenings to which non-members were invited and debate stimulated on the European Defence Treaty issue.

c. The brochure program. This involved the publication, in series, of attractively designed booklets, usually 50-60 pages in length, on a variety of Cold War themes, including "Yes or No to the Defence Treaty", "The USA in the Eyes of a Soldier" (written by ex-General Blumtritt), "Armament in the Soviet Orbit", "The Spirit and Structure of the Red Army", "Europe Can Do It", "Attack and Defense in the Cold War", and "The Road to Satellite Status". Nine such brochures were issued by the Gesellschaft during its year of KUGOMI support. The press run of each varied from 5,000 to 40,000 copies. Altogether 212,000 copies were published and distributed in the regular series, with several thousand reprints necessary to meet demand in the case of at least two of the brochures. For the most part, strict KUGOMI editorial control was maintained over this publication program. The subject matter of each brochure was discussed in advance between Whybrow and Dr. Classen, manuscripts were generally submitted for review and modification (frequent changes were made at CADQJR direction), and extensive use was made of source material

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provided by CADOUR to the Gesellschaft. Distribution of the brochures was made through the local sections and by friendly organizations such as the Bund Europäische Jugend and the Bund Deutscher Jugend, and copies were sent to all higher schools and universities in the Federal Republic, libraries, state headquarters of the coalition political parties, etc. Favorable newspaper review and congratulatory letters received by the Gesellschaft from several offices of the Federal Government, the coalition political parties, other veterans' organizations, youth groups, schools and universities, and from private organizations and individuals gave ample testimonial to the effectiveness of this phase of the Gesellschaft program.

V. Financial Support and Introduction of Funds.

13. The total cost to KUGOWN of this project from start to finish was DM 240,858.-- . Annex D itemizes by date and amount the record of advances made and accountings received from the principal agent. The individual accountings, accompanied by receipts and certificates as appropriate, have been submitted to the Mission Finance Office. With the data still available to him, the undersigned can give only an approximate functional breakdown of overall project costs. Exclusive of termination salary payments, approximately 150,000 DM were spent for support of "regular" Gesellschaft operations; 70,000 DM for authors' fees, and brochure printing and distribution costs; and 14,000 DM for two special Gesellschaft conventions which brought together delegates from various points in West Germany.

14. To camouflage introduction of KUGOWN funds, which were the sole source of Gesellschaft income, an arrangement was set up by the principal agent and [] which provided for the deposit of these funds with the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft (Foundation for the Advancement of German Science), located in Essen. The money was re-transmitted monthly from the Stifterverband as a "contribution" into the Munich bank account of the Gesellschaft. Occasionally, a portion of the KUGOWN funds were deposited by [] into a Hannover bank account maintained by another agent controlled by him. A check for this sum from the Hannover account would then be sent to the Stifterverband. For the most part, however, funds were passed directly from Whybrow to Classen and deposited by the latter with the Stifterverband. The fact that the Gesellschaft received its support from American sources was known to the Stifterverband director with whom the arrangement had been made early in the project's existence. This indiscretion has been attributed to General Steiner.

15. It is interesting to note from recent mail intercepts maintained on the Gesellschaft, that it has been successful in obtaining some degree of covert financial support from the Blank Office of the Federal Government subsequent to termination of our support, and that the transfer of funds from the new sponsor is apparently still being handled in the same way through the Stifterverband.

VI. Termination of KUGOWNI Support

16. The decision to terminate support of the Gesellschaft was made in November 1952 as a result of the overall policy change in German operations which, among other things, required a somewhat precipitous withdrawal from the entire field of veterans' affairs. The undersigned, who had replaced [] as Case Officer barely three weeks before, communicated the decision to Classen and termination proceedings immediately got under way. Details of this close-out phase have been fully reported in contact reports transmitted to the Home Office. However, a few aspects are perhaps worth mentioning.

17. The termination came as a stunning surprise to the Gesellschaft and the proffered explanation that we were pulling out because ratification of the European Defense Treaty was approaching and we considered the basic promotional job to have been largely completed, plus the fact that virtually complete German sovereignty was also imminent, was greeted with some skepticism and bitterness by members of the Gesellschaft Executive Board, if not by the principal agent. All members of this Board, as previously indicated, were aware of the past American support. They were also quick to find out, through the "cross fertilization" mentioned earlier, that we were abandoning HTFULFIL/QKNAGNAG.

18. Immediately a scramble started to secure new sponsorship if possible. Exploratory contacts were made at Bonn and elsewhere. To nobody's surprise, it became obvious that the Federal Government was in no hurry to take over the Gesellschaft and was convinced - without proof - that the ex-officers' group had been financed by some American agency. It was thus treated as "tainted" to some degree, although there was no question of disagreement with the Gesellschaft's record of public achievement. However, the Government's greatest reluctance to adopting the Gesellschaft centered around the person of General Felix Steiner, who apparently was as persona non grata to Bonn as he had been to KUGOWNI. After some negotiating, Steiner's complete removal from the scene was made a condition for possible support by the Blank Office.

19. Steiner, meanwhile, appeared to entertain personal political ambitions (there was talk that he intended to run for the Bundestag if he could deliver the SS and other veterans' vote to the Deutsche Partei), and threw himself into the effort to line up a new sponsor. It is known that shortly after our termination was completed, he succeeded in promoting a small "loan" from a dubious Rightist organization, the Gesellschaft für Neue Staatspolitik (Society for a New National Policy) of Ulm. Shortly, however, the Executive Board of the ex-officers' Gesellschaft, faced with the alternative of closing down completely, overcame past reluctance (based on outmoded concepts of officer corps mutual protection regardless of personal feeling), and politely ejected the former SS General from the organization. The Gesellschaft, according to monitored reports, was then taken under the financial wing of the Blank Office, to what degree is not known. ZIPPER is also reported to have had some support under consideration.

20. CADOUR termination with the principal agent was amicable in every respect. The undersigned's final contact with Classen was on 17 January 1953. Classen was given a three months' salary payment and a quitclaim to sign. Although Classen obviously wanted to continue in KUGOWN employ elsewhere, it was not felt advisable to retain him because of the wide circle of people aware of his relationship to "the Americans". Classen himself recognized the validity of this point of view -- in his own words, he was "abgestempelt", or marked as an American "collaborator". So far as is known, he has remained with the Gesellschaft under its new sponsorship.

VII. Concluding Comments

21. It would appear from the record that project QKSNITCH was worthwhile and soundly conceived from a policy standpoint, if one considers the German political climate at the time of its origin. As a KUGOWN asset, it accomplished undeniably valuable work. The fact that the Communists found it necessary to create a counterpart rival - the front organization Führungsring ehemaliger Soldaten (Leadership Circle of Former Soldiers) - and to establish an anti-West, neutralist military publication to match the Gesellschaft's Wehrkunde and its brochure program, is indicative of the Gesellschaft's success in solidifying the basically pro-Western orientation of most West German ex-officers. Other contributory factors were at work to create a pro-Western majority among the ex-officers; the Gesellschaft, however, provided an organizational rallying point and a program which would have been otherwise absent.

22. There were undeniable weaknesses in the operational development of QKSNITCH. These are illustrated by the very presence of General Steiner and other SS personalities in the organization, to say nothing of Steiner's unfortunate qualities which, from all evidence available to the undersigned, led to the widespread circle of "informed" persons within the Gesellschaft and on the outside as well. It is indeed fortunate that this widespread knowledge of American support did not lead to a blow-up while the project was alive. It is difficult to blame the founding Case Officer for this unhealthy situation. QKSNITCH was developed under great pressure for speedy action in the veterans' field, and the assignment should probably never have been given to a Case Officer already involved in a parallel project with inevitable cross ties. Also, to the writer's personal knowledge, the original Case Officer was so heavily committed to other operational burdens (he handled at least five other projects of considerable complexity) that it was remarkable he was able to supervise the Gesellschaft as well as he did. And there can be little doubt but that General Steiner was the biggest thorn in the side of this project. Without him, many of the evident weaknesses would not have appeared. Those which are not related to Steiner's presence are well covered in the principal agent's critique attached to this report, and with which the undersigned is in general agreement.

Approved: []

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to EGZA-946

17 January 1953

Dear Mr. Frl.

I hereby confirm that neither I nor my former fellow workers have any further claims on you whatsoever. I have carried the termination completely in conformity with applicable federal legislation governing notice of dismissal, final payments, insurance, tax obligations, etc., and the facts are a matter of record.

For my part, I have turned over to you all materials, i.e., accounts reports, inventory and moneys which belong to you, so that in good conscience and to the best of my knowledge I have no further material obligations to you. There are no files, charts, books or other material or things which in any way disclose our now terminated activity remaining in my possession.

I also renew my obligation to preserve full and complete secrecy concerning my collaboration with you, concerning you yourself, the work accomplished during our relationship, and all methods, materials and matters connected with this activity.

J.W. Clamen

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über die

"Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde"

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I. GRÜNDUNG

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Die Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde (GfW) wurde am 5. Januar 1952 in München gegründet. An der Gründungsversammlung nahmen die folgenden Herren teil:

- 1.) Generalmajor a.D. Vollrath von Hellermann
- 2.) Ewald Heinrich von Kleist
- 3.) Oberst a.D. Eberhard Graf von Nostitz
- 4.) General der Waffen-SS a.D. Felix Steiner
- 5.) Prinz Burchard von Preussen
- 6.) Oberst a.D. Detloff von Kalben
- 7.) Oberstltm. a.D. Franz Josef Ritter von Gilgenheimb
- 8.) Oberst der Waffen-SS a.D. Joachim Ruoff
- 9.) Dr. med. Franz Riedweg
- 10.) Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Classen

Die Gründer waren sich einig darüber, daß folgende Sorgen und Überlegungen die Gründung der GfW rechtfertigten:

- 1.) Die Erkenntnis eines bedrohlich mangelnden Wehrwillens im deutschen Volke,
- 2.) die dauernd zunehmende Infiltration östlicher Ideen und Tendenzen in Kreisen der ehemaligen Offiziere,
- 3.) die Notwendigkeit, aus möglichst vielen wertvollen Offizieren Erfahrungen, Anregungen und Wünsche herauszuholen, die den zuständigen Behörden zur Verfügung gestellt werden sollen. Auf diese Weise soll mitgeholfen werden, daß die neue Wehrmacht in Übereinstimmung mit der demokratischen Staatsform der Bundesrepublik so modern wie möglich werde.

Die Gründungsversammlung erörterte Sinn und praktische Ziele der geplanten Gesellschaft und einigte sich auf diese vier Punkte:

"Der Zweck der Gesellschaft ist:

- (1) Die Verteidigung der westlichen Demokratie gegen die kommunistische Bedrohung und gegen die Bedrohung durch andere totalitäre, insbesondere auch rechtsradikale Bewegungen, zu fördern,
- (2) teilzunehmen an der psychologischen Orientierung gegen den Kommunismus,
- (3) den Verteidigungsbeitrag der Bundesrepublik zu propagieren, zunächst und vornehmlich in den Kreisen der ehemaligen Berufsoffiziere, daneben auch in breiteren Kreisen des Volkes,
- (4) in den Kreisen der jüngeren Generation den Wehrgeist und die Wehrbereitschaft zu erwecken und sie vertraut zu machen mit der Entwicklung der Wehrbewegung im Ausland seit 1945".

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Die Gründungsversammlung erörterte alsdann die Bedingungen, unter denen die Mitgliedschaft in der Gesellschaft erworben werden könne. In der Aussprache über diesen Punkt setzte sich die Auffassung durch, daß die GfW keine Massenorganisation nach der Art der Soldatenbünde werden dürfe. Vielmehr sollte sie in ihrem Mitgliedsbestand zahlenmäßig beschränkt bleiben, um sicherzustellen, daß nur wirklich aktive, am Kampf gegen den Kommunismus und die kommunistische Infiltration aus Überzeugung interessierte Offiziere zusammengeführt würden. Im Hinblick hierauf legte die Gründungsversammlung fest, daß für jeden Bewerber um die Mitgliedschaft die folgenden Voraussetzungen erfüllt sein müssen:

- (1) Der Bewerber muß als Persönlichkeit integer sein. Nach Möglichkeit soll ein anderes Mitglied für ihn bürgen.
- (2) Der Bewerber muß ein überzeugter Gegner des Kommunismus und des Rechtsradikalismus (SRP) sein. Er muß sich zur Staatsform der westlichen Demokratien bekennen.
- (3) Der Bewerber muß die Teilnehmer am 20. Juli, soweit sie aus ehrenhaften Motiven gehandelt haben, als ehrenhaft anerkennen.
- (4) Der Bewerber muß sich zu der Auffassung bekennen, daß die ehemaligen Offiziere, die sich dem Osten als Experten oder als Propagandisten zur Verfügung gestellt haben, als Feinde anzusehen sind.

Um zu gewährleisten, daß trotz dieser Auslese-Beschränkungen keine Infiltration durch links- oder rechtsextremistische Elemente möglich werde, beschloß die Gründungsversammlung weiter, daß für die Aufnahme jedes Mitgliedes die einstimmige Billigung des Vorstandes der Gesellschaft herbeizuführen sei.

Nach Klarlegung der Vereinsziele und der Voraussetzungen für die Mitgliedschaft wählte die Gründungsversammlung für die Dauer von zwei Jahren den folgenden Vorstand:

- (1) Vorsitzender des Vorstandes: Vollrath von Hellermann
- (2) stellvertretender Vorsitzender d. Vorstandes: Felix Steiner
- (3) weitere Vorstandsw Mitglieder: Eberhard Graf von Hostitz, Ewald Heinrich von Kleist und Detloff von Kalben.

Der Vorstand wurde ermächtigt, die Gesellschaft in Sinne der deutschen vereinsrechtlichen Bestimmungen zu führen mit der Maßgabe, daß auch die nicht in den Vorstand berufenen Gründungsmitglieder jederzeit das Recht auf Teilnahme an den ordentlichen und ausserordentlichen Vorstandssitzungen haben sollen. Die Gründer stellten weiter fest, daß die beim Betrieb der Gesellschaft anfallenden Kosten von Fall zu Fall durch freiwillige Spenden vermöglicher, politisch gleichgesinnter Kreise zu decken seien. Die Gründungsversammlung beschloß endlich die beiliegende Satzung. (Anlage 1)

II. Organisation

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(a) Beirat.

Der Vorstand wählte einen Beirat, der sich zusammensetzen soll aus Soldaten, Technikern, Wirtschaftlern und Wissenschaftlern, und dessen Aufgabe es ist, den Vorstand bei wichtigen Entscheidungen zu beraten. Der Beirat ist nicht ausdrücklich in der Satzung enthalten, er gilt daher auch nicht als "Organ" der Gesellschaft im vereinsrechtlichen Sinne. Seine Funktionen werden vom Vorstand nach dessen Ermessen bestimmt. Als Mitglieder des Beirates wurden bisher bestätigt:

General a.D. Hasso von Manteuffel
 General a.D. Maximilian Frh. von Edelheim
 General a.D. Wolf-Dietrich von Schleinitz
 General a.D. Joachim Fangohr
 General a.D. Traugott Herr
 General a.D. Trettner (VDS)
 Admiral a.D. F. Ruge
 Dr. jur. R. Acker (VDS)

(b) Arbeitsausschüsse.

