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1. Although the following report is over a month old and its value has changed since VE-Day, it still shows the construction of German Intelligence organizations, broken down so that it will undoubtedly prove useful for record purposes. It is transmitted for that reason. You will find that it is more complete and much more coherent than the above Reference.

2. According to definite information which has come to light regarding German Intelligence organizations in Finland, it is certain that the Germans had no centralized intelligence organization or organization for secret political activity in Finland. Espionage and other secret work has, on the contrary, been carried on through many channels. Of these channels the following were the most important:-

- (a) National Socialist Party Organization.
- (b) S. S.
- (c) Sicherheitsdienst/Gestapo
- (d) Abwehr/G.N.

3. These organizations, as will be seen, not only lacked centralisation, but also co-operation between themselves.

4. Besides this it will be seen that line-crossing took place and, in some cases, the same field of activity was covered by two different channels.

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National Socialist Party Organization

5. Up to September 1944 the German Colony in Finland was combined with the N.S.D.A.P. district (Landes Kreis) which, through its leader, Kreisleiter Wilhelm JAHNE, was connected with the Party's leaders in Germany. The Party "district", which consisted of 50 - 100 members, was for the most part composed of German nationals living in Finland who were under the influence of the Party. The Party had, at the same time, its own youth and women's organizations. The German labour front also had a representative in Finland. There is, however, no information to show that the Party Organization had any working connection with the secret activities of the Fifth Column. The organization worked independently and had no connection with any Finnish organization, nor did it have a Finnish department.

6. The Party Organization does not appear to have worked against either the Finnish or Allied secret intelligence services, although some members of both the Party Organization and the German Colony (JAHNE himself, for example) were connected with the German espionage organization, the head of which was Hans MEYERER.

7. Amongst the better known members of the Party Organization were the following:-

- (a) JAHNE, Wilhelm German. B. 2.5.1895. Businessman. Enthusiastic Nazi and N.S.D.A.P.'s Kreisleiter in Finland. Worked in German Legation for many years in secret intelligence work. Left Finland with German Colony on 10.9.44.
- (b) MEYERER, Wilhelm German. Vice-Chairman of German Chamber of Commerce. Worked for German S.I.S. Left Finland 14.9.44.
- (c) BRINK, Arnold German. B. 12.8.1900. Businessman. Enthusiastic Nazi. Chairman of German Colony. Worked for German S.I.S. Left Finland with German Colony 14.9.44.
- (d) WILLIAM, Henry German. B. 1.11.1908. Businessman. Active party member. Representative in Finland of German labour front. Disappeared from Finland in September 1944.

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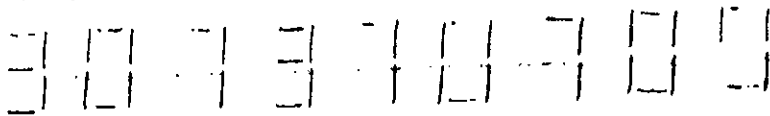
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- (e) SCHLITZER, Friedrich Finnish citizen since 1938
Ludwig
Karl B. 12.8.1898. Business man. Worked for German M. A. in 1940. Nothing else known about him for certain. Has been under observation since 8.9.44, so far without result.
- (c) HÄDER, Hans German. S. S. officer. Student. Head of Party's Youth Organization and JÄHRE's assistant. Believed to have been engaged in espionage. Left Finland with German troops 18.9.44.
- (g) STAUDENMAYER, Arnold German. B. 4.10.74. Business man. Was in touch with circles in Germany, which were hostile to Finland. Left Finland 10.9.44.
- (h) SARNON, Georg German. B. 21.9.1891. Business man. Former naval officer. Belonged to German S. I. S. since before present war. Interned in Finland.
- (i) VOGLER, Kurt German. Business man. Served with German troops in Finland. No further information available. Interned in Finland.
- (j) HAASE, Kurt Finnish. Business man. Served with German troops in Finland. No further information available. At present under observation in Finland.
- (k) RASMUSSEN, Andreas Formerly Danish, now Finnish. Business man. Belonged to intelligence department in German Legation in 1938. Has not been under suspicion recently. Now under observation in Finland.
- (l) HELDT, Joachim Formerly German, now Finnish. Engineer. Fervent Nazi. 1939 - 1943 was, amongst other things, correspondent in Sweden and Finland for "Völkischer Beobachter". Left Finland 18.9.44

S. S. Organization

8. The S.S. secret work in Finland was centralized

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mainly in HELSINGFORS, although partly in the S. S. Verbindungsstab in Karelia. The chief was S. S. officer Graf SCHIMMELMAN, who was formerly adjutant to GOEBBELS. His closest adviser on Finnish matters was Hans SCHMIDT, who was in Finland in the twenties and also later in the S. S. Headquarters in BERLIN. He was a high ranking official in the German I. S.

