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SUBJECT

GROOVY/ [] / Intel-Operations
Identification of Papermill as []

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NO INDEXING REQUIRED

ACTION REQUIRED

See paragraphs 12 and 13.

INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY

REFERENCES

1. From recent study of old project records, including particularly the detailed contact reports forwarded several years ago. It is possible to establish with reasonable certainty that the source of all [] material on KPO and Communist front activity is Johann ANGERER [] of the [] office in Salzburg. ANGERER also provides the same material to [] headquarters, Vienna, and probably to [] as well.
2. Of greater immediate importance is the new discovery that ANGERER's source and the actual originator of this material is Dr. Leopold VOLLER [] of Salzburg, a prolific and unreliable intelligence peddler whose name has been linked at one time or another to almost every Western service in Europe as well as to the KGB. VOLLER, on the basis of a known relationship, may have his own channel to [] independently of ANGERER. However the channel in use, [] is definitely receiving VOLLER reports identical to those received by [] through [], and on two recent occasions [] has passed such reports to [] through liaison. VOLLER material has also been received by [] through at least five Stations or Base-Flights, Danish, [] and [] as a result of disclosure of this situation. Headquarters is no longer disseminating material from [] (or any other supplier) which appears to originate with VOLLER.
3. It was possible to pinpoint VOLLER as the author of [] material through study of the raw reports forwarded in HW-6703 of 16 August 1960 and in subsequent transmittals. We had not seen this raw product in any quantity before. All the reports were obviously written by the same person. Despite a larding of factual data, much of this raw material was disturbingly indicative of a papermill mentality (see Attachment A for a prime example) and was carefully examined for a clue to the writer's identity. We located one report (Attachment B) in which the writer named two out of three Austrian participants at a meeting in Belgium and indicated that he, himself, was the third. Since this meeting was an offshoot affair to a Brussels congress of the anti-Communist "Union des Resistants Pour Une Europe Unie" (URPE), it was possible to obtain from [] a list of all participants, including the three Austrians. VOLLER was the third man. The accumulated data in his 201 was sufficient to clinch the identification. A minor but interesting point of additional confirmation is the superimposed notation "Quelles Frons" which appears on each report in one batch received by [] from []. This notation was probably made by ANGERER. VOLLER has long been known to use the alias "Frons KANVMAER".
4. Although VOLLER's name has not previously been linked to the [] operation, Vienna Station has considerable recent traffic on him which summarizes most of the information contained in his Headquarters 201. The most significant of these are:

- OPPA-40578 of 12 September 1958
- HW-12513 of 29 January 1959
- EA-21683 of 6 February 1959
- GERA-12662 of 21 July 1959
- OPPA-49047 of 27 November 1959.

Significant additional Headquarters traces are as follows:

- a) USAGE report, 5 January 1950. VOLLER worked for USAGE until 1948 when he switched to GEBPAL, Salzburg. Was arrested on a narcotics charge but release was arranged after []

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for WIGGIE intelligence. He told his USAID contact he was in direct contact with WPHILL and had received binding promises for placement of his presumed collaborators. Claimed strong private intelligence organization specializing in collecting Communist information. WIGGIE rated him as falling within the category of "competitive and/or enemy personnel . . . contacted from time to time either for formulating opinions or verifying or establishing intelligence information."

b) NYLA-1586, 23 March 1950. Includes above, plus notation VOLLER in contact with SMITH.

c) NYLA-2498, 5 July 1950. As of June 1950, WPHILL refuted VOLLER's statement of contact and avowed that VOLLER was not, nor ever had been a part of WPHILL operations.

d) NYLA-3968, 9 November 1950. A reorganization of USAID agent numbering system indicated that VOLLER was an active part of USAID operations. He had number NY-5.

e) Two ODEPAL reports, both dated April 1951, confirmed that VOLLER was working for ODEPAL, Salzburg, on Project GRAND RAPIDS.

f) NYLA-13306, 10 December 1951, included VOLLER on a list of informants dropped by various OSINT intelligence agencies in Germany and Austria. VOLLER, then living at Salzburg, Schmedaustrasse 16, was dropped for ineptitude.

g) ODEPA-50718 of 19 February 1960. [] reported that [] had given him a briefing on VOLLER (apparently at his request) in which it was stated that SMITH had said it had used VOLLER until 1951, that he made false statements and dropped him.