Zur Durchführung der fachlich-wehrkundlichen Forschungs- und Aufklärungsarbeit gliedert sich die Gesellschaft in "Arbeitsausschüsse", von denen jeder ein Spezialgebiet der Wehrkunde unter der Oberleitung eines besonders qualifizierten Experten bearbeiten sollte. Es wurden die folgenden Arbeitsausschüsse konstituiert

Wehrerziehung und ^{Militär- & Wehr-} -ausbildung (Leitung: v. ... lernern)
 Wehrpropaganda (Leitung: Dr. Classen)
 Jugend und Wehr (Leitung: Kugler)

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Dr.
Wehrrecht (Leitung: Wanke)
Wehrstruktur (Leitung: Steiner)
Wehrmedizin (Leitung: Dr. Riedweg)
Panzerwaffe, Panzerkrieg, verbundene Waffen (Steiner)
Fallschirmtruppe u. Luftlandeverbände (Leitung: Schmalz)
Partisanenkriegführung (Leitung: Wagner/Ging)
Artilleristik (Leitung: Hütther)

Hinsichtlich der Ergebnisse der Arbeiten in diesen Ausschüssen wurde beschlossen, daß die fertigen Arbeitsergebnisse vom Beirat und dem Vorstand der Gesellschaft zu prüfen und nach der Entscheidung dieser beiden Gremien zu verwerten seien. Grundsätzlich sollten die Ergebnisse der Dienststelle Blank angeboten werden, falls sie dort verwertbar erscheinen.

(c) Sektionen.

Räumlich gliederte sich die Gesellschaft in regionale Untergruppen unter der Bezeichnung "Sektionen". Sektionen wurden nach einer kurzen Anlaufzeit in den meisten größeren Städten der Bundesrepublik gegründet. Nach dem ursprünglichen Willen des Vorstandes sollten die Sektionen nur je 10 Mitglieder aufnehmen, doch wurde bei dem wachsenden Interesse, das die Gesellschaft in den Kreisen der ehemaligen Offiziere fand, diese Bestimmung aufgehoben. Seitdem haben die Sektionen die Möglichkeit, bis zu je 30 Mitglieder aufzunehmen. Zur Zeit bestehen im Bundesgebiet Sektionen in den folgenden Städten:

Aachen, Arnsberg, Achern, Amberg, Augsburg, Bayreuth, Bonn, Braunschweig, Bremen, Berlin, O-Land, Clausthal-Zellerfeld, Coburg, Düsseldorf, Duisburg, Erlangen, Essen, Eschwege, Flensburg, Frankfurt, Freiburg, Garmisch, Gießen, Gifhorn, Göttingen, Hamburg, Hameln, Hannover, Heilbrunn, Heide/Holstein, Heidelberg, Jülich, Karlsruhe, Kassel, Köln-Stadt, Köln-Land, Konstanz, Krefeld, Landau, Landshut, Ludenscheidt, Mannheim, Marburg, Minden, Miesbach, München, München-Gladbach, Neuburg/Donau, Nürnberg, Oldenburg, Pyrmont, Oberndorf, Regensburg, Rendsburg, Reutlingen, Rosenheim, Reichenhall, Schweinfurt, Simbach, Stuttgart, Stuttgart-W., Straubing, Traben-Trarbach, Traunstein, Siegen, Ulm, Ummendorf, Weinheim, Westerland, Wiesbaden, Würzburg, Wittlich, Wetzlar, Lichtenfels, Koblenz, Baden-Baden, Hennhof.

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Abschließende Vorbereitungen für die Gründung weiterer Sektionen sind in den folgenden Städten getroffen worden:

Rübeck, Lüneburg, Uelzen, Hildesheim, Hamm, Wuppertal, Darmstadt, Rheine, Osnabrück, Münster, Aschaffenburg, Trier, Bad Kreuznach, Weiden/Opf., Heilbronn, Ludwigshafen, Passau, Memmingen, Lörrach, Donaueschingen, Goslar, Ingolstadt, Tübingen, Detmold, Bad Harzburg, Lage/Lippe, Bielefeld, Erbendorf, Herdecke/Ruhr.

(d) Institut für Wehrwissenschaften.

Dieses Institut ist in Gründung befindlich. Die Zweckmäßigkeit seiner Gründung ergab sich aus der Tatsache, daß die mit den fachlich-wehrwissenschaftlichen Forschungsaufgaben betrauten Arbeitsausschüsse auf die Dauer nicht die erstrebte, wissenschaftlich qualifizierte Arbeit zu leisten imstande sind, da sie weder mit den erforderlichen Mitteln ausgestattet werden, noch ihren ehrenamtlichen und lediglich in ihren Freizeiten arbeitenden Mitgliedern eine Arbeit zumuten können, die nur in hauptamtlicher Eigenschaft zu leisten möglich ist. So entstand der Plan, die bisher über die Ausschüsse organisierte wissenschaftliche Forschungsarbeit aus der Gesellschaft auszugliedern und sie in einem besonderen Forschungs-Institut zu verankern.

Das Institut soll selbständig sein, aber seine Arbeitsvorhaben in arbeitgemeinschaftlicher Bindung zur GfW durchführen. Die Sektionen der GfW stehen dem Institut als Hilfsorgane für die Beschaffung von Materialien und zur Vorbereitung der anfallenden Themen zur Verfügung.

Zur vorbereitenden Gründungsausschuss gehören die Herren Fr.-Joachim Bangsch (federführend), Vollrath von Hellermann, Dipl.-Ing. Heinz Schmid, Ernst-Günther von Roell, Fr.-Friedrich jun., Heinz Richter, Dr. W. Classen. Es besteht Aussicht, für die wirtschaftliche Sicherung des Instituts einen Kreis von Freunden und Förderern zu gewinnen, falls eine prominente Persönlichkeit aus dem Lager der Regierungspolitik und eine führende Persönlichkeit aus der Wirtschaft für eine Beteiligung an der Gründung gewonnen werden können. Bemühungen in dieser Richtung sind im Gange.

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III. Praktische Arbeit

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Die Gesellschaft hat während ihres einjährigen Bestehens folgende Aufgaben durchgeführt.

1. Wiederbelebung des Wehrgedankens im ehemaligen Offizierskorps.

Von den über 1000 Mitgliedern der Gesellschaft, ausnahmslos ehemaligen Offizieren vorwiegend der mittleren und jüngeren Generation, standen weitaus die meisten anfanglich jedem Wehrgedanken ablehnend oder doch skeptisch gegenüber. Die Gründe dafür brauchen hier nicht aufgezählt zu werden. Ohne-Mich-Stimmung, extremistische Auffassungen, gedankliche Infiltration aus dem Lager des Ostens, Enttäuschungen persönlicher, politischer und beruflicher Art bildeten das stärkste Hemmnis einer neuen Wehrgesinnung. Die vordringlichste Arbeit der Gesellschaft bestand daher zunächst in der Beseitigung dieser Hemmnisse in den Kreisen der ehemaligen Offiziere. Erreicht wurde dies

- a) durch die gesellige Zusammenführung der örtlich benachbarten ehemaligen Offiziere, die dadurch wieder ein Gefühl der Zusammengehörigkeit erlebten und im Austausch ihrer persönlichen Schicksale zu kleinen, im Menschlichen verbundenen Gruppen wurden,
- b) durch die arbeitgemeinschaftliche Betätigung in Fragen der modernen Wehrkunde auf den Abenden der Sektionen, wodurch wieder eine lebendige Beziehung geschaffen wurde zu den früheren Berufsinhalten und das bisher verschüttete soldatische Berufsethos und der Berufsstolz wieder zum Aufleben gebracht wurde,
- c) durch vorsichtige, von parteipolitischen Akzenten freie politische Aufklärungsarbeit, die teils durch die "Mitteilungen der Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde", teils durch die "Schriftenreihe der Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde", teils durch Vortragsveranstaltungen geleistet wurde.

2.) Propagierung einer Wehrgesinnung und Wehrbereitschaft ausserhalb der Mitgliederkreise.

a) Durch öffentliche Vorträge.

Öffentliche Vortragsveranstaltungen wurden grundsätzlich durch die Sektionen der Gesellschaft, in einigen Fällen durch verwandte Organisationen (unter Gestellung des Redners durch die GfW) durchgeführt. Insgesamt wurden 87 größere Veranstaltungen durchgeführt, von denen 66 der Erläuterung und Propagierung des EVG-Vertragswerkes, 12 der Frage der Wehrerziehung, 8 der Frage des Schutzes in der atomaren Kriegsführung, der Rest allgemeinen wehrkundlichen Themen diente. Die Besucherzahlen schwankten zwischen 40 und 300. Nicht inbegriffen sind die von einzelnen Sektionen veranstalteten Diskussionsabende über die EVG, zu denen Freunde u. Gegner der EVG gebeten wurden. Zu allen öffentlichen Veranstaltungen wurden die Behörden der betr. Städte

bzw. Kreise geladen, die in den meisten Fällen auch teilnahmen. Das Presse-Echo dieser Veranstaltungen war ausserordentlich stark und jedenfalls durchschlagender als das der rund 1200 Vortragsveranstaltungen östlicher Tarnorganisationen über die gleichen Themen. Die erfolgreichsten Vortragsredner waren die Mitglieder Dr. Wanke, v. Pfister, v. Schönfeldt, Mössel, Fangohr, Brunner, Steiner, Rothemund, v. Hildebrandt, Wenning, Wagner, Kugler, als Gäste sprachen auch die Herren Dethleffsen, Teske, Straimer.

b) Durch Broschüren.

Die Gesellschaft hat durch ihren Ausschuss für Wehrpropaganda unter dem Reihentitel "Schriftenreihe der Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde" insgesamt 9 Broschüren herausgegeben:

Heft I: "Ja oder Nein zum Verteidigungsbeitrag".
Das Heft enthält eine sorgfältige Analyse der gegen den deutschen Verteidigungsbeitrag gerichteten Argumente; es fasst diese Argumente in 28 Thesen zusammen und stellt ihnen 28 Gegenthesen gegenüber, in denen die "Thesen" widerlegt werden.

Heft II: "Aufrüstung im sowjetischen Machtbereich".
Das Heft enthält eine aus besonders vertraulichen und zuverlässigen Quellen (die im Vorwort genannt sind) erarbeitete Übersicht über die Aufrüstungsmaßnahmen in den osteuropäischen Satellitenstaaten. Der propagandistische Leitgedanke hierbei war, die sowjetische "Friedenskampagne" als Tarnung effektiver Kriegsvorbereitungen zu entlarven.

Heft III: "Die USA in der Sicht eines Soldaten".
(Verf.: General a.D. Blumentritt). Das Heft dient dem Gedanken der Versöhnung zwischen den ehemals feindlichen Soldaten. Es war ursprünglich von einem fremden Verlag geplant, wurde aber von der GfW auf Grund einer Vereinbarung mit diesem Verlag in die "Schriftenreihe" übernommen.

Heft IV: "Katyn, Vernichtung der Wehrkraft eines Volkes".
Das Heft enthält eine Zusammenfassung der Ergebnisse der amerikanischen und sonstigen ausländischen Untersuchungen über die Vorgeschichte und den Ablauf des Massakers von Katyn. Der propagandistische Leitgedanke war, zu zeigen, welches Schicksal die Wehrelite eines vom Bolschewismus überwältigten Volkes zu gewärtigen hat.

Heft V: "Das EVG-Vertragswerk "Erläuterung u. Kritik".

Das Heft enthält eine von dem Mainzer Staatsrechtler Prof. Frh. v. d. Heydte und Oberst Dr. Wanke erarbeitete Erläuterung der wichtigsten Vertragspunkte, es setzt sich mit den kritischen Widerständen gegen die Verträge auseinander und wirbt für eine Bejahung des Vertrages.

Heft VII: "Geist und Gefüge der Roten Armee".

Das Heft enthält eine Darstellung der Geschichte, der Organisation und des herrschenden Geistes der Roten Armee. Der propagandistische Leitgedanke war, die übertriebenen Vorstellungen von der "Unbesiegbarkeit" der Roten Armee zu zerstören.

Heft VIII: "Europa wird es schaffen."

Das Heft enthält eine mehr belletristisch gehaltene Darstellung der großen historischen Krisensituation Europas, in denen die Gefahr einer Überwältigung durch den Osten drohte, und beschreibt die Aktionen zur Überwindung dieser Krisen. Der propagandistische Leitgedanke war, zu zeigen, daß Europa heute nicht zum ersten Male von der östlichen Überwältigung bedroht ist und daß es auch heute, wie damals, die Mittel, die Kraft und den Willen zur Selbstbehauptung aufzubringen in der Lage ist.

Heft IX: "Kalter Krieg. Abwehr und Angriff".

Das Heft enthält eine Darstellung der sowjetischen Kampfziele, Kampfauffassungen und Kampftechniken im Kalten Krieg und entwickelt sowohl die Methoden der notwendigen Abwehr wie auch die einer offensiven Begegnung. Der Leitgedanke des Heftes ist: für eine offensive Kalte Kriegsführung gegenüber dem Bolschewismus zu werben und auszurüsten.

Heft X: "Der Weg ins Satellitentum".

Das Heft enthält anhand neuester Tatsachen eine Schilderung des Weges der Regierungen in den östl. Satellitestaaten von der Stabilisierung nicht- oder halbkommunistischer Regierungen unmittelbar bei Kriegsende über die allmähliche Kaltstellung oder auch Liquidierung der bürgerlichen Regierungen bis zur vollständigen "Machtübernahme" durch die orthodoxen moskaphörigen KP-Eliten. Der propagandistische Leitgedanke ist, zu zeigen, daß jede Form der "Anlehnung von Satelliten" an die Sowjetunion (auch die Frage des "neutralisierten" Deutschlands) zu einer Einbeziehung in den Weg des Satellitentums führt.

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Die Hefte wurden auf Grund eines besonderen Verteilungssystems zur Verteilung gebracht, und zwar dergestalt, daß eine aufmerksame Lektüre gesichert erschien. Entsprechend intensiv war das Echo der Schriften, das Tausende von Nachbestellungen und zahlreiche z.T. begeisterte Zuschriften von Privatpersonen, Organisationen, Soldatenverbänden, politischen Parteien (insbes. von Untergliederungen der CDU/CSU), Jugendverbänden, kirchlichen Organisationen, sogar aus dem Ausland (Norwegen, Schweden, Holland, Frankreich, Italien, USA, sogar aus Jugoslawien) erbrachte. Entgegen der weitverbreiteten Auffassung, daß für Broschüren kein Lesepublikum mehr zu finden sei, muß an Hand der Erfahrungen der Gesellschaft festgestellt werden, daß Broschüren geradezu "gefressen" werden, wenn sie thematisch ("Das Wehrthema liegt in der Luft") in der Art der Darstellung und in ihrer äußeren Aufmachung genauestens auf die zeitbestimmten Aufklärungsbedürfnisse der Masse abgestimmt werden.

Nachdem die Gesellschaft ihre Mittel für die Herausgabe der 202.000 Exemplare erschöpft hat (sie hat auf Erlöse aus dem Vertrieb verzichtet, um nicht in den Geruch eines "Erwerbsunternehmens" zu kommen) und auch von behördlicher Seite keinerlei nennenswerte Unterstützung ihrer wehrpropagandistischen Arbeit erhielt, ist sie gezwungen, mit dem Erscheinen von Heft 10 der Schriftenreihe ihre wehrpublizistische Arbeit vorerst einzustellen.

