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1. Name of project: TPEMBER Apparat

Case Officer:

Assistant Case Officer:

Chief Agent: Heinrich Rauch

Location: Berlin

2. Purpose, extent and target of project:

The purpose of TPEMBER Apparat, as originally conceived, was to establish a para-military organization in the German Democratic Republic (DDR) for E & E and other stay-behind resistance activities in case of war with the Soviet Union. To attain these aims it was thought expedient to establish within the Investigative Committee of Free Jurists (TPEMBER) a section devoted to the establishment and development of a para-military apparatus. This apparatus was to utilize the facilities, files and contacts of TPEMBER, but would be divorced from TPEMBER's own activities. The apparatus was to be headed by a former officer with the necessary qualifications and background in intelligence activities. However, he was to be subordinate to Dr. Friedenau, Chief of TPEMBER, although not operationally responsible to him. It was considered advisable to attach the apparatus to TPEMBER, because TPEMBER could provide a cover for the apparatus activities, and its reputation as a known resistance organization would attract volunteers for resistance work.

The desirability of adding a para-military organization to the effective P/W cold war activities performed by TPEMBER since 1949 has repeatedly been questioned by BYCLAW officials, including Mr. Wisner, who feared that the establishment of the apparatus would distract TPEMBER from its primary cold war mission. In addition, the fact that TPEMBER is a RIS target was felt to increase the security risk involved in establishing the net.

The project got under way in the summer of 1951 after some months of preliminary activities. With Frankfurt as provel, Friedenau was briefed on our E & E plans and recruited a former admiral, Konrad Patzig, who was originally contacted in 1950 by (introduced by Capt. Graubart) in connection with ZRELOPE, to head the para-military arm of TPEMBER. Patzig was found to be unacceptable because of his association with TPEMBER and it

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appears that he was not successful in recruiting agents for the Apparatus because of the high requirements set by us and finally succeeded in procuring a replacement. His success on the job was probably chief agent, Heinrich Rauch, worked for a time in the late twenties when the latter was the Chief of German Military Intelligence. Rauch himself rose to the rank of lieutenant general and served in many high level intelligence assignments during his military career; he is 45 years of age, is a native German born, British agent, and moved to Berlin after he was recruited as head of TPEMBER Apparatus. Rauch's deputy is Andr. Hoekelberg, who is in charge of the Apparatus in Rauch's absence.

The TPEMBER Apparatus staff consists at present of 17 people. In consequence to the Kinse kidnaping, a physical and administrative reorganization of TPEMBER and TPEMBER Apparatus was attempted. The Apparatus' present cover is the "Institute for Industrial Hygiene", located in West Berlin, which serves as the office location for the 13-man staff. The premises were rented in the name of Hoekelberg.

Aside from the headquarters staff, TPEMBER Apparatus has recruited to date 100 members in the DDR and has spotted an additional 443. 32, including 7 W/T operators, of the 100 recruited TPEMBER Apparatus members came from TPEMBER. An additional 25 in various stages of recruitment were also referred to the Apparatus by TPEMBER. 64 persons, not connected with the Apparatus, have previously worked for TPEMBER in the East Zone for various periods up to one year. Another 13 came from the East Zone to TPEMBER for registration in West Berlin and were then referred to the Apparatus. Consequently a total of 77 persons located in the East Zone and now connected with the Apparatus know that there is some connection between the Apparatus and TPEMBER.

The Apparatus has two fully trained W/T operators and 15 candidates. It has cached eight radio sets in temporary locations in the DDR.

The chief activities of the Apparatus to date have consisted of the establishment of major E & E nets, the gathering of information on drop zones and reception parties for men and materiel, and the selection of groups for sabotage.

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*Small Mercedes car
family registered in
Bockelberg's name, but
probably Bockelberg's
rent telephone is in
Bockelberg's name (gets
bills) includes phone*

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Friedenau was given the same telephone number. Rauch believes the case officer is

Rauch has an international pass valid for six weeks, but his actual place of residence is still Faderborn. Both Rauch and Boekelberg have phony credentials in the name of Flamberg, which name he has actually used in his business relationships with outsiders. The serial number of his phony credentials is probably known to the German police. The address given on the identity document is a ECIC safe house, which is located a few houses away from Camp King. The Oberursel police chief knows the house is requisitioned by the U.S. Forces and that it is used by U.S. Army Intelligence agencies.

Patzig knows Peter Michel, Henry Heckscher, and Rauch knows [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] also met Rauch's deputy, Boekelberg. [redacted] has received full operational clearance; the other members of the staff only have field clearance.

The case officer and Rauch met in safe houses in Berlin. The safe houses, which are used for this purpose only, are changed once every three months. The initial meetings, however, were held in safe houses which were used for operational meetings between [redacted] and Dr. Friedenau. The safe houses in question are Army requisitioned billets which are being taken care of by a cleared maid, who is taken along from safe house to safe house and who is the sole occupant of those billets. This maid is an elderly person and knows the case officer under a false name. The security implication of taking her along when the safe houses are changed is obvious.

Friedenau knows all but three of the present staff of 13 Apparat members; Rosenthal, Deputy Chief of Apparat, knows approximately five; and other TRADOC members know some Apparat members.

