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SUBJECT: Repeated Rumors,
Re. Presence Martin BOEMANN
in Ecuador

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1. As a matter of possible interest the following rumor regarding the presence of Martin BOEMANN in Ecuador are presented as a matter of record:

a) First report that Martin BOEMANN was in Ecuador:

- 1) On 20 November 1947, Mrs. Johannson, wife of Swedish engineer in Quito, and a Mrs. LODENSKY, a Polish citizen, were visiting in Baños Ecuador, when by chance they obtained the following story from an Ecuadorian woman, who was the keeper of the thermal bath house in Baños: "The woman (NU) was becoming frightened by what she considered an unusual situation, which had arisen at the bathhouse where she is employed. It appears that she was instructed by the owner of the thermal bathhouse to turn the keys over to a German after the normal closing time on Friday nights. This she did on several occasions when one Friday night she became curious and hid herself in the bathhouse after turning over the key to an unidentified German. This woman stated that at 2300, about fifteen (15) Germans entered the bathhouse, apparently surrounding one person who always kept his face covered with a poncho. The fifteen Germans, all men, took up positions around the bath-house and appeared to be guarding the man, who proceeded to bathe in the hot baths. This procedure was repeated again for several weeks in the same manner and at the same time."
- 2) A few days after Madama JOHANNSON and LODENSKY had heard the above story at the thermal baths, they were out hiking in the hills above Baños, when they stopped to rest. While sitting along the trail, they noticed about fifteen men coming up the trail all wearing ponchos of the native variety. When they approached close enough to recognize the two women, the first man called out in German "attention" and the entire group immediately left the trail for the underbrush. Before they disappeared these women said they were able to see that they were all of German appearance and that one man in the middle kept his face half covered up at all times, however, they were able to see that he had several large scars high on his cheek bones.

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- 3) As a consequence of the above incidents, rumors started circulating in Benos among the pro-Ally Germans, that Martin BOICMANN was the man that was being protected in the hills around Ispago, where many Germans have lived for the past fifteen years.
- b) A second report or rumor that Martin BOICMANN was in Ecuador appeared in the local newspaper "El Dia" on 14 March 1940. This article stated that BOICMANN and Leon LIMBERG, latter a former Nazi leader of Belgium, were hiding in the jungle region of Rio Imataza, a region of south-western Ecuador where there are many German inhabitants.
- c) A third report on this subject was received from a usually reliable source from former Nazi Germans in Quito, as follows:
- 1) "Martin BOICMANN is presently living in one of the old German Camps at "Granizo Azul" (Peruvian Gran Pango). He originally disembarked from a German submarine on the Brazilian coast, where he proceeded through the interior of Brazil to Ecuador. BOICMANN was in Quito for a period of about two weeks, dressed as a Franciscan Friar, and he stayed in the home of a former Nazi. While in Quito, he wore a long beard and had dyed his hair. He contacted Walter/DIEMER, former pro-Nazi, and Stefan/HATTEN, formerly interned in the United States as a Nazi. BOICMANN was informed by these Germans that there had been rumors circulating in Ecuador that he was here and was living in the Oriente (jungle area, east of the Andes, which would be close to Benos). BOICMANN allegedly stated he intended to proceed eventually to Patagonia, via Lima, Arequipa, Tegus and Mendoza, where he expected to find Hitler. Further, he requested all former Nazis to continue using the Nazi salute among themselves.
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