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c) Durch die "Mitteilungen der Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde".

Die "Mitteilungen" waren ursprünglich geplant als eine verbandsinterne Zeitschrift, die lediglich den Mitgliedern ausgehändigt werden sollten. Sie gelangten aber durch die Mitglieder auch in Kreise ausserhalb der Gesellschaft und wurden z.T. (wie die Nr. 12 mit dem Aufsatz von Muthesius über "Rüstung ohne Inflation") in Arbeitsgemeinschaften wirtschaftlicher, wissenschaftlicher, politischer und militärischer Organisationen und in Universitätszirkeln als Unterlagen von Aussprachen verwandt. Die "Mitteilungen" waren inhaltlich so gegliedert, daß ein einleitender Aufsatz jeder Nummer einen politischen Leitartikel mit einer betonten Kampftendenz gegen den Bolschewismus brachte. Es folgten fachlich-wehrkundliche Aufsätze. Den Schluß bildeten kurze Wehrnotizen über den Stand der Wehr im Ausland auf Grund ausländischen Quellenmaterials. Von den "Mitteilungen" erschienen bisher 14 Nummern mit einer Auflage von jeweils 2000. Die ersten 3 Nummern erschienen hektographiert, die restlichen gedruckt.

Das ungewöhnliche Echo der "Mitteilungen" bei den Mitgliedern und ausserhalb des Mitgliederkreises ermutigte die Gesellschaft, diese bislang verbandsinterne Zeitschrift zu einer öffentlich erscheinenden Monatszeitschrift auszubauen, ein Plan, der ab 1. Januar 1953 verwirklicht werden sollte. Inzwischen hat sich herausgestellt, daß die Verwirklichung dieses Planes die Mittel der Gesellschaft übersteigt.

d) Durch fachliche Untersuchungen und Memoranda.

Diese mehr auf die fachlich-wissenschaftliche Thematik abgestellte Arbeit der Gesellschaft ist erst im Beginn ihrer Entfaltung. Bisher wurden folgende Themen in abschließenden Stellungnahmen behandelt:

1. Grundsätze der Offiziersauslese u. Offiziersausbildung
2. Gedanken zur Wehrverfassung
3. Wehrerziehung der Jugend
4. Erfahrungen im Partisanenkampf

Für die Winterarbeit sind die folgenden Themen gestellt:

1. Gedanken über eine Disziplinarstrafordnung
2. Soll in der neuen Wehrmacht ein Eid geleistet werden?
3. Sammeln von Kriegserfahrungen
4. Panzer in Angriff und Abwehr
5. Panzerabwehr bei schnellen Verbänden
6. Das verbundene Gefecht schneller Verbände mit Fliegerkampfkraft und Fallschirmtruppe
7. Panzerjägerverbände
8. Kampf und Bewaffnung ortsgebundener Territorialeinheiten.

IV. Gegenkräfte der Gesellschaft

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Sieht man ab von ressentimentsbetonten Einwänden einzelner Persönlichkeiten, so bleiben als ausgesprochene Gegner der GfW die zahlreichen östlichen Tarnorganisationen und unter diesen in erster Linie der

"Führungsring ehemaliger Soldaten".

Die Beobachtungen der Gesellschaft ergaben zweifelsfrei, daß diese kommunistische Tarnorganisation sich seit der Gründung der GfW im Januar 1952 mit vervielfachten Anstrengungen daran machte, die ehemaligen Offiziere in ihr Lager herüberzuziehen. Der Führungsring ahmte zunächst die Form der regionalen Untergliederungen in Sektionen nach und suchte in den meisten Orten, in denen die GfW Sektionen errichtete, ebenfalls, und zwar möglichst zur gleichen Zeit, Sektionen einzurichten. In den meisten Fällen konnte das, nicht zuletzt auf Grund aktiver Interventionen der Sektionen der GfW, verhindert werden. Der Führungsring ahmte ferner

die fachliche Untergliederung der GfW in fachlich-wehrkundliche Arbeitsausschüsse nach, die beinahe die gleiche thematische Aufgabenstellung übernahmen wie die Ausschüsse der Gesellschaft. Es ist allerdings nicht bekannt geworden, daß der Führungsring nennenswerte Ergebnisse auch nur eines seiner 12 Arbeitsausschüsse vorgewiesen hat. Nachdem die GfW ihre "Mitteilungen" herausbrachte, erschien der Führungsring prompt mit einer "Internationalen Militärkorrespondenz" (die gleich mit einer Nummer 4 begann), in der Zug um Zug die Themen der "Mitteilungen" im gegenteiligen Sinne bearbeitet waren. Inzwischen reiste der Herausgeber, der frühere Gaupropagandaleiter Steidl, der auch als "Major" (der er nie war) auftritt, herum und warb für die Gegen-Gründung einer "Gesellschaft für Neue Wehrkunde", die aber nach den Erkundigungen der GfW bisher nur in Bremen zustandekam. Nachdem die "Internationale Militärkorrespondenz" des Führungsrings sich allzu deutlich und zu plump als Diversionsorgan der östlichen Interessenten bloßgestellt hatte, traten die Initiatoren Steidl, Schrank u. Beyer in den Hintergrund, gewannen als Strohmann den schon lange als zwielichtig bekannten Bruder des Feldmarschalls v. Reichenau, Ernst von Reichenau, vormals Berater ebenso zwielichtiger chinesischer Provinzgeneräle, zuletzt Gehilfe der amerikanischen Anklagebehörde im Prozess gegen deutsche Angehörige der Abwehr in Schanghai, für die Herausgabe des "Militärpolitischen Forums", einer militärpolitischen Monatszeitschrift, die sehr viel vorsichtiger als die verflissene "Internationale Militärkorrespondenz", aber im Grunde doch nicht minder deutlich die Neutralitätsthese propagiert, die von den militärischen Beratern der SU und der STB als praktikabel ausgegeben wird zur Zersetzung des Wehrwillens namentlich in den Kreisen des ehemaligen Offizierkorps in der Bundesrepublik.

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Es kann keinem Zweifel unterliegen, daß der kommunistische Führungerring, nach den bisherigen nachweisbaren Fehlschlägen in seiner Konkurrenz mit der GfW, mit dem "Militär-politischem Forum" erstmals die Chance einer echten und aussichtsreichen Konkurrenz gewonnen hat, und dies in einem Augenblick, da der GfW die Möglichkeit einer gleich intensiven Breitenwirkung aus Mangel an Mitteln nicht mehr möglich ist. Der Name des Herausgebers des "Forums", E. v. Reichenau, die gediegene Ausstattung der Karte, die vorsichtige Ansprache alter Ressentiments, das patriotische Pathos der Artikel, die fachlich wissenschaftliche "Verpackung" der politischen Tendenz, die freigebige Verteilung ohne Abonnementsgebühr, die großzügigen Einladungen und luxuriösen Empfänge von Offizieren (wie in München, Hamburg und Stuttgart), die zum "Freundeskreis" des "Forums" gewonnen werden sollen: das alles birgt in sich beträchtliche Erfolgchancen des kommunistischen Führungsrings, die erstmalig die Zersetzungs- und Diversionarbeit dieser fanatischen Gruppe als ernsthaft gefährlich erscheinen lassen. Dabei sind die dem Führungsring für Arbeiten dieser Arbeit zur Verfügung stehenden Mittel anscheinend unbegrenzt. Wie der GfW bekannt geworden ist, erhält der FR über die französische KP Geldmittel östlicher Herkunft in Höhe von DM 18.000.-- monatlich, ein Betrag, der angesichts der Aufwendungen des FR selbst nicht für die Begleichung der mit der Finanzierung des "Forums" anfallenden Kosten verwendet werden kann. Diese Kosten, die bei dem bisherigen Aufwand auf 8-10.000 DM beziffert werden müssen, sind unzweifelhaft in dem über die französische KP zur Verfügung gestellten Betrag nicht enthalten. Hinsichtlich seiner Herkunft ist die Legende von einem "ungewöhnlich hohen" privaten Vermögen des Herrn von Reichenau, der nach eigenen Angaben beträchtliche Vermögenswerte aus China nach Macao verschoben habe, erfunden worden. Herr von Reichenau setzt dieses "gerettete" Vermögen ein, um

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einem privaten Hobby zu fröhnen, nämlich dem Hobby, Westdeutschland "vor der Versklavung durch die USA zu retten".

Bisher sind die Bemühungen des FR, einen nennenswerten Einbruch in die Kreise der ehemaligen Offiziere zu erzielen, misslungen. Das war nachweislich zu einem entscheidenden Teil darauf zurückzuführen, daß die namhaften und in Kreisen der jüngeren Offiziere hochangesehenen älteren Offiziere bei der GfW waren, und daß die GfW in vertraulichen Informationen ihre Mitglieder über den "Führungerring", die "Internationale Militärkorrespondenz" und das "Militärpolitische Forum" aufklärte.

Stand so die bisherige Auseinandersetzung zwischen GfW und "Führungerring" hinsichtlich der Werbung in Kreisen der ehemaligen Offiziere und Soldaten eindeutig zu Gunsten der GfW, so besteht jetzt die Gefahr, daß diese kommunistische Tarnorganisation infolge ihrer hohen Geldmittel und ihrer rigorosen Kampfmethoden an Boden gewinnt. Die GfW ist nicht mehr in der Lage, dem Führungerring mit dem Einsatz auch nur annähernd gleich hoher Mittel zu begegnen.

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(a) handicaps.

1. Die Gesellschaft hatte von Anfang an Schwierigkeiten, weil Steiner als führende Persönlichkeit galt und sich auch als solche ausgab. Zwar galt St. überall als aufrichtig antikommunistisch, doch waren die folgenden Gründe massgebend für eine weitgehend ablehnende Einstellung grosser Kreise des ehemaligen Offizierskorps:

- a) St. war 1932 oder 33 vom Heer zur Waffen-SS übergewechselt. Dies wurde als Opportunismus und Verletzung des alten preussischen Korpsgeistes der Heeresoffiziere ausgelegt. St.'s Gegner sind in der Masse nur die Heeresoffiziere. Diese bilden aber die Mehrheit des Offizierskorps überhaupt, und sie stecken noch vorwiegend in alt-preussischen Ehr- und Kastenvorstellungen.
- b) St. gilt allgemein als ein begabter Soldat, aber ebenso allgemein als ein unbegabter Politiker, der unklare oder verschwommene, z.T. romantische Vorstellungen über den Staat und seine Funktionen hegt. Es wurde bekannt, dass er parteipolitische Ambitionen hat.
- c) In weiten Kreisen war bekannt, dass St. mit allen Besatzungsmächten Kontakt gesucht und auch gepflegt hat. Über seine wiederholten Aussprachen mit Vertretern der französischen Besatzungsmacht (Francois-Poncet und General König) hat er selbst gelegentlich berichtet, über Verbindungen zu englischen Offizieren gehen Gerüchte. Beides trug ihm den Ruf opportunistischen Kollaborierens ein.
- d) St. wurde verantwortlich gemacht für den verfehlten politischen Kurs der "Deutschen Soldaten Zeitung", die angeblich von ihm inspiriert worden sei. Dies trug ihm insbesondere die Ablehnung der ehemaligen Generalstabsoffiziere ein.

Die Vorwürfe gegen Steiner, die sich nachteilig für die Ausbreitung der GfW auswirkten, waren nur zum Teil substantiiert. Es war das Verdienst des Vorsitzenden von Hellermann, die gegen Steiner in den Sektionen auftauchenden Widerstände zu einem guten Teil beseitigt zu haben in Wege persönlicher Aussprachen mit den Sektionsmitgliedern.

2. Die zweite Quelle des Misstrauens war der 1. Vorsitzende von Hellermann. Er war in der Schlussphase des Krieges Leiter der Abteilung Führernachwuchs im Heerespersonalamt und soll sich in dieser Funktion sehr "nationalsozialistisch" betätigt haben. Hinzu kam, dass er als "schwache Persönlichkeit" galt, was den Verdacht verstärkte, dass nicht er, sondern Steiner der wirkliche "Vorsitzende" der Gesellschaft sei. In Wirklichkeit hat v.H. sich als ein äusserst wertvolles Vorstandsmitglied

erwiesen. Er war die stärkste Triebkraft gegen KP-Infiltration, für den Kampf gegen die Fernorganisation des "Führungsrings" und gegen die SED, ausserdem neutralisierte er die ständigen parteipolitischen Extratouren Steiners, schliesslich war auch er es, der das zur Zeit gute Verhältnis zu Bonn (v. Bonin) herstellte.

3. Das innere Leben der GfW war belastet durch zwei entgegengesetzte Tendenzen. Die eine Tendenz, vertreten durch Steiner, zielte auf die Entwicklung der GfW zu einem innerpolitischen Instrument, das im Dienst einer gegen Bonn gerichteten Rechtsopposition verwendet werden sollte. Die andere Tendenz, vertreten durch den Leiter des Ausschusses für Wehrpropaganda, wollte die GfW zu einem Instrument der kalten Kriegführung gegen den Kommunismus machen. Beide Tendenzen sind nie zu einem völligen Ausgleich gekommen und haben zeitweise starke innere Spannungen entstehen lassen. Steiner verfolgte das Durchsetzen seiner Tendenz durch den Versuch einer engen Verkopplung der GfW mit der Ulmer "Gesellschaft für Neue Staatspolitik", was ständig auf den Widerstand des gesamten übrigen Vorstandes stiess. Die andere Tendenz suchte sich im Wege der praktischen Arbeit durchzusetzen über die "Mitteilungen" und über die Broschüren der "Schriftenreihe". Im Fall der Beendigung aller Subventionen der GfW versucht Steiner die Gesellschaft zu einer Art branch der Ulmer Gesellschaft zu machen, indem er über die Ulmer Gesellschaft Mittel für den Weiterbestand der GfW besorgt.
4. Belastend für die GfW war von Anfang an, dass die Redaktion der "Mitteilungen" in die Hände von Ruoff gelegt wurde. Zwar hat Ruoff die Aufgaben der Schriftleitung gut gelöst. Aber seine Herkunft aus der Waffen-SS gab immer wieder Anlass zu der Verdächtigung, dass er zusammen mit Steiner, aus der GfW ein "Waffen-SS"-Unternehmen zu machen beabsichtige. Diese Unterstellung war objektiv unwahr. Steiner und Ruoff standen vom Beginn der Gesellschaft an in einem zeitweise recht stürmischen Spannungsverhältnis. Beide sind grundverschiedene Naturen und beide haben grundverschiedene Auffassungen hinsichtlich der politischen Lage. Trotzdem wurde der Verdacht auf eine Art SS-Verschöpfung der beiden dauernd kolportiert.
5. Ein anderes handicap der GfW ergab sich daraus, dass sie von Anfang an als eng verbunden mit der DSZ ausgegeben wurde. Die Tatsache, dass Steiner und Ruoff beide dem Schildverlag bzw. der Redaktion der DSZ angehörten, war der Grund hierfür. Von der DSZ war schon vor Gründung der GfW bekannt, dass sie aus amerikanischen Mitteln finanziert wurde. So schloss man aus der Tatsache, dass Steiner und Ruoff auch zu den Gründern der GfW zählten, dass auch die GfW, ebenso wie die DSZ, aus amerikanischen Mitteln gespeist werde. Die GfW hat diese Verdachtsmomente weitgehend dadurch aus dem Wege geräumt, dass sie ihre Mittel teil-

über den "Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft" laufen liess. In Bonn jedenfalls sind dadurch die Verdachtsmomente geräunt worden.