The Apparat was first established as a military intelligence section in [redacted] and was later transferred to the military intelligence section of [redacted] in the position of [redacted] as a military intelligence section. The Apparat is currently changed to [redacted] at the time of the [redacted] when the Apparat moved to new headquarters, [redacted] known as the [redacted].

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Section and to all other purposes, the apparatus is secret. The new headquarters are known only to a handful of individuals and officials who refer to the "Institute for Industrial Hygiene", although this designation does not appear anywhere in TPEMBER's organizational set-up. All these "moves" were obviously made for reasons of camouflage, but a cursory recapitulation indicates that this was not very successful.

Formerly TPEMBER had two office buildings, one of which was used by the Apparat and the Welfare Section of TPEMBER. All but one (radio operator) of the 7 existing staff members of the Apparat had their offices in this building from September 1951 until June 1952, when the Apparat moved to its new location under the cover of the "Institute for Industrial Hygiene". It must be assumed that most of the TPEMBER staff members, including Linse, know of the existence of the Apparat and believe it to be a military information section.

Subsequent to the Linse kidnapping, a member of the Economic Section of TPEMBER was arrested, tried, and sentenced to fifteen years in the DDR. This man was also a member of the Apparat, who had recruited a section of six additional members, all of whom were dropped from the Apparat.

A number of the top level Apparat personnel are known to the East Zone government. Ratig and Rauch have been mentioned by pseudonym in East Zone broadcasts. An Apparat case officer (Schur) has been mentioned in a DDR broadcast under his true name. It is planned to evacuate this man to the Federal Republic for further use. Holtdorf, the liaison man between the Apparat and TPEMBER, is also believed to be known under his true name to the East Zone regime. Holtdorf at present does not engage in any Apparat activity, but is slated for a position in the Apparat should the organization be relocated in the Eastern Zone.

According to DYLEMATIS, the head of the Apparat is a ZIPPER contact. The Apparat must therefore be presumed to be known to ZIPPER and to need its approval, at least for the time being.

The "Institute for Industrial Hygiene", which now serves as cover for the Apparat, is not backstopped and presents a grave security hazard. Lacking proper cover, a vague and inadequate arrangement was made to have Dr. Engels from the Free University, who is connected with TPEMBER, vouch for the legitimacy of the Institute in case of an investigation by German authorities. () also will rely on the assistance of Dr. Friedrichs from the Berlin Office for the Protection of the Constitution

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in case of need. [redacted] is cognizant of the fact that the present cover arrangement is inadequate and for this and other reasons has made tentative plans to move the headquarters of the Apparat to the Federal Republic. Present plans call for a move to Bremen under official Army cover.

As regards the financial arrangements with Apparat personnel, the following points are of interest from a security point of view: five of the 13 staff employees who receive pensions from the government do not declare any additional income; five were on the DDFPD payroll until recently and no definite income and/or tax arrangements have been made for them since they were dropped; two are unemployed and do not register their income. The 7th reports on the severance of personnel formerly connected with the Apparat in the East Zone bring to light the following security aspects: 1. separated persons have met one or more headquarters personnel in Berlin; 2. separated persons now living in the DDR have knowledge of the existence of the Apparat as a part of TIGER; five former members of the Apparat who are now residents in the Federal Republic know of the existence of the Apparat as an adjunct of TIGER; two persons arrested and tried in the DDR were members of the Apparat.

The following is a summary of the connections between TIGER and the Apparat:

- a. The chief agent of the Apparat was hired by Friedenau.
- b. The Apparat was paid by Friedenau who received the funds from George Winger.
- c. The Apparat was started as section B of TIGER organization; later was renamed section IV (Hauptabteilung IV) and appeared as such on TIGER organizational charts.
- d. As section IV of TIGER, the Apparat published a mimeographed information service which was circulated among the section chiefs of TIGER. This service published information about East Zone conditions and carried the imprint of Abteilung IV TIGER.

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- e. 77 persons now located in the East Zone and connected with the Apparatus are aware of a connection between the Apparatus and TPEMBER.
- f. Five members of the Apparatus headquarters staff were paid by TPEMBER until October and were carried on the TPEMBER personnel roster.
- g. There is a liaison man between TPEMBER and the Apparatus. The liaison man is well qualified for resistance type work and is to become a member of the headquarters staff of the Apparatus.
- h. Until June the Apparatus was located in a TPEMBER house together with the staff of the TPEMBER welfare section.

Analysis of effectiveness and desirability of project

The review revealed that the organization of the E & S net in the East Zone was carried out efficiently by professionally qualified personnel. Unfortunately insufficient attention was given to the question of cover. It is recalled that TPEMBER served originally as cover and later the "Special Unit for Industrial Hygiene". This latter cover must be considered completely unsatisfactory as it is only backstopped by the fact that the Apparatus headquarters staff members wear white work coats and that a article of the coat says "Institute for Industrial Hygiene". In any ordinary cursory examination would reveal the fact that the 11 former TPEMBER officers are not engaged in industrial research. The seriousness of this situation should not be underestimated in view of the fact that the cover of the Apparatus is the "Special Unit for Industrial Hygiene" and this organization is well known to the FBI.

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