6. As you can judge from the traces, there are many gaps in our knowledge of VOLLER. In August 1958 he was living at Jägerstrasse 10, Salzburg, which may or may not be his present address. Most OSINT traces list him as a journalist (probably freelance), but he obviously works at least part-time as a guide/escort for Soviet and satellite tourist groups visiting the Salzburg area. [] has reported this; it is also confirmed by the content of VOLLER's own reports. We do not know under whose auspices VOLLER does this work. He may be an employee of a Salzburg travel bureau or possibly the Salzburg representative of a Vienna agency such as the Reisebüro Josefstadt which, as you know, makes arrangements in Austria for satellite tour groups. In any case, VOLLER apparently has free time to spend in Vienna as well as Salzburg and to attend meetings of URPE and similar groups in other parts of Europe. [] is not a member of FIR but spends a lot of time hanging around the FIR headquarters in Vienna. VOLLER's unconvincing version of this relationship is that the FIR people have become so used to seeing him as a hanger-on that they talk freely in his presence and even regard him as a little "expert" in the field. No explanation can be found anywhere for VOLLER's claimed access to these officials, yet such access is implied or stated in almost all of VOLLER's first-person reporting. He is particularly fond of reporting alleged views of unidentified "military expert" of the XI of the KPOs.

VOLLER's known or reasonably established reporting channels leading to OSINT are charted in Attachment C. There is no doubt of his close working relationship and reporting relationship under the aliases WYKIE and WYKIE under the alias WYKIE ([] of Düsseldorf, prominent in German espionage and parachute affairs, secretary-general of the URPE German Section, and head of an intelligence peddler in his own right. [] has reported that WYKIE pay VOLLER for his material. WYKIE has long been known to be working for WPHILL, but the latter denied any connection in 1956. WYKIE, however, passes VOLLER material on FIR and other Communist and Government activities to []. The latter has been known to relay this material as well as to LEPFIT. Some of the same VOLLER material was passed by WYKIE to an URPE colleague in Luxembourg for transmission to [] and [] through [] the Luxembourg member of the [] and [] to [] on the chart is a conjectural one.

relationships between [] and a KURARK-affiliated Italian organization.

8. The started relationship between VOLLER and ANBERER in Salzburg clearly exists, but we have no details other than the indication that VOLLER is "B...". The VOLLER material which ANBERER is now passing to [] is different in scope and style from that which has passed between them for years or more and it thus appears fairly certain that VOLLER has been a Salzburg source of ANBERER (and thus of GREENGLY) for at least the same period of time. This relationship could account for VOLLER's exaggerated boast to KURARK in 1958 that he (VOLLER) was a GREENGLY official charged with penetrating the EPOs and the front groups.

9. Full Headquarters traces on Johann ANBERER were forwarded to Vienna in EAVA-11663 of 11 July 1958 in connection with the [] case. In brief summary, these show that ANBERER, a veteran GREENGLY officer, a former GREENGLY agent [] recruited him) and OCPAL informant, has been consistently passed over the years as an EPHILL source or sub-source. [] and [] have all put him in this category. [] admitted several years ago that he received all of his reports on EPOs matters from ANBERER. In fact, for several months in 1956 [] paid a small monthly sum out of KURARK funds to ANBERER for this EPOs material. ANBERER has been described as hard-working, with a nose for intelligence matters, and a man who would do anything for a fast shilling. His VOLLER-originated reports given to [] are only carbon copies of the originals which go to GREENGLY, Vienna.

10. It would be of interest to determine how much of the considerable raw VOLLER material which Vienna Station receives from [] is also passed to the Station by GREENGLY-10. We are fairly sure there is some duplication (although this is hard to establish here without access to the raw material from both sides) but consider it likely that GREENGLY Headquarters, which is aware of VOLLER's background and almost certainly knows that he is ANBERER's sub-source, treats the material with caution and generally disseminates to KURARK only selected items which for the most part have been rewritten or combined with other material. [] recalls having received from GREENGLY in the period 1956-59 a number of reports which were remarkably similar to the material which we now know originates with VOLLER. Like those passed to [], these reports concerned FBI and miscellaneous views and activities of the EPOs. As noted in EAVA-21683 of 6 February 1959, GREENGLY-10, when asked about the source of these reports, did not identify him by name but provided a description which could very well apply to VOLLER in the light of our present knowledge.

11. From a reports standpoint, the decision at Headquarters to reject and expunction all material traceable to VOLLER means that about 70% of previous disseminable [] "production" must now be considered worthless as intelligence to KURARK. The remaining random items of GREENGLY origin which [] provides are of very marginal interest since, in the words of a Headquarters staff evaluation made last year, they... "appear to be generalizations of fragmentary pieces of information, do not indicate the type of ultimate sources, the dates of individual sightings, nor are GREENGLY analytical interpolations kept separate from hard fact."

12. We doubt that much can be done to raise the quality of [] reporting. [] in the past has never responded satisfactorily to KURARK's professional guidance in this matter; despite scoldings and lectures he has picked up what he could lay his hands on, good or bad, and turned it over as best source data or evaluation. The situation for many years was not his own fault. Except for ANBERER, he controlled the sources of his own and had little or no direct influence on GREENGLY operations. Perhaps that has now changed with [] reported rise to new and broader responsibilities, presumably in the operational field. If so, we would recommend that he be required to list and describe all principal GREENGLY sources in his area (so they can be traced by us) and to identify the source of all reports by him to KURARK. We see no objection to clabbering [] about the material he gets from ANBERER, pointing to Attachment A as a particularly nice example and revealing that we know VOLLER is the author of this which, without being specific, we have seen peddled all over Europe.