6. Hemmend für die Wirksamkeit der GfW in propagandistischer Hinsicht war, dass die publizistischen Projekte von amerikanischer Seite geprüft werden mussten und dann zum Teil abgelehnt wurden. Die Zweckmässigkeit und Brauchbarkeit publizistischer Vorhaben kann nur aus einer mit der derzeitigen psychologischen Lage in der Bundesrepublik völlig vertrauten deutschen Persönlichkeit beurteilt werden. Als Beispiel sei verwiesen auf die Entwürfe des Schriftstellers Herbert Blank-Hamburg. Sie wurden - mit Ausnahme der Schrift "Europa wird es schaffen" - von amerikanischer Seite abgelehnt. Aber gerade Blanks Stil und seine literarische Auswahl haben ein ganz besonderes Echo in der deutschen Öffentlichkeit. Seine Broschüre ist die mit dem besten und weitestreichenden Echo, Nachbestellungen kommen von der Presse, von Jugendverbänden, von Schulen und politischen Organisationen, sogar aus kirchlichen Gruppen. Der hiesige Vorschlag, sein neues Buch "Soldaten" wieder (nach einer entsprechenden Überarbeitung) neu zu drucken, hätte einen weitgehenden Einbruch in die Kreise der zögernden oder infiltrierten Kreise ehemaliger Soldaten erzielen können. Der amerikanische Einwand, das Buch sei zu "preussisch", ist unhaltbar angesichts dessen, dass eine moderne Überarbeitung zugewagt war und die ostzonalen Propaganda-behörden inzwischen längst die preussische Tradition als eines der wirkungsvollsten Instrumente zur Infiltration begriffen und auch angewandt haben.

(b) Was bei ähnlichen Unternehmen zu beachten wäre.

1. Zwischen der amerikanischen Stelle und dem aufzubauenden Rat darf es nur EINE Mittelpersönlichkeit geben. Bei der Auswahl der GfW wussten folgende Persönlichkeiten an den Beziehungen mit einer amerikanischen Stelle: Steiner, Damerau, Parlbach, v. Kalben, Frau Paulhaber, Graf Schack, Dr. Riedweg, von Silgheim, Graf Nostitz, Bolbrinker, Blumentritt, Ruoff, Frau Ruoff, Prinz Burchard, v. Kleist, Röder, Spengler, Pfeiffer, Uhlig, Strauch, Dr. Classen, Frau Riedweg. Das ist unmöglich, da in einem solchen Fall eine Geheimhaltung nicht mehr unbedingt gewährleistet ist. Eine einzige (nicht einmal zwei oder drei) Persönlichkeit muss als Vertrauensperson des Auftraggebers fungieren, und diese Persönlichkeit muss volles Vertrauen geniessen.
2. Wenn schon ein Offizier als Vertrauensmann ausgewählt wird, dann sollte es nicht ein Offizier der Waffen-SS, aber auch nicht ein Heeresoffizier oder eine Offizier der Luftwaffe, sondern möglichst ein Offizier der ehemaligen Kriegsmarine sein. Die Offiziere der Waffen-SS haben bei den übrigen Offizieren keinen ausreichenden Kredit, die Heeresoffiziere sind durchweg in allen Kastenvorstellungen preussischer Provenienz befangen, die Luftwaffenoffiziere werden politisch überhaupt nicht ernst genommen. Die Marineoffiziere dagegen gelten als weltoffen, poliert und mehr als andere einer westlichen Orientierung zugänglich. Am besten wäre es, eine Persönlichkeit auszuwählen, die über-

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nicht in den Vorurteilen des ehemaligen Offizierskorps aufgewachsen und erzogen worden ist, die aber auf der andern Seite soviel Gewicht als Persönlichkeit hat, dass sie auch von den ehemaligen Offizieren als massgebend anerkannt wird. Damit wären von Anfang viele Schwierigkeiten, die sich aus den persönlichen, karrieremässigen, politischen und traditionemässigen Ressentiments der deutschen Offiziere gegeneinander ergeben, vermieden.

3. Die Geldquelle muss glaubhaft verschleiert werden. Bei Bekanntwerden der ausländischen Herkunft der Mittel ist das Unternehmen diskreditiert und verliert die Möglichkeit einer wirksamen Einflussnahme. Möglichkeiten zu einer wirklich einwandfreien Verschleierung der Herkunft der Gelder sind nicht zahlreich, doch ergeben sich Ansatzpunkte bei Berücksichtigung der folgenden Hinweise:

- (a) Gründung einer Revisions- oder Treuhandgesellschaft, die von den deutschen Finanzbehörden akzeptiert wird und selber Revisions- und Kontrollfunktionen ausüben in der Lage und behördlich berechtigt ist. Diese Treuhandgesellschaft erhält die Mittel "zur Veraltung" und verwendet sie ausserhalb jeder behördlichen oder privaten Kontrolle.
- (b) Gründung eines wissenschaftlichen Forschungsinstituts, dessen gemeinnütziger Charakter von der Finanzbehörde bestätigt worden ist und das daher von jeder behördlichen Kontrolle freigestellt wird.
- (c) Etablierung einer deutschen Niederlassung einer ausländischen Handelsfirma, die ihre Mittel auch der deutschen Finanzbehörde gegenüber als "Werbeausgaben" zu deklarieren in der Lage und auch berechtigt ist.
- (d) Interne Vereinbarung mit einer deutschen politischen Behörde.

Andere Wege zu einer wirksamen Verschleierung der Herkunft der Mittel gibt es in der Bundesrepublik bei der derzeitigen gesetzgeberischen Handhabe nicht.

4. Bei Abmachungen zwischen dem Auftraggeber und der deutschen Vertrauenspersonlichkeit muss absolute Klarheit über das Ziel des Unternehmens geschaffen werden. Bei der GfW ist diese Klarheit nicht erreicht worden. Steiner berief sich ständig darauf, ihm sei der Auftrag gegeben worden, ein Instrument der Innenpolitik zu schaffen und gleichzeitig eine Art "schwarzer Kaderarmee" zu erstellen. Dr. Classen berief sich ständig darauf, die Gesellschaft solle ein Instrument der kalten Kriegführung gegen den Osten werden. Unter dieser Gegenätzlichkeit hat die Entwicklung der GfW gelitten. Bei Gründungen dieser Art darf eine Unklarheit dieser Art nicht aufkommen.

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A. Handicaps

1. The Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde had difficulties from the very start because (ex-General) Steiner was considered to be the leading GfW personality and also passed himself off as such. Although Steiner was truthfully regarded everywhere as sincerely anti-Communist, nevertheless the following factors were responsible for a widespread negative reaction on the part of large circles of the former Officer Corps.

a. Steiner transferred from the Army to the Waffen-SS in 1932 or 1933. This move was interpreted by his fellow officers as being an act of opportunism and not in accord with the old Prussian spirit of the Army officers. Although Steiner's enemies are mainly Army officers, these constitute the majority of the Officer Corps and they still adhere, for the most part, to the old Prussian concepts of honor and caste.

b. Steiner is generally considered a gifted soldier, but he is equally regarded as an untalented politician with vague, hazy, and partly romantic notions about the State and its functions. It was well known that Steiner had party-political ambitions.

c. It was widely known that Steiner sought and cultivated contacts with all occupation powers. Incidentally, he himself talked about his repeated conversations with representatives of the French occupation powers -- Francis Poncet and General Koernig. There were rumors about contacts between Steiner and English officers. Both of these relationships brought him the reputation of being an opportunistic collaborator.

d. Steiner was held responsible for the mistaken political course of the DSZ (Deutsche Soldaten Zeitung) which was allegedly inspired by him. This especially caused Steiner to be rejected by the former General Staff officers. (Note: This refers to DSZ anti-Adenauer attacks which caused a flurry at the time; this editorial course was later changed to a more favorable attitude).

The reproaches against Steiner which adversely affected the expansion of the GfW were true only in part. Part of the growing resistance to him was due to the efforts of GfW Chairman von Hellermann, who stirred up personal antagonism through private conversations with members of the GfW sections.

2. A second source of internal mistrust was GfW Chairman (ex-General) von Hellermann himself. During the closing phases of the war he was head of the Army Personnel Office section for training future leaders, and is reported to have performed his duties in a very National Socialist manner. He was also regarded as a "weak personality" which, (in connection with the GfW) strengthened the impression that not he, but Steiner, was the actual Gesellschaft Chairman. However, the truth is that von Hellermann proved to be a worthy director of the GfW. He was the strongest motivating force against Communist infiltration, against the Communist-front "Leadership Ring" (of ex-officers) and against the SRP (outlawed radical rightist party) -- to say nothing of the fact that he neutralized the perennial out-of-turn political maneuvers of Steiner. Finally, it was also von Hellermann who established the present good GfW relations with Bonn (through von Borin).

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3. Internally, the GfW was troubled by two opposing factions. The first of these, represented by Steiner, aimed at transforming the GfW into an instrument of domestic politics tied to rightist opposition against Bonn (i.e., the Federal Government). The other faction, headed by the leader of the GfW Committee for Defense Propaganda (Classen himself) wanted to make the GfW an instrument of cold war guidance against Communism. The two factions never came to full agreement, and from time to time strife and discord broke out. Steiner tried to further the aims of his faction by attempting to closely link the GfW with the Ufa "Gesellschaft für Neue Staatspolitik", which arouses resistance from the governing Board of the GfW. The other faction sought to carry out its work by means of "Opinions" (GfW publication Wahrkunde for internal distribution) and through brochures by many different writers. In the event all support for the GfW ends, Steiner wants to transform the GfW into a branch of the Ufa group while at the same time he looks beyond the Ufa organization for some means of long term support.

4. From the beginning, the GfW was handicapped in that the editorship of "Opinions" was placed in the hands of Ruoff. Of course, Ruoff handled the editorial work very well. However, his Waffen-SS background again and again aroused suspicion that he intended -- in cooperation with Steiner -- to make a Waffen-SS undertaking out of the GfW. Objectively speaking, this supposition was not true. From the very beginning of the GfW, Steiner and Ruoff frequently had very stormy relations. The two men are completely opposite in nature and each has an entirely different conception of the political scene. Nevertheless, the suspicion spread that both were carrying on some sort of SS-conspiracy.

5. Another handicap to development of the GfW was the fact that from the very beginning it was rumored to be closely tied in with the Soldaten Zeitung. The fact that Steiner and Ruoff both were connected with the Schild Verlag (publishers of the DSZ), or to the editorial staff of the DSZ itself, was the basis for this rumor. Before the GfW was founded, it was known that the DSZ was financed by the Americans. Thus, Steiner's and Ruoff's presence as founding members of the GfW created the basis for implication that both the GfW and the DSZ were American-supported. The GfW dispelled this suspicion to some degree by maintaining that its support came from the Foundation for German Scientific Study (Stiftverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft). In any case, this seemed to eliminate suspicions in Bonn.

6. Propaganda operations of the GfW were somewhat restricted in that editorials had to be examined by the Americans and then were refused in part. The appropriateness and usefulness of editorial projects can only be judged by a fully trusted German personality familiar with the present psychological situation in the Federal Republic. As an example, reference is made to the drafts of the author Berbert Hlank in Hamburg. They -- with the title "Europe will Do it" -- were turned down by the Americans. However, Hlank's style and his selection of theme have quite a large audience in Germany. His brochure is the one with the best and most far-reaching response; repeat orders are coming from the press, youth groups, schools and political organizations as well as church groups.

The proposals in this country to reprint his old book "Soldaten" (after a suitable modification of text), would make a far-reaching inroad into the circles of the dilatory or infiltrated circles of former soldiers. The American objection that the book is too "Prussian" is untenable, considering that an up-to-date re-writing of the text was promised, and that the East Zone propaganda officials have always made use of the Prussian tradition as one of the most effective instruments for infiltration.

B. What to watch for in similar undertakings

1. There should be only one middleman between the American office and a rebuilt Apparat. In the establishment of the GfW, the following people knew about its connection with an American office:

Steinar, Demerau, Parlebach, von Kalben, Frau Faulhaber,
Graf Schack, Dr. Riedweg, von Gilgenheimb, Graf Nostitz,
Bolbunker, Blumentritt, Ruoff, Frau Ruoff, Prinz Burchard,
von Kleist, Röder, Spengler, Pfeiffer, Uhlig, Strasser,
Dr. Classen, Frau Riedweg.

This was impossible since secrecy was no longer implicitly guaranteed. A single person (not even two or three) must function as agent of the employer -- and this person must enjoy full confidence.

2. When an officer is selected as agent, then he should not be an officer of the Waffen-SS, an Army officer, or an Air Force officer; but if at all possible, should be a Navy officer. The Waffen-SS officers have not sufficient prestige with the other officers; the Army officers are steeped in the old Prussian ideas of caste; the Air Corps officers are generally not seriously concerned politically. Navy officers, in comparison, are considered worldly, up-to-date and more approachable than others of a Western orientation. It would be best to select a person who, generally, has not grown up and been educated in the prejudices of the former Officer Corps and who has as much weight as a personality on the other side that he would be acknowledged by the former officers as influential. Many difficulties would thereby be avoided from the beginning which result from the opposing personal, career-wise, political and traditional resentments of the German officers.

3. The financial source must be believably concealed. The undertaking is discredited with the knowledge of the ~~financial~~ origin of the money and thereby loses the possibility of really being influential. The possibilities for a really unobjectionable concealment of the origin of funds are not many, however, the following points could be considered:

a. Establishment of an auditor or trust company which is acceptable to the German finance authorities, and which is in a legally authorized position to carry on these audit and control functions. This trust company could receive the money "in trusteeship" and use it ostensibly either on behalf of official or confidential accounts.

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b. Establishment of a scientific research institute whose generally useful character has been endorsed by financial authorities and which, therefore, is free from all official auditing.

c. Establishment of a German subsidiary of a foreign trade firm which, in the eyes of German finance authorities, can and is entitled to declare their money as publicity costs.

d. Internal agreement with a German political official.

There are no other means for an effective concealment of the origin of money under the present legislative arrangements in the Federal Republic.

4. In the agreement between the employer and the German agent, there must be absolute clarity on the goal of the undertaking. This clarity was not reached with the GfV. Heiser alleges that he was instructed to create an instrument of domestic policy and at the same time to establish a kind of "black cadre" Army. Dr. Claassen said the GfV was to be an instrument of cold war guidance against the East. The development of the GfV has suffered under these opposing ideas. In establishments of this kind, there should not be this type of confusion.

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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: _____

FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach

INFO: COS

SUBJECT: GENERAL-- Operational/ZIPPER

SPECIFIC-- Frans Josef Ritter von Hentschel von GILGENHEIM

REF : EGLA 16025 *z/Alpha*

1. Since reference was sent, PCB has received further correspondence on Subject from ZIPPER routed through []. ZIPPER having previously denied any connection to Subject - based on a routine name trace - now states that Subject is working in the sphere of "Wehrkunde" with several individuals (unnamed) who are in contact with ZIPPER. ZIPPER reports, however, that a direct connection between Subject and ZIPPER does not exist at the present time. Furthermore, they ask for any existing information on Subject which would merit a warning to Subject.