9. The official work of the S. S. Verbindungsstab was to co-ordinate the various SS troops which were in Finland, but at the same time the officers devoted their attention to obtaining intelligence information in Finland. SCHMIDT had many friends in Finland and assiduously cultivated German friendly circles. He was also inclined to mix in political questions.

10. Unto ROMAN, a Finnish citizen, also worked in the S. S. Verbindungsstab. He was a member of the S. S. His shady goings-on came to the notice of the criminal police in 1933. During his stay in BERLIN ROMAN was in close touch with S. S. Headquarters and it is believed that he also did intelligence work in Finland. ROMAN intrigued against both SCHIMMELMAN and SCHMIDT as he wanted to be made head of the Verbindungsstab.

11. Sicherheitsdienst/Gestapo. It is believed that the Gestapo have not had a centralized organization for espionage in Finland. Some kind of attempt at reorganization etc. was prepared and was ready at the end of the summer of 1944, but owing to the change in circumstances which took place then these plans were never put into execution.

12. The head of the Sicherheitsdienst in Finland was Alarich BROSS, a German business man born 25.3.04 in BERGHEIM. BROSS came to Finland in March 1944 and became head of the German travel bureau in HELSINGFORS. This job was, however, only camouflage. BROSS's assistant was the former Finnish national Sophie ERROT who is at present staying in Sweden. When BROSS first went to Finland he appeared to be more of a political security officer than an ordinary S. I. S. official. It is not known whether, at this time, BROSS had any assistants in intelligence work. During HIBBERTOP's visit to Finland in the summer of 1944 BROSS met him and gave him information about the Finnish situation. BROSS considered himself an authority on Eastern Europe and had worked in Czechoslovakia before the German occupation. BROSS also tried to get into contact with Finnish circles, chiefly with negative results. His object was to carry out Nazi propaganda and to this end he used the editor of the non-existent newspaper "For frihet och rätt" (For freedom and justice) Gunnar LINDQVIST, who is at present a refugee in Sweden. BROSS was in close touch with Gunnar LINDQVIST who, as is well-known, is an extremely bad type. Probably as a result of this connection, BROSS formed an extremely low opinion of the Finnish Nazi organizations and their possibilities and said, inter alia, that if LINDQVIST was a typical example of Finnish Nazis, then they were not worth supporting. It is not known whether BROSS used

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LINDQVIST for any secret work. Through LINDQVIST, BROSS was in touch with BORGAN.

15. In the middle of August, 1944, BROSS's position changed as he was put in charge of the Bureau OELLARIUS and began to do intelligence work. Thus BROSS learned about the espionage network of the Bureau OELLARIUS. His work in this Bureau, however, never got going, as the Bureau was closed down on 8.9.44. The Finnish authorities had decided to arrest BROSS on 8.9.1944, but he managed to hide and is presumed to have left Finland in a German naval vessel before 15.9.44. The Finns continued to look for him, however, and at one time it was reported from a not very reliable source that he was living in JOENSEBU, but a search there produced no result. The Finns are still continuing the hunt.

16. Two other men working in the Sicherheitsdienst in HELSINKI were:-

- (a) BORGSMANN Friedrich
 Wilhelm
Finn. B. 29.9.1897, Journalist. Worked as Gestapo representative in Finland for many years. In 1940 was employed by German M.A. He was an expert on Lapland and N. Norway. Left Finland 10.9.44.
- (b) NIEMI, Harald
German. Journalist. Was representative in Finland of anti-Komintern. Suspect Gestapo agent. Left Finland 10.9.44.