... if you also required [] to turn in a detailed report
... which will fill in the gaps in his record.

It is our hope that the virtual elimination of this project's KBT...
... will stimulate Station reassignment of the project in terms
... of the operational goals discussed in MW-14600 of 21 August 1960. This
... could appear to depend on the scope of []'s new responsibilities and
... the possibilities for close field supervision which could improve his per-
... formance and make it responsive to KBT... objectives. We look forward to
... your views on this.

14. For your information, we intend to inform Madrid by separate dispatch
concerning the most recent WHEEL report attributable to VOLLER.

29 September 1960

Attachments

1. Report on JAKK... (1 copy) N/W
2. Report on a Resistance Group (1 copy) N/W
3. Chart (1 copy) N/W

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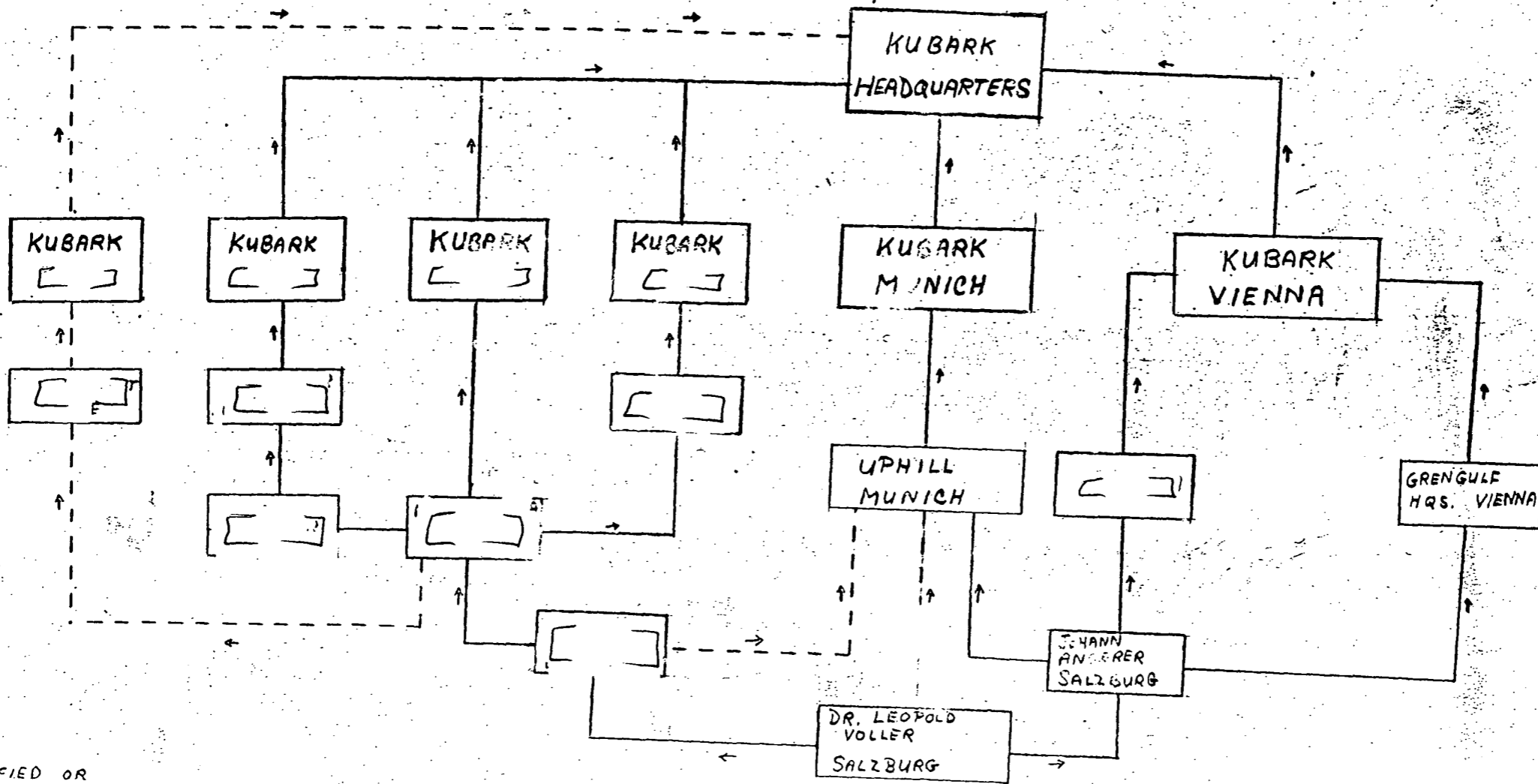
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