2. The above indicates that Subject is connected with the "Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde" which as you know is supported by ZIPPER. Consequently we are initiating intercept coverage on Subject for a trial period in an attempt to discover Subject's ZIPPER associates. Incidentally we have discovered through the [] intercepts that another office has intercept coverage on the "Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde," and Wilhelm GLASSEN of the GfW. We are attempting to identify the office.

3. Finally from [] intercepts we have discovered that Subject together with (Prince) Max von FUERSTENBERG, (Archduke) Otto von HABSBURG, (Prince) Burchard von PREUSSEN, (Fuerst) von UETTINGEN-WALLERSTEIN, (Fuerst) WALDBURG-ZILL, (Dr) Franz RIEDWEG and [] were proposed as a committee for the establishment of a conservative weekly publication to further the interests of the new German Army by (Dr) Franz RIEDWEG who explained the aims of the new publication in a letter to FUERSTENBERG. The publication presumably comes within the scope of the Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde and the Abendnaendliche Academic, and was proposed by "a former general staff officer." The Neue Verlagsgesellschaft, Karlsruhe was proposed as the publishing house.

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TO: Chief, EE

DATE: 7 February 1958

FROM: Chief [] Attas []

INFO: Chief of Base, Bonn
Chief of Base, Munich
(Attas: Liaison)
Chief of Station, Germany

SUBJECT: GENERAL-- Operational []
SPECIFIC-- UPSWING Notes

1. During our last meeting [] reported a conversation with Dr. MATERLICK who told him of a struggle within the UPSWING hierarchy between Colonel LANGKAB and Dr. WINTERSTEIN. The way the story goes, the two were vying for the top spot on the second level of the UPSWING command, i.e., directly below UTILITY. As reported by MATERLICK, WINTERSTEIN won out, and LANGKAB remains in charge of UPSWING's deep cover organizations.

2. Henri duLONG is still in training in Frankfurt. [] does not have the address but indicated that duLONG told him that he was living in a new house or building near the Bahnhof in Frankfurt. After a bit more training, he is to go to an Ausseinstelle in Dusseldorf and then back to Pullach to work for Toni HALTER who is now described as the head of the UPSWING Satellite Section. DULONG may possibly be identical with the Henri von DULONG mentioned in ESEW-6298. When I asked INGROWN how old duLONG was and where he was born, he replied that he was about 38 and thought he was born in Stettin. Von DULONG would be about that age and went to school in Stettin. [] will get his exact personal data.

3. [] mentioned that PrKulein Louisa von KONKERITZ, formerly an employee of his but more recently employed by UPSWING, is now at the German Embassy at Ankara. He assumes she is still on the UPSWING payroll under official cover.

4. Professor CLASSEN is no longer with the Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde but is now working for UPSWING.

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INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SERVICE

Chief [redacted]

16 February 1952

Chief of Base, Munich

FROM: LOBY, WIS, VE

Confidential/ [redacted]

Subject: [redacted] Position in [redacted]

REF: [redacted]

1. The idea that a struggle for power between a [redacted] and a [redacted] exists is news to us. At the moment a [redacted] has his cord hitched to a [redacted] flag star and has ridden far. It is a [redacted] deputy in charge of political collections. However, it is inevitable that he will eventually try to supersede [redacted]. No doubt if this battle has begun you will be able to hear any gossip on this subject which [redacted] picks up.

MATERLICK

FRANKEINLEUSA VON KOENNERITZ

2. The Dr. [redacted] referred to in paragraph 1 of reference is undoubtedly (Dr.) Heinrich MATERLICK (dob and job unknown) currently residing at [redacted], Saarlandstr. 15. The Frankelein Louisa von [redacted] mentioned in paragraph 1 of reference is [redacted] (b. 23 June 1917). We too are inclined to think she is still on the [redacted] payroll while serving under official cover in Ankara. The Prof. CLASSEN mentioned in paragraph 1 of reference is Prof. Dr. Wilhelm CLASSEN (b. 28 October 1903 in St. Irenaeus bei Krefeld). We are anxious to learn where in the [redacted] complex [redacted] is now employed.

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ACTION REQUIRED	Please see para 6 below		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY
REFERENCE(S)	<p>EGFA-35330, para 9 <i>west/wp filed 32W-6-103/3</i> <i>transfer of [] handling to 70B</i></p> <p>1. [] has been mentioning for several years that his main UPHILL contact, in addition to alias WINTERSTEIN, is one Dr. CLASSEN. In a discussion of [] potential with Lalogenes of MLB on 10 October 1961, it was suggested that more identifying data on Dr. CLASSEN would be useful. An MLB card showed a Dr. CLASSEN as being concerned with Africa for UPHILL and having an office above the Luitpold Kino in Munich. Traces on other individuals with similar names did not appear to be pertinent.</p> <p>2. [] confirms that his UPHILL contact is Dr. Wilhelm CLASSEN, now case officer for Africa under WINTERSTEIN with an office over the Luitpold Kino. CLASSEN was formerly head of the Gesellschaft für Wehrkunde and publisher of the magazine, "Wehrkunde", Herzog Rudolfstr. 1, Munich, which was and possibly still is of interest to UPHILL. (According to [] the present editor of "Wehrkunde", Ewald H. von KLEIST, is not in the good graces of UTILITY and probably not on his payroll.)</p> <p>3. CLASSEN, on behalf of WINTERSTEIN, comes to pump [] about his contacts close to DeGaulle (currently Compté Francois de la Noë and Jean-Claude Prost and Michel HABIB-DELONGLE) and particularly about the Algerian problem. On a visit to [] on 10 October 1961, CLASSEN disclosed that he had dispatched Dr. Alfons DALMA of the "Munchener Merkur" to Paris to get a reading on the situation in France and within NATO from General (fnu) GALLOIS, allegedly military consultant to DeGaulle, president of the French Institute for Politics and Strategy, and Chief of a technical institute at the "DAZOT" Airplane Factory. (The connection with CLASSEN is that GALLOIS was formerly a contributor to "Wehrkunde". What the connection between Dr. DALMA and CLASSEN is is not known to [] MLB may be able to determine if DALMA is on the UPHILL payroll.) DALMA brought CLASSEN a most pessimistic report (on or about 9 October 1961) which has NATO on the verge of collapse and both the United States and NATO writing off West Germany. (MLB/Reports may be able to identify the UPHILL report, if any, resulting from DALMA's trip).</p> <p>4. Though CLASSEN is no longer connected with "Wehrkunde", he is still interested in the publishing business and is apparently an UPHILL expert on the subject. It was he who, according to [], helped sell UTILITY the idea of putting out a series of pamphlets on current events. (Aktuelle Weltpolitik) under the label "Condor-Heftreihe" published and distributed nominally by Condor-Verlag, Karlsruhe, but actually by the Karlsruher Verlagsgesellschaft (Karl Fritz, publisher) which publishes and distributes a series of popular weekly and movie magazines. The first pamphlet in the Condor-Heftreihe was "Kennedy und seine Mannschaft" by "Thomas Sigless" which is the pen name of Archduke Otto of Austria. It was released in August or September 1961. The second pamphlet, on the Congo, written by Princess Adelheid of Liechtenstein is ready for release. A third pamphlet on Poland, written by (fnu) FRANZEL was rejected by the UPHILL experts on Poland, allegedly because it was unrealistic.</p> <p>5. The pamphlet on "Kennedy and his Team" has not sold well at all. CLASSEN had it written by Archduke Otto after he heard Otto deliver a lecture on the subject because he believed President Kennedy and the new administration needed to be popularized among the German people. The publisher, Karl FRITZ, has gone to WINTERSTEIN, behind CLASSEN's back as it were, and complained that the pamphlet has been rejected by the German public and it will not sell. According to [], CLASSEN claims that FRITZ, a virtual neo-Nazi, dislikes America and the pro-US policies of the government and has sabotaged the distribution and sale of the pamphlet. Tests made by [] and CLASSEN in various parts of Germany show that the pamphlet is not available at most kiosks and where it is available, it is not displayed. The theory behind the selection of Karl FRITZ as publisher was that he</p>		

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could push the sale of the pamphlet effectively through his control of the distribution of popular and film magazines. Allegedly UTILITY has put a lot of money in the venture. Is there any PBPRIME money or interest involved?

6. The publishing efforts of UPHILL may be well known to MLB, but we recount them to help show the relationship between [redacted] and CLASSEN. We would appreciate a reading from MLB on whether further information on UPHILL activities of the type described in this dispatch are of value to MLB.

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FROM: Chief, Munich Liaison Base					ONLY QUALIFIED HEADQUARTERS DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING	
SUBJECT: UPHILL/WVENTURE/Operational UPHILL Activities in Africa					ABSTRACT	
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES					MICROFILM	
<p>See paragraph 4</p> <p>1. During a recent evening spent with UPHILL's Dr. @SIEDER, the undersigned learned something about recent trips made by UPHILLers to the Union of South Africa. Dr. @SIEDER is a rather loquacious individual who spent five years in Southwest Africa up until 1958 when he returned to Germany and joined UPHILL. @SIEDER stated that he had been telephoned by his friend, @BERKNER (who is</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">^{FR} Hubertus * RITSCOLD <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> CIT GERMANY Born 7 July 1912 in Kurysen, P @BERKNER</p> <p>who recently returned from a visit to Africa. Although @BERKNER hesitated to describe the countries he had visited over the telephone, @SIEDER said he had heard from other UPHILLers that @BERKNER had visited three countries and that one of the cities he visited was Johannesburg. (Earlier this year we had heard from @SIEDER that @BERKNER planned to spend three months in Africa and that he would go to Leopoldville.)</p> <p>2. @SIEDER then described a visit he had had by @JAKOBSEN (who is</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">^{FR} Karl * JACOBS <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> CIT GERMANY Born 25 April 1914 in Berlin GERM. @ JAKOBSEN</p> <p>and who is an UPHILL communications technician specializing in teletype equipment). @JAKOBSEN wanted assistance in composing a letter addressed to a Union of South Africa Minister (or Ministry) thanking them for their assistance during his recent visit to South Africa. He wanted to have the letter translated into Afrikaans, and hoped that Dr. @SIEDER could help him. Dr. @SIEDER told @JAKOBSEN that unfortunately he could not be of assistance since his Afrikaans is not fluent. However, @JAKOBSEN should contact "CLASSEN" (presumably identical with</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">^{FR} Wilhelm * CLASSEN <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> CIT GERMANY Born 28 October 1903 in St. Tonis) 32W-5-33/1</p>						
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GSIEDER had mentioned to us earlier that "CLASSEN" was GHERNER's immediate superior and in charge of an UPHILL field office in Munich, responsible for African operations.

3. Dr. GSIEDER then explained why he had referred SJAKOBSEN to "CLASSEN" by noting that the magazine

* AFRIKA ZEITSCHRIFT
Munich 23, Siegfriedstrasse 5
Telephone 33 68 75

is an UPHILL sponsored project. GHERNER and "CLASSEN" are responsible for the publishing of "AFRIKA" and only a few thousand copies are printed each month. Recently Dr. GSIEDER ran into an acquaintance of his who speaks Afrikaans and who is employed by "AFRIKA." By careful questioning, GSIEDER established that this acquaintance is apparently not aware that he is working for UPHILL. >>>

4. Should any evidence of UPHILL visits to Africa become apparent to any addressees, we would appreciate being notified.

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TO INFO	Chief of Base, Berlin Chief, EE; Chief of Station, Germany Chief, CLS		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. [] []
FROM	Chief, Munich Liaison Base		DATE 6 September 1963
SUBJECT	① UPHILL/UJVAULT/UJVENTURE Dr. Wilhelm Heinrich CLASSEN		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
ACTION REQUIRED	Traces Requested		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
REFERENCE(S)	INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY		
<p>1. UPHILL requests a Berlin Document Center Check on Dr. Wilhelm Heinrich *CLASSEN [] [] Born 28 October 1903 in St. Toenis</p> <p>Please forward one photocopy each to MLB and EE of any available material.</p> <p>2. Subject is @HERKNER's superior and is in charge of an UPHILL field office in Munich responsible for African operations. @HERKNER and Subject are responsible for the publishing of the "AFRIKA". Munich files contain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGLA-11138, 7 April 1952 RGZA-279, 16 October 1952 EGLA-956, 12 November 1952 EGQA-16640, 18 May 1953 EGMA-32222, 14 February 1958 ESBA-7327, 21 March 1958 ESBA-7858, 5 December 1958 ESBA-8021, 13 February 1959 EGMA-46917, 19 January 1960 ESBA-9495, 12 August 1960 ESBA-9906, 30 December 1960 EGFA-35511, 18 October 1961 EGMA-60602, 26 November 1962 <p>(Trace Request) - <i>Lgs copy</i> (Trace Reply) - <i>...</i></p> <p>3. Traces are requested all addressees. COS/G and CLS: Please trace the services. All Agency Name Trace forms are forwarded under separate cover.</p> <p>4. BOB: Attached are BDC Check forms.</p>			
<p>ATTACHMENTS:</p> <p>A. All Agency Trace forms (1) UNDER SEPARATE COVER</p> <p>B. BDC Check forms (1) HERewith</p> <p>Approved:</p> <p>[] []</p> <p>Distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 - BOB w/att. B (1) h/w 2 - EE wo/att. 2 - COS/G w/att. A (1) 10 cy. ea. U/S/C 2 - CLS w/att. A (1) 4 cy. ea. U/S/C <p style="text-align: center;">CS COPY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group I Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification</p>			
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NAME TRACE REQUEST FORM

Date: 23rd 1965

Ref/Control No.: _____

Date Due: - 7 OCT 1963

To : DAD 513th X A-2 X OSI X

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ATTACHMENT TO EGMA-62969
6 Sept 63

From: ONI BIV BND ASBW
DAD, Munich

I. 1. NAME: CLASSEN Wilhelm Heinrich - Dr.
Last First Middle

2. Aliases/Variant/Maiden Name: _____

3. Date of Birth: 28 October 1903 4. Place of Birth: St. Toenis

5. Citizenship: a. Present _____ b. Previous _____

6. Present Residence: _____

7. Past Residences: _____

8. Present Employment (Occupation): _____

9. Past Employment: _____

10. Additional Information: _____

II. Agencies Previously Traced by Requestor and Dates: DAD _____ 66th _____ 513th _____
A-2 _____ OSI _____ ONI _____ BIV _____ BND _____ ASBW _____
Other (Specify) _____

III. Reason for Trace Request Of Security Interest to the BND.
Please indicate in your reply that portion suitable for passage to the BND.