Abwehr Organisation in Finland

15. The work of the Abwehr, in fact the whole of the German espionage and contre espionage work in Finland, was entrusted to Freigabekapitan OELLARIUS, Assistant M.A. at the German Legation in HELSINKI. The "Kriegsorganisation Finland" was in fact the "Bureau OELLARIUS". The official task of the Bureau was to keep an eye on the morale and behaviour of the German troops in Finland, but actually its main task was intelligence work. The Bureau OELLARIUS formerly had as its main task the investigation, etc. of the Allied I. S. organizations in Finland, but the Bureau also carried out intelligence work against the Finns, and latterly this work overshadowed everything else. The Bureau also had an office in ROVANIEMI. When the bureau was first opened, it had charge of all G. E. work, but as from June 1944 at least part of this work was taken over by the Sicherheitsdienst and Gestapo. Under this new arrangement Hans SCHMIDT from the S. S. Verbindungsstab was in charge of the straight-forward G. E. work. In the middle of August the entire Bureau OELLARIUS was put under the control of Alarich BROSS.

16. During the years 1941/1942 the bureau OELLARIUS was run by Major BLOCK and during 1942/1943 by Major HAGEN in whose time

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the Bureau's activities increased enormously, but during 1943/1944 KAGEL's good work was undermined by his most unsuitable successor, Lt. Col. DELONGE.

19. The following are known to have worked for or in the Bureau GELLARIUS:-

(a) ^HUHL, Carl

German. B. 15.7.1900 in Austria. Came to Finland from Norway. Started up a business in HELSINKI which failed. From 1943 was head agent of the Bureau GELLARIUS and controlled the network of agents. UHL is presumed to have left Finland with the German troops in September 1944, but the Finns are still looking for him.

(b) HAYEN, Georg Heinrich Adolf

German. B. 8.7.1898. Businessman. In beginning was a paid agent of the Bureau. His job was to watch the Archipelago and refugees from Estonia. He also had agents in TAMPERE and OULU. The Finns decided to arrest him on 2.9.44, but he disappeared and is presumed to have left Finland with the German troops. Finns still looking for him.

(c) KALLISON, Arthur

German. Business man. Domiciled in HAMBURG, but frequently travelled to Finland where he worked for Bureau GELLARIUS. No longer in Finland.

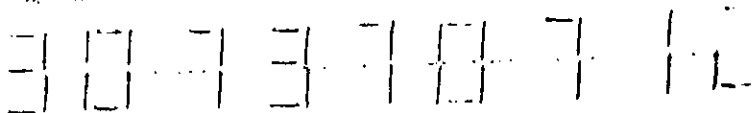
(d) ^HWERNING, Rolf

German. B. 7.4.07. Business man. Was engaged in illicit arms traffic and other shady business. Was recruited to work for Gestapo by (c) above. During the time he was employed in the Bureau GELLARIUS his chief job was to get information concerning people who moved in Anglo-Saxon circles. WERNING recruited SMEDS to work for German I. S. Arrested 2.9.44 and is now serving his sentence.

(e) SMEDS, Bjorn

Finn. Business man. Recruited to work for Bureau GELLARIUS by (d) above. During Major BLOOM's time in 1941 tried to get acquainted with members of British Legation staff and their circle of friends. Moved to Sweden in 1943 where he published book "Jag var Gestapo Agent" under pen name of Erik OBERBERG. Is still in Sweden.

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- (c) RAST, Erik
Georg German. B. 22.8.09. Business man. 1937/41 was secretary in Consulate in HAITI, where he sold false visas. Later on was mixed up in various dirty business. Worked in "MELEKOFF BOIE" (Bureau GELLARIUS's sub-station) in ROVANIEMI. His work consisted of obtaining information about the Swedish defences in the valley of the River TORNEA. Escaped over border to Sweden and was imprisoned by Swedes for espionage.
- (g) REMLER, Friedrich
Wilhelm German. B. 22.3.1888. Ph. D. German C. E. representative in ROVANIEMI. Left ROVANIEMI with German troops.
- (h) MANNEDORY, Nikolaus
Harry German, former Estonian. B. 1904. Business man. Embassier and been in many shady deals. Worked in Bureau GELLARIUS. Called up in Spring 1944 and left HELSINGFORS.
- (i) DAHM, Richard
Theodor Finn since 1919. B. 27.9.1886. Business man. Kicked out of Sweden in 1918. Since 1941 worked in Bureau GELLARIUS as translator and clerk and expert on Finnish affairs. Not known if he carried out active espionage, but he had a hand in the recruiting of SWEDS. Was pulled in for interrogation on 2.9.44, but was let out. Has been under observation ever since, but nothing suspicious has come to light.
- (j) BORGELIN, Richard Dana. B. 10.8.1887. Former Colonel in Estonian Army. Paid agent of Bureau GELLARIUS. Chief job was to watch Danas, Swedes and Estonians in Finland who were working against Germany. At present in Sweden.
- (k) HACKEL, Heinrich
Edgar German since 1941. B. 1.2.1899. Teacher in driving school. Worked as chauffeur in Bureau GELLARIUS but was sacked. Left Finland with German Colony on 10.9.44.
- (l) GAREPEN, Friedrich German. B. 26.7.1906. Bookkeeper. Came to Finland with German troops. Was in touch with BROGS and HACKEL, but nothing was known about his activities. Believed to have left with German troops.