RESULTS OF RECORD SEARCH

Date: _____

- The Files of this organization reflect no record on Subject.
- The Files of this organization reflect the following information:

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TO INFO	Chief, Munich Liaison Base Chief, EE	HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. []	
FROM	Chief, CSB, Frankfurt	DATE 3 October 1963	
SUBJECT	CATIDE/UJVAULT/UJVENTURE Name Trace Reply - Dr. Wilhelm Heinrich CLASSEN	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
		MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
ACTION REQUIRED	NONE	INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY	
REFERENCE(S)	EQMA - 6296, 6 Sept 63		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CSB Frankfurt files contain no additional information on CLASSEN.2. A possible trace reply from the 513th is being forwarded to MLB as an attachment to this dispatch.3. A-2 and OSI report no traces on the Subject of reference.			
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Attachment as stated			
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(Name and address of requesting agency)

U. S. ARMY
SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUP
APO 742, U. S. FORCES

Berlin Document Center,
U.S. Mission Berlin
APO 742, U.S. Forces

Date: SEP 18 1963

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It is requested that your records on the following named person be checked:

Name: Dr. CLASSEN, Wilhelm Heinrich (wurde 1942 zum aussor-
planmäßigen Professor
ernannt)
Place of birth: St. Toenis
Date of birth: 28. Oktober 1903

Occupation:
Present address:
Other information:

It is understood that the requested information will be supplied at cost to this organization, and that payment will be made when billing is received.

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(Telephone No.)

CHARLES R. STONE

Executive (Signature) Officer

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3. PK	—	—	9. RWZ	—	—	15. Party Census	—	—
4. SS Officers	—	—	10. EWZ	—	—	16.	—	—
5. RUSHA	—	—	11. Kulturkammer	—	—	17.	—	—
6. Other SS Records	—	—	12. Volksgerichtshof	—	—	18.	—	—

For explanation of abbreviations and terms, see other side.

NSDAP Master File, SS Officers File, NS-Lehrerbund File and Misc.:

Dr. CLASSEN, Wilhelm Heinrich
Born: Oct 28, 1903 at St. Toenis
Occupation: Dozent, a. pl. Professor
Attached hereto are photostatic copies of the pertinent files in our records concerning Dr. C. In the belief that these copies satisfy the requirements of your request this office has not evaluated the file on record.

Encl.: 36 photostats

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Chief of Station, Germany; Chief, EE

Chief of Base, Berlin

CATIDE UJVVAULT UJVENTURE: BDC Trace Reply

Ref: EGMA-62969, 6 September 1963

Action: Transmittal to CATIDE

1. Forwarded herewith for your information and for transmittal to CATIDE is a copy of the Berlin Document Center file on

Dr. Wilhelm Heinrich CLASSEN
DOB: 28 October 1903
POB: St. Toenis.

2. There are no BOB traces on CLASSEN.

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CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY

FROM
CHIEF, EE

SUBJECT
CATIDE UJVAULT UJVENTURE
SUBJECT OF []

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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

EGMA - 62969

ACTION - FYI

1. MLB - IN ADDITION TO THE DOCUMENTS CITED IN REFERENCE, HEADQUARTERS' FILES CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING-

A. SUBJECT IS MENTIONED IN NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE QKSNITCH PROJECT /IDEN USC/. HE WAS CHIEF AGENT INSTALLED BY KUBARK AS BUSINESS MANAGER OF QKSNITCH. IN THIS CONNECTION HE DIRECTED ITS GROWTH AND SHAPED ITS POLICIES, PUBLICATION, AND ACTIVITIES ACCORDING TO KUBARK INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS GRANTED OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE IN MAY 1952 AND WAS DROPPED WITHOUT PREJUDICE IN FEBRUARY 1953 WHEN QKSNITCH WAS CLOSED OUT.

B. IN EGMA - 45078, 28 SEPTEMBER 1959, [] REPORTED THAT SUBJECT, FORMER EDITOR OF WEHRKUNDE, WAS ON THE CATIDE PAYROLL, CONFINES HIMSELF TO FRENCH AFFAIRS AND CONSULTS WITH [] FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. FOR CATIDE - KUBARK FILES CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON SUBJECT.

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REFERENCE: OPR-78561, 1 March 1965 (not sent COS/Bonn)

1. We regret that we are unable to fulfill Reference request as subject publication is unknown to Headquarters. Possibly COS/Germany or Bonn Base could furnish the desired information.

2. **BONN ONLY:** Reference forwarded a [] request for any information on the Internationales AFRIKA FORUM, published by the Europaisches Institut fuer Afrika, Wirtschaftliche und Soziale Fragen E.V., Bad Godesberg.

3. If any information on this publication should come to our attention in the future, it will be forwarded on to Paris.

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FROM Chief, Bonn Operations Base		XX	ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
SUBJECT Operational/KEYWAY "Afrika Forum"	PSYCH []		MICROFILM

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- A. OFPA 78541, 1 Mar 65
- B. OFPW 38961, 30 Mar 65
- C. EGMA 65878, 19 Apr 65

1. Bonn Base had no trace on the publication nor its sponsoring organization. Further, neither the publication nor the sponsoring organization is listed in the Bonn or Bad Godesberg sections of the local telephone book.

2. [] has come up with some information, made available in the form of a memorandum from one of his staffers. A translation thereof is as follows:

The organization is known as the European Institute for Political, Economic, and Social Questions (Europaisches Institut fuer Politische, Wirtschaftliche und Soziale Fragen e.V.).

It is the publisher of "Internationales Afrikaforum."

My research seems to establish that the Institute has been in existence since 1956/57. However, it has neither been located in a definite place nor does it have any sort of staff. Its office is always located

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in those of whoever happens to be the Institute's business manager. At the present time, this is Dr. Alfons DALMA, Munich, Herzog-Rudolf-Strasse 1 (Telephone Munich 293993). At one time, Federal Minister von MERKATZ was the Institute's First Chairman. Currently, this position is being held by Bavarian State Minister HEUBEL. According to information supplied by DALMA, the membership of the association which backs the above Institute (it has the identical name), comes largely from the CDU/CSU. The Institute has neither a firm yearly program nor does it issue any sort of prospectus on its activities. All of the Institute's activities are conducted on an ad hoc basis. As examples, DALMA cited discussions between CDU/CSU and LNR parliamentarians, also discussions between CDU/CSU and British Conservative parliamentarians at the height of the EEC crisis. According to DALMA, the Institute also furnishes lecturers, e.g., the former French Premier PFLIMLIN for a recent meeting of the Robert-Schumann-Association at the Munich University.

3. When passing us the above memorandum, [] advised that the staffer who had prepared it had told him that - while not able to prove it - he strongly suspects the above Institute of being a French propaganda front organization.

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FROM	Chief, Bonn Operations Base		MICROFILM
SUBJECT	Operational/KEYWAY/1 [] PSYCH "Afrika Forum"		
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
FYI			
EGNA 29364, 4 May 65 (and its Refs)			
<p>1. Transmitted for your information is a copy of an advertisement on subject publication which appeared in the April 1965 edition of "Neues Afrika."</p> <p>2. In addition to giving data on subject publication, it gives the name of the publishing house which puts it out: Weltforum Verlags GmbH, located in Munich, Widenmeyerstrasse 41.</p>			
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CAMOG CATIDE

1. CAN ADDEES PROVIDE ANY INFO ON WELTFORUM AFRIKA WHICH ALLEGEDLY PUBLISHED BY WELTFORUM AFRIKA VERLAG, MUNI, WIDENMAYERSTR 2(41)II (ADDRESS AS RECEIVED).
2. FOLL POSSIBLY CONNECTED ~~AFRIKA FORUM~~ ^{WELTFORUM} ALOIS GRAF VON WALDBURG-ZEIL AND PETER STOERTEN (UMLAUT). BOTH LIST SAME ADDRESS AS FORUM. NO HQS TRACES STOERTEN. HAVE TRACES PRINCE ERICH WALDBURG-ZEIL, NOW DECEASED, WHO FORMERLY HAD TIES TO CATIDE (NOTABLY TO UTILITY AND ALIAS LANGENDORF). NO TRACES ALOIS WHO POSSIBLY RELATIVE ERICH. MUNI 65 ADRESSBUCH TELEPHONE BOOK NEGATIVE ALL NAMES ADDRESSES.

3. REQUEST MELDEAMT CHECK WITH NAMES BURIED. ALSO REQUEST PHYSICAL CHECK WIDENMAYERSTR 2 DETERMINE OCCUPANT APT 41. VIEW POSSIBLE ADDRESS GARBLE PLS CONDUCT SIMILAR CHECK WIDENMAYERSTR 41. APPRECIATE ANY UNILATERAL EFFORTS TRACK DOWN LOCATION AFRIKA VERLAG, STOERTEN, WALDBURG-ZEIL.

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4. POSSIBLE AFRIKA VERLAG CATIDE CONNECTED. REQUEST
MLB COMMENTS. DO NOT QUERY CATIDE.
5. FROB: [] KNEW ERICH VON WALDBURG-ZEIL. ANY
KNOWLEDGE ALOIS. WE CHECKING [] AND RELATED MATERIAL.
6. FRAN STUT: WHEN MUNI MELDEAMT CHECK COMPLETED PLS
TRACE SERVICES PRIORITY ALOIS WALDBURG-ZEIL, STOERTEN.
7. ABOVE CONNECTED SENSITIVE HQS INVESTIGATION. REQUEST
LIMITED DISTRIBUTION THIS CABLE.

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1. ALOIS WALDBURG-ZEIL IS YOUNGER BROTHER OF GEORG WHO HEAD OF FAMILY SINCE DEATH OF HIS FATHER ERICH.

2. [] IS STILL ON WALDBURG ZEIL PAYROLL AND MUST KNOW OF ALOIS ACTIVITIES. [] WILL MEET [] WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS IN CONNECTION [] AFFAIRS AND DEBRIEF RE WELTFORUM AFRIKA AND PETER STOERTEN.

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CFN 8739 54415 ALOIS WALDBURG-ZEIL GEORG ERICH [] ALOIS

[] RE WELTFORUM AFRIKA PETER STOERTEN

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NO BOB TRACES WELTFORUM AFRIKA, WALDBURG-ZEIL,

IF DIR APPROVES,

CAN ASK [] AND/OR [] ABOUT WELTFORUM).

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2 Nov 65 11.85385

1. FOR INFO ON REF PUBLICATION (UNDER SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT NAME BUT UNDOUBTEDLY IDENTICAL) SEE EGNA 29364, 4 MAY 55 (NOT TO FROB BRLN), RESPONSIVE TO QUERIES IN OFPA-78541, 1 MAR 65, AND OFPW-38961, 30 MAR 65, WHICH FORWARDED TRANSLATION OF MEMO AND PARA 3 OF WHICH CITES SUSPICION OF [REDACTED] STAFFER WHO PREPARED MEMO THAT INSTITUTE WHICH BACKS REF PUBLICATION IS FRENCH PROPAGANDA FRONT ORGANIZATION. ALSO SEE EGNA-29387, 16 MAY 65 (NOT TO FROB BRLN MUNI), WHICH FORWARDS COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT ON REF PUBLICATION, SHOWING IT PUBLISHED BY VERLAG AT REF MUNICH ADDRESS. ALSO SEE EGMA-65878, 16 APR 65 (NOT TO FROB BRLN), WHICH QUOTES EGMA 451, 14 OCT 64 (NOT AVAILABLE BONN) TO EFFECT THAT INSTITUTE BEHIND REF PUBLICATION IS FRENCH-INTEL FRONT ORGANIZATION. ALSO SEE OFPA 29333, 27 APR 65 (NOT TO FROB BRLN). ALL ABOVE-CITED TRAFFIC MARKED FOR FILING IN 29-126-3115.

2. INDEX UP TO HQS.

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FRAN DIR INFO GMNY BONN BRLN FROB STUT CITE MUNI 4300

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1. ADDRESS AS STATED REF MEANS WIDENMAYER STRASSE 41,
SECOND ENTRANCE, SECOND FLOOR. SECOND ENTRANCE ACTUALLY LOCATED
AROUND CORNER IN PARADIES STR. ACCORDING TO BRASS PLATE ON
HOUSE PROPER TITLE OF OFFICE IS: WELTFORUM VERLAG GMBH REDAKTION
INTERNATIONALES AFRIKA FORUM.

2. WALDBURG CITED REF IS MARIA ALOYSIUS GRAF VON WALDBURG
ZU ZEIL, BORN 20 SEP 33 IN ZEIL, WURTTENBERG, PRESENTLY RESIDING
RATZENRIED WURTT. HE IS SECOND SON OF ERICH AUGUST ETC., BORN
21 AUG 99 IN STUTTGART DIED 24 AUG 53, AND BROTHER OF GEORG, BORN
5 JUNE 28 IN WUERZBURG, ELDEST SON OF ERICH AND PRESENT PRINCE
VON WALDBURG ZU ZEIL ETC. FRAN STUT: PLS TRACE SERVICES PER REF.

3. MOB CHECKING HANDELSREGISTER FOR FIRM AND OFFICERS WHICH
MAY PRODUCE POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP SUBJECTS REF WITH WELTFORUM.
MAY ALSO UNEARTH STOERTEN WHOSE NAME NOT LISTED MUNI INDEX OR OVERT
REGISTERS. COULD THERE BE ALTERNATE SPELLING.

4. MLB COMMENT: RECORD INDICATES GEORG WAS INDIRECTLY

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CONNECTED CATIDE THROUGH HIS SUPPORT ABENDLAENDISCHE AKADEMIE

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WHERE LANGENDORF COMPLEX OCCUPIED TOP FLOOR. FACT THAT
WELTFORUM VERLAG ET AL DOES NOT APPEAR IN ANY MUNICH

PAGE 20/2

TELEPHONE BOOK OR DIRECTORY MAY INDICATE IT COVER, BUT
UJVENTURE FILES SHOW NO CONNECTION.

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CFN: 4300 54415 WIDENMAYER STRASSE 41 PARADIES STR WELTFORUM VERLAG
GMBH REDAKTION INTERNATIONALES AFRIKA FORUM WALDBURG MARIA ALOYSIUS

GRAF VON WALDBURG ZU ZEIL 20 SEP 33 ZEIL WURTTENBERG RATZENRIED

WURIT ERICH AUGUST ETC 21 AUG 99 STUTT GART 24 AUG 53 GEORG 5

28 WUERZBURG PRINCE VON WJVDDBURG ZU ZEIL ETC PLS MOB WELTFORUM

STOERTEN NOT LISTED MLB CATIDE ABENDLAENDISCHE AKADEMIE LANGENDORF

VERLAG ET AL NOT APPEAR MUNICH UJVENTURE NO CONNECTION

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ALLEGEDLY PUBLISHED BY WELTFORUM AFRIKA VERLAG, MUNI,

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DIR INFO FRAN BONN GMNY BRLN STUT FROB CITE-MUNI 4318

(1) CAMOG CATIDE

IN 87739

- REFS: A. MUNI 4300 (W 85923)
 B. DIR 54415

1. FOLL FROM HANDELSREGISTER: FIRM WELTFORUM VERLAG GMBH FUER POLITIK UND AUSLANDSKUNDE FORMED 12 NOV 1964 AND LISTED IN HANDELSREGISTER 18 JAN 1965. ONLY OFFICERS LISTED ARE ALOIS GRAF VON WALDBURG-ZEIL AND WIFE CLARISSA NEE GRAEFIN VON SCHOENBORN-WIESEN-
 THEID BOTH LIVING 7989 RATZENRIED BEI WANGEN/ALLGAEU, HOUSE 107. CAPITAL OF 20,000 WITH 16,000 FROM HUSBAND AND REST FROM WIFE. STATED OBJECTIVE OF ENTERPRISE IS PUBLICATION OF BOOKS, PERIODICALS ON POLITICAL THEMES. FIRM AUTHORIZED ESTABLISH BRANCH OFFICES IN AND OUTSIDE GERMANY. FIRM ADDRESS 8 MUNICH 22, WIDENMAYERSTR 41, SECOND FLOOR. PHONE 29 92 23, ACCT NR 329951 IN BAYERISCHE VEREINSBANK, MUNCHEN.

2. PHYSICAL CHECK SECOND FLOOR WIDENMAYERSTR. ADDRESS REVEALED TWO SEPARATE NAME PLATES ON ENTRANCE DOOR OF FIRM. ONE PLATE BORE TITLE GIVEN PARA 1 REF A. OTHER PLATE LISTED EUROPAEISCHES INSTITUT FUER POLITISCHE, WIRTSCHAFLICHE UND SOZIALE FRAGEN E.V.,

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MUENCHEN. NO RECORD LATTER IN HANDELSREGISTER OR VEREINSREGISTER
AT AMTSGERICHT MUENCHEN.

3. PLS ADVISE IF CALLIKAK COVERAGE SUBJECT FIRM DESIRED.

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CFN: 4318 4300 54415 HANDELSREGISTER WELTFORUM VERLAG GMBH FUER
POLITIK UND AUSLANDSKUNDE 12 NOV 1964 H18 JAN 1965 ALOIS GRAF
VON WALDBURG-ZEIL CLARISSA NEE GRAEFIN VON SCHOENBORN-WIESENTHIED
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8 MUNICH 22 WIDENMAYERSTR 41 29 92 23 NR. 329951 BAYERISCHE VER-
EINSBANK MUNCHEN 1 A EUROPAEISCHES INSTITUT FUER POLITISCHE WIRT-
SCHAFLICHE UND SOZIALE FRAGEN E.V. MUENCHEN NO RECORD VEREINS-
REGISTER AMTSGERICHT MUENCHEN PLS CALLIKAK

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~~SECRET~~ CAMOG CATIDE CAGROWN

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11 Nov 65 IN 92767

1: WELTFORUM AFRIKA IS BRAIN CHILD BND AREA SPECIALIST PROF.
WILHELM CLASSEN ON WHOM THERE IS ABUNDANT INFO AT MLB AND IN
[] FILE. CLASSEN WAS MIFFED WHEN HIS BND SPONSORED NEUES
AFRIKA WAS TURNED OVER TO BUNDESPRESSEAMT AND SOUGHT NEW OUTLET
FOR HIS INTEREST IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE DUE RETIRE FROM
BND END 1965. [] SUGGESTED HE APPROACH ALOIS WALDBURG
ZEIL WHO POLITICALLY AMBITIONS (WITHIN SPHERE WUERTEMBERG CDU)
AND RESULT WAS SETTING UP WELTFORUM VERLAG WHICH TO START WITH
WELTFORUM AFRIKA, BUT EXPAND TO OTHER PUBLICATIONS LATER. CLASSEN
IS BEHIND SCENES CONSULTANT AND WILL REMAIN SO AFTER RETIREMENT.
CLASSEN ALSO GUARANTEES SALE OF SPECIFIED NUMBER OF COPIES,
PRESUMABLY THROUGH BND, WHICH COVERS PRINTING COSTS. MOST OF
MATERIAL COMES FROM AFRICA ASSOCIATIONS IN ENGLAND, FRANCE AND
BELGIUM, WITH WHICH WALDBURG HAS SIGNED CONTRACTS. LINE IS TO BE
EUROPEAN RATHER THAN GERMAN AND MAGAZINE IS TO COMPETE WITH

NEUES AFRIKA.

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7/9/...

2. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION ARE HANDLED BY HEINRICH WALDSTEIN OF THE REX VERLAG MUNICH WHO ALSO ARRANGED FOR THE WIDENMAYERSTRASSE OFFICES WHICH BELONGED TO A LAWYER WHO NEEDED MORE SPACE. WALDSTEIN PARTICIPATION ARRANGED BY CAGROWN.

3. [] HAS NOT HEARD NAME PETER STOERTEN IN ANY CONNECTION, BUT WILL CHECK AND REPORT TO [] ON 20 NOV AT WHICH TIME HE CAN ANSWER ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HQS MAY HAVE. ADVISE. FYI, ALOIS DOES NOT NEED VERLAG FOR INCOME. HE LIVES OFF OF INHERITED GUT RATZENRIED WHICH HAS BIG FOREST. ALSO INHERITED CASH WHICH USING TO FURTHER POLITICAL FUTURE. WALDSTEIN HAS NO BND TIES.

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CFN 9063 54415 WELTFORUM AFRIKA BND PROF WILHELM CLASSEN MLB

CLASSEN BND NEUES AFRIKA BUNDESPRESSEAMT AFRICA BND 1965
ALOIS WALDBURG ZEIL WUERTTEMBERG CDU WELTFORUM VERLAG BND
AFRICA ENGLAND FRANCE BELGIUM WALDBURG EUROPEAN GERMAN NEUES AFRIKA
HEINRICH WALDSTEIN REX VERLAG MUNICH WIDENMAYERSTRASSE A NOT HEARD
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REF: FROB 9063 (W 92767)

- BACKGROUND THIS CASE AS FOLLOWS: IDEN A, WHO STATIONED IDEN B AS IDEN C REP FROM JAN 64 THRU OCT 65, MET PETER STOERTEN WHO TRAVELING IN AREA ON BEHALF WELTFORUM AFRIKA CIRCA OCT 64. STOERTEN RECRUITED IDEN A TO WRITE PERIODIC ARTICLES FOR WELTFORUM WHICH HAS BEEN PAYING IDEN A EQUIVALENT \$70 MONTHLY WHETHER ARTICLES SUBMITTED REGULARLY OR NOT. PAYMENT MADE THRU LONDON BANK WHICH TRANSFERS FUNDS TO IDEN A. IDEN A CORRESPONDED DIRECTLY TO STOERTEN OR ~~WALDBERG~~ ^{ALUIS WALDBERG-ZEIL} ~~WALDBERG~~ ZEIL AT WIDENMAYERSTR ADDRESS MUNI. IDEN A NOW IN PBPRIME.
- NOT KNOWN WHETHER IDEN A PLAYING WITTING INTEL ROLE FOR CATIDE, WHETHER HE REALLY SUBMITTING ARTICLES OR BOTH. METHOD OF PAYMENT SUGGESTS INTEL INVOLVEMENT.
- IDEN A FIRED BY IDEN C LATE OCT 65 FOR REASONS UNRELATED TO FOREGOING. **XX**
- ALL ABOVE FYI ONLY.

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5. APPEARS ^{POSSIBLE} ~~VERY PROBABLE~~ CATIDE AGAIN IN EMBARRASSING

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UTILITY'S REACTION THAT CASE, AND IN ORDER GIVE IMPRESSION WE

WILLING HANDLE TOUCHY MATTERS ALONG LINES HE REQUESTED IN

UNLESS ~~DISCUSSIONS, REQUEST WAGGUEEN APPROACH UTILITY SOONEST~~
DISCUSS DURING COMING MEETING WITH UTILITY IN LOW
KEY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: KUBARK HAS LEARNED THAT IDEN A, FORMER

IDEN C REP STATIONED IDEN B, WAS AND APPARENTLY STILL IS CONNECTED

WITH AND HAS RECEIVED FUNDS FROM WELTFORUM AFRIKA (AT MUNI

ADDRESS). KUBARK ^{WONDERS IF} ~~HAS REASONS BELIEVE~~ WELTFORUM AFFILIATED WITH

OR SPONSORED BY CATIDE. IF THIS CASE, WE WOULD LIKE KNOW PRECISE

NATURE AND HISTORY CATIDE RELATIONSHIP IDEN A. NOTE MATTER

PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE VIEW IDEN A WORK IDEN C. STRESS STRICT

ODYOKE PROHIBITION USE ANY SUCH PERSONNEL IN ANY FORM INTEL

ACTIVITY DURING OR AFTER IDEN C EMPLOYMENT. IT ESSENTIAL IDEN C

BE KEPT TOTALLY UNCONTAMINATED TO PREVENT ^{GIVING} OPENING SOVBLOC

COULD EXPLOIT TO NEUTRALIZE IDEN C SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT

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1. FOLLOWING FROM WALDBURG AND KLASSEN OBTAINED BY []
UNDER PRETEXT CASUAL QUESTION RE WELTFORUM AFRICA ALLEGEDLY POSED TO
[] BY MR. HANS IMHOF, POLITICAL OFFICER, AMEMB BONN. (NOTE:
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN [] AND IMHOF SINCE SCHOOL DAYS
WELL KNOWN TO CATIDE).

2. PETER STOERTEN IS WEHRMACHT OFFICER WITH AFRICA BACKGROUND
WHO ON LOAN TO CATIDE AND HELPING KLASSEN WITH WELTFORUM. KLASSEN
OBVIOUSLY HAS GUILTY CONSCIENCE SINCE "VOLUNTEERED" TO []
THAT IMHOF INQUIRY PROBABLY PROMPTED BY FACT STOERTEN HAD CONTRACTED
WITH A PAPERMAN SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA TO WRITE ARTICLES FOR WELTFORUM
AND IT QUITE NATURAL FOR PAPERMAN TO WANT TO CHECK OUT STOERTEN.

3. CATIDE USE OF WALDBURG FAMILY PROJECTS AND GOOD OFFICES

[] FOR COVER IS OLD STORY.

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24 November 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Paul Theroux

1. According to [redacted], his brother Paul Theroux left the United States on 19 November 1965 for Kampala, Uganda, where he will begin his new job connected with Makerere College. Paul planned to stop in London for several days enroute in order to see his girl friend, an Italian national.

2. [redacted] said that his brother still planned to travel to Germany in December to attend the wedding of the daughter of the current or former West German Ambassador to Malawi. [redacted] believes that his brother will pay for his trip to Germany from income derived from free-lance writing (e.g., the Christian Scientist Monitor has published several articles by Paul). [redacted] said that, since his brother will have begun his new job in Kampala, he did not believe his brother still planned additional travels after the wedding (e.g., to Eastern Europe).

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1. ON 8 DECEMBER ALIAS CASTROP PASSED

ENVELOPE CONTAINING FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

SUEJ: PAUL THEROUX

REF: QUERY TO UTILITY ON 24 NOV 65

CATIDE DOES NOT HAVE ANY INTEL CONTACT THEROUX.

CATIDE IS AWARE OF THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF THE

U.S. PEACE CORPS AND RESPECTS THIS IN ALL CASES.

2. NOTE ABOVE MESSAGE DOES NOT SAY CATIDE NEVER HAD INTEL CONTACT THEROUX.

3. ADVISE ANY FURTHER ACTION DESIRED HERE.

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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES					
TRACES PLEASE					
1. The BND (operational security) requests BDC checks on:					
A. (Dr) Wilhelm CLASSEN					
DPOB: 28 October 1903 in St. Toenis, West Germany					
Our UJVENTURE files indicate Subject is the Organization's specialist on African affairs. A BDC was requested on Subject per EGMA-62969, 6 September 1965 and Berlin forwarded his file via EGMA-76155, 7 October 1965. A recheck is requested.					
B. Juergen Andreas PETERSEN					
DPOB: 5 October 1903 in Norderdithmarschen, West Germany					
C. Erhard WALLITSCHKE					
DPOB: 5 August 1901 in Harburg, West Germany					
Munich files contain no information on B and C above.					
2. CSB and CLS: Name trace forms are attached for tracing the Services.					
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From: ONI _____ BIV _____ BND _____ ASBw _____
DAD, Munich

I.1. NAME: CLASSEN Wilhelm Dr. 20/ 675894
Last First Middle

2. Aliases/Variants/Maiden Name: _____

3. Date of Birth: 28 October 1903 4. Place of Birth: St. Toenis, West Germany

5. Citizenship: a. Present _____ b. Previous _____

6. Present Residence: _____

7. Past Residences: _____

8. Present Employment (Occupation): _____

9. Past Employment: _____

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It is requested that your records on the following named person be checked:

Name: Dr. Wilhelm Heinrich CLASSEN
Place of birth: St. TOENIS
Date of birth: 28.10.1903
Occupation:
Present address:
Other information:

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It is understood that the requested information will be supplied at cost to this organization, and that payment will be made when billing is received.

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NSDAP Master File, SS Officers File, NS-Lehrerbund File and Miscellaneous:

Dr. CLASSEN, Wilhelm Heinrich *C* *Amund*
Born: October 28, 1903 at St. Toenis
Occupation: ausserplanmaessiger Professor

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über

den Universitäts-Dozenten Dr. Wilhelm Gassen
Heidelberg, Bismarckstr. 17.

Geb. 28.10.03.

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NSDAP 1.4.34, Nr. 3.444-923

Gassen ist eine Reihe von Jahren als Germanist an der japanischen Universität
in Tokio tätig gewesen. Er hat sich dort nicht nur sprachlich, sondern auch politisch
außergewöhnlich bewährt. Er verstand es, sich mit führenden japanischen
Persönlichkeiten in Kontakt zu bringen und hat mit sicherem Takt seine person-
lichen Beziehungen nach Jernost immer mehr ausgebaut. Er hat auch bereits
gute Verbindungen zu führenden chinesischen Persönlichkeiten. Als NSB-Obmann
für Japan hat er mittergültige Arbeit geleistet, und auch nach seiner Rückkehr
in die Heimat habe ich an ihm einen geradezu unerlözbaren Mitarbeiter ge-
funden. Das Außenpolitische Amt der NSDAP ist ebenfalls in der Lage, über
Dg. Dr. Gassen positive Auskunft zu geben, ebenso Prof. Dr. Ernst Arickx.

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In Grossen und Ganszen liegen die Dinge hinsichtlich der Auswahl so, dass unter den jüngeren Germanisten nicht sehr viel Günstigkeit besteht, auf längere Zeit hinaus zu gehen. Soweit die Dozenten und habilitierten Assistenten wirklich fachlich hervorragend sind, sind ihre Ansichten auf Erlangung einer Professur ebenfalls gut. In der Tat liegt für sie ein deutlich bemerkbares Ansehen zunächst einmal in der Heimat die ersuchte berufliche Sicherheit abzuwarten. Ich habe den Eindruck, als wenn diese Überlegung auch den Begutachteten nicht ganz unwirksam sein wird. Darum stelle ich auch noch einige andere Gutachten in Aussicht. Es würde die Anschaffung als Begutachtung erleichtern, wenn Sie Näheres mitteilen könnten über die Art der Arbeit und über die Dauer des Kontraktes.