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- (a) ZOLOTO - Mikhail Finn since 1943. B. 27.5.1918. Em-
POHOFF - Alexan- ployed as chauffeur to Brazilian
drovitch Minister in HELSINKI.

18. As far as the Finnish authorities know, the following have assisted the Bureau OELLARIUS and, at the same time, have kept the Finns informed of their activities:-

- (a) FUSHKAREY, Kyril Finn since 1939. B. 23.7.1890.
Former Artillery Captain.
- (b) O'HELEN John Finn since 1943. B. 25.7.1890.
HINDLING, Former Master Mariner. Formerly worked for British S. I. S. amongst other places in Sweden. Paid agent of Bureau OELLARIUS, whose particular job was to watch pro-British circles in Finland.

19. The Germans also used the following people, but it is not known by which particular branch of the German I. S., they were employed.

- (a) GSPWERT, Konstantin Finn. B. 9.10.1889. Business man. Was sent by Germany to TAKLAX near VASA for observation purposes.
- (b) JARHLUND, Jorgus Dane. B. 25.12.1914. Market gardener. Took part in espionage work in Sweden. Lives in AGGEBY and is under observation.

Situation since 2.9.44

20. Events of September 1944 brought about the complete disintegration of the German espionage organization in Finland.

21. The Bureau OELLARIUS was transferred to Lapland on 14.9.1944 and, at the same time BROSS and SCHMIDT, together with some of their most important agents, left the country. One contingent of Germans, who had been connected with the German I. S. left Finland secretly when it became known that German and Hungarian subjects were to be interned.

22. During August and September it became obvious that many people who had arrived in Finland as refugees, were evacuating secretly to Sweden. It was very difficult to prevent this traffic firstly, as it was usually carried on in small fishing boats from the Finnish coast of the Gulf of Bothnia and secondly, owing to the nature of the coast itself, with its many islands, etc. No definite or regular "etappe" routes are known, but most of this illegal refugee traffic left from RAUMA and KASKIS.

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23. The organizers of this traffic are thought to be mostly Estonian refugees in Sweden who use Swedish boats as all Finnish boats on the West coast have been under police control since the summer of 1944. The Finns consider that Konstantin GEFVER (see para. 19(a) above) also has a hand in this traffic. It is also suspected that various people who have been assisting the German I. S., and who did not leave Finland with the German Colony or forces, but later found it advisable to evacuate to Sweden, were also mixed up in this illegal traffic.

24. All Finnish subjects who were known to have been connected with the German I. S. and who have remained in Finland, have been under observation since September 1944., but no further activity on their part has come to light.

25. With regard to the various Nazi organizations in Finland (now dissolved) whose leaders (as mentioned above) were formerly working for one or other of the German intelligence organizations, no further activity has been observed on their part other than that directed against the Russians. It is, however, very difficult to keep a watch on all these people at present owing to the movement of refugees and the demobilisation of the Army.

26. It is, however, presumed that the Germans will endeavour to keep up an intelligence organization in Finland and may well attempt provocation against the Soviet Union and Finnish interests. With this in mind the State Police all over the country are keeping a close watch for any attempts on the part of German agents to carry out dangerous espionage, etc.

27. A thorough investigation is also being made into the illegal refugee traffic to Sweden, in order to prevent any enemy agents escaping by this route.

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