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 - 3.) Dr. Otto Benninger (Germanist - vier Jahre in der Reichsuniversität, mehrere Jahre in der Reichsuniversität, mehrere Jahre in der Reichsuniversität)
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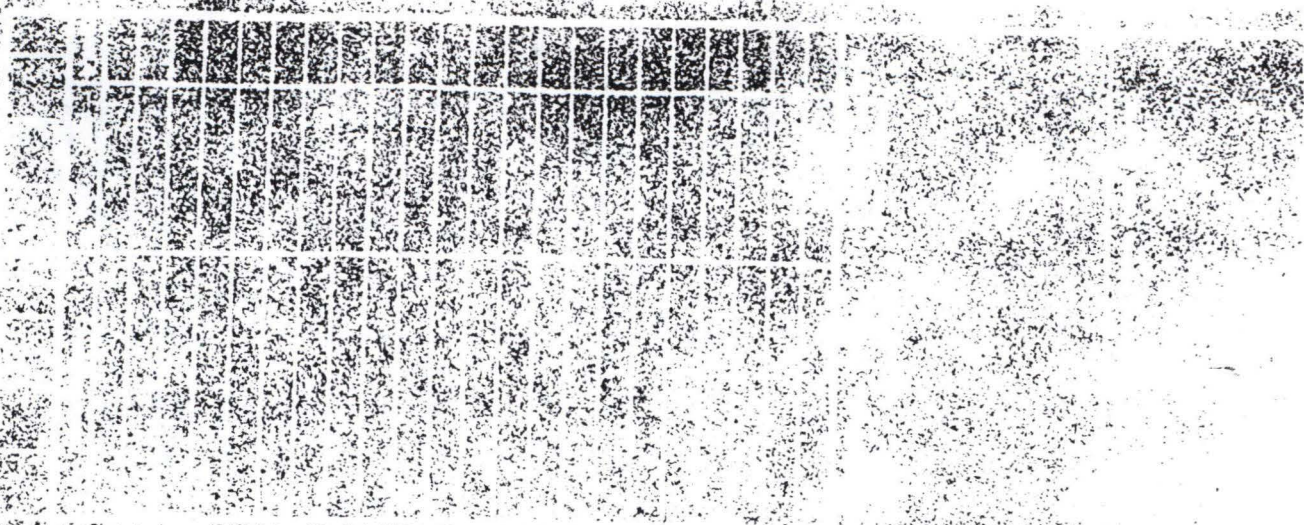
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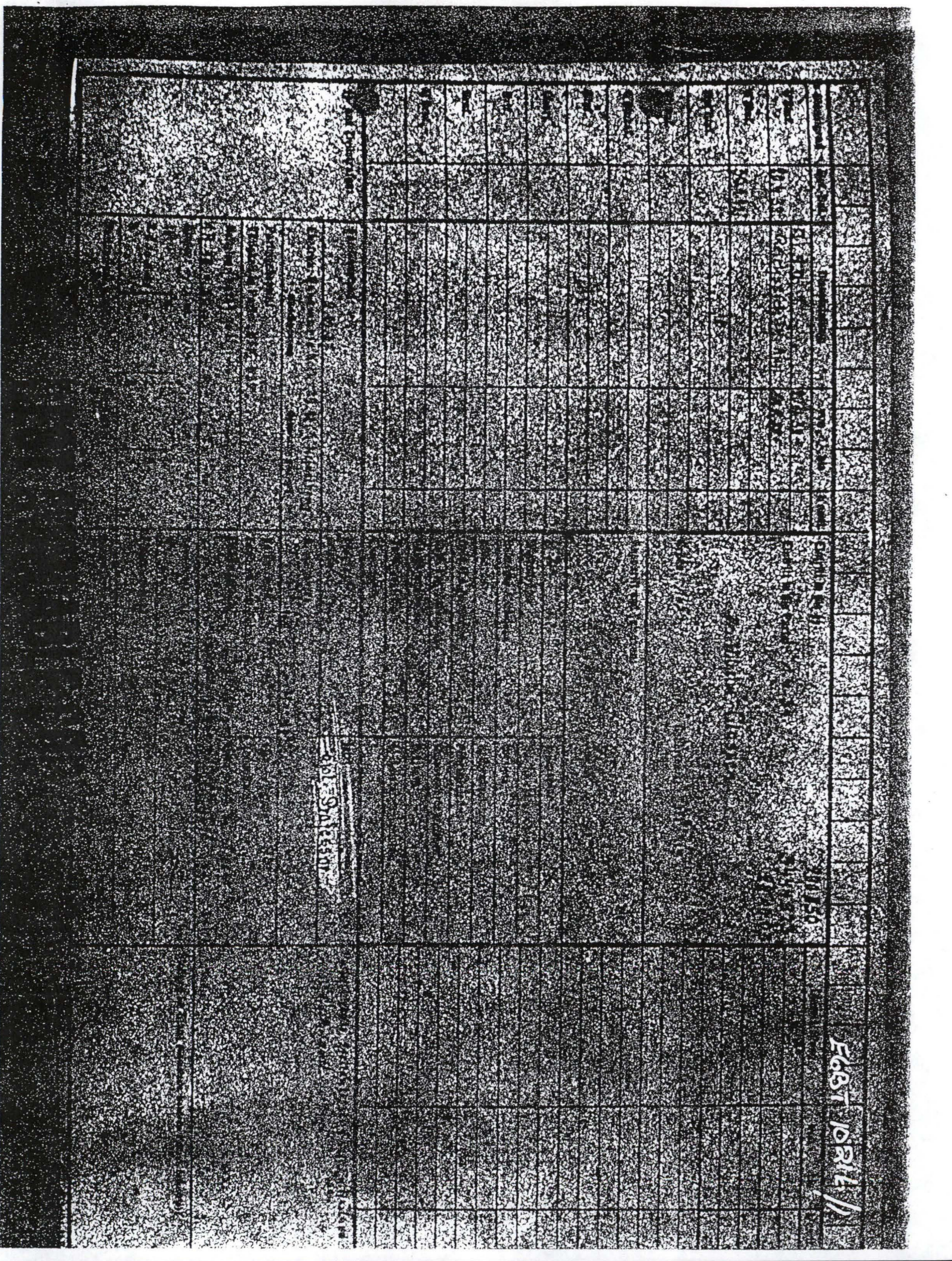


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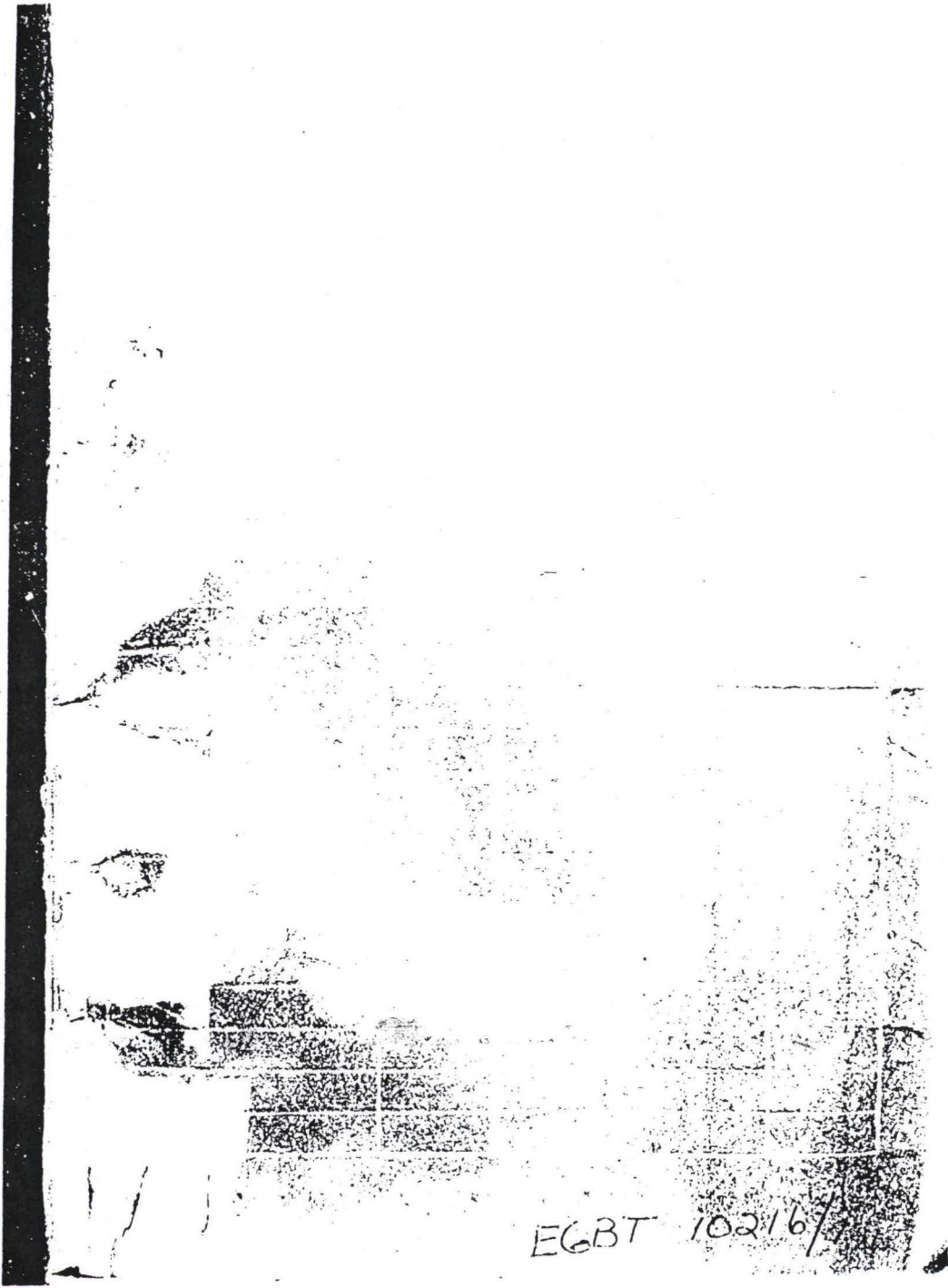
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Der Stellvertreter des Führers

München, den 6. April 1936
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NSD - Lehrerbund

im Hause.
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Vertraulich!

Aus kulturpolitischen Gründen wird von massgeblicher Seite beabsichtigt, an einer chinesischen Universität, an der ohnedies eine Reihe deutscher Lehrkräfte vorhanden sind, ein deutsch-chinesisches Seminar zu errichten. Können Sie uns eine politisch zuverlässige wie fachlich hervorragende Persönlichkeit als Leiter vorschlagen ?-

Heil Hitler !

R. W. W.

N.S.C.B. Reichsamtseitung Bayreuth.
Eingeg. 14. April 1936
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Erledigt am:

Dr. Wilhelm Classen

Heidelberg, 25. IV. 36.

An die
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Amt Grenze und Ausland
Bayreuth.

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Betr.: Anfrage vom 21. IV. 36,
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In der Anlage reiche ich zwei Gutachten über Persönlichkeiten herein, die nach meiner Auffassung für die Leitung des Seminars an der Werbung Universität in Betracht gezogen werden könnten. Zwei weitere stelle ich in Aussicht, nachdem ich weitere Ermittlungen abgeschlossen habe. Eine Gewissheit, dass die Genannten gegebenenfalls zur Übernahme des Postens bereit wären, kann ich nicht zusichern, da ich, ihrem Auftrag entsprechend, die Sondierung vertraulich vornahm. Für einige Einzelheiten der Gutachten habe ich Rücksprache genommen mit dem Gaudozentenbundsführer Prof. Dr. Ernst Kriek, der mit mir in der Beurteilung der Genannten einig geht.

Im Grossen und Ganzen liegen die Dinge hinsichtlich der Auslese so, dass unter den jüngeren Germanisten nicht sehr viel Geneigtheit besteht, auf längere Zeit hinaus zu gehen. Soweit die Dozenten und habilitierten Assistenten wirklich fachlich hervorragend sind, sind ihre Aussichten auf Erlangung einer Professur z. Zt. ziemlich gut; darin liegt für sie ein deutlich bemerkbarer Anreiz, zunächst einmal in der Heimat die ersehnte berufliche Sicherstellung abzuwarten. Ich habe den Eindruck, als wenn diese Überlegung auch bei den Begutachteten nicht ganz unwirksam sein wird. Darum stelle ich auch noch einige andere Gutachten in Aussicht. Es würde die Auswahl und die Begutachtung erleichtern, wenn Sie Näheres mitteilen könnten über die Art der Arbeit und über die Dauer des Kontraktes.

Heil Hitler!

Wilhelm Classen.

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Dr. Wilhelm Classen

Heidelberg, den 5. Mai 1936
Bismarckstrasse 17.

Herrn
Reichssachbearbeiter
Bernhard Eichinger
NSLB, Bayreuth.

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Sehr geehrter Pg. Eichinger,

zur Zeit weilt ein naher Verwandter des chinesischen Wirtschaftsministers hier. Bei einer Rücksprache mit ihm ergab sich, dass von Wusung aus u.U. eine wichtige Querverbindung geschaffen werden kann einmal zu den kulturpolitisch wichtigen Komittés der Kuomintang, dann auch zur nächsten Umgebung von Tschiang kai schek, schliesslich auch zu kulturpolitisch z.Zt. stark interessierten Kreisen der südchinesischen Wirtschaft. Ich kann mir denken, dass der zukünftige Leiter des Deutschen Seminars an der Tung chi=Universität gegebenenfalls diese Möglichkeiten in der gleichen Art wahrnehmen und auswerten kann, wie ich es sr.Zt. in Japan für das Aussenpolitische Amt der Partei getan habe. Voraussetzung dafür ist dann natürlich, dass der Betreffende dazu den erforderlichen Takt, das nötige Sachwissen und ein hohes Mass von Geschicklichkeit mitbringt. Bei der endgültigen Auswahl des zukünftigen Leiters müsste nach m.M. sehr scharf darauf gesehen werden. Vor seinem Herausgang wäre eine Einführung in die schwierige Art derartiger Arbeit wohl angebracht.

Falls Die Auffindung eines geeigneten Kandidaten schwierig sein sollte, würde ich evt. den Gedanken erwägen, mich selber für Wusung in Vorschlag zu bringen. Ich kann diesen Plan im Augenblick allerdings nur von sehr fern her ansehen, wäre Ihnen aber doch verbunden, wenn Sie mir gelegentlich einmal Ihre Auffassung darüber mitteilen würden.

Heil Hitler!

Wilhelm Classen

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(Germanist, mehrere Jahre in Tokio, sehr verdienstvoller Mitarbeiter des Außenpolitischen Amtes).

Wir fügen über jede der genannten Persönlichkeiten Einzelgutachten bei.

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Ich bestätige hiermit an Eidesstatt: Mir sind trotz sorgfältiger Prüfung keine Umstände bekannt, welche die Annahme rechtfertigen könnten, daß ich und meine Ehefrau von nichtarischen Eltern oder Großeltern abstammen; insbesondere hat keiner meiner Eltern oder Großeltern zu irgend einer Zeit der jüdischen Religion angehört.

Ich bestätige an Eidesstatt obige Angaben wahrheitsgetreu gemacht zu haben.

Wilhelm Classen.....

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Betätigung und Beurteilung durch die Kreis- bzw. Gauverwaltung:

Pg. Classen ist durchaus zuverlässig. Er hat bei uns Grenze und Ausland. Er kann in jeder Weise empfohlen werden.

Heil Hitler!



Joseph

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wenn wir Sie als Lektor gewinnen könnten. Soll-
ten Sie zur Mitarbeit bereit sein, so bitten wir
Sie, die beiliegenden Fragebogen ausgefüllt und
mit einem Lichtbild versehen über Ihre Gewaltdung
an uns zurückzusenden.

Heil Hitler!

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