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- The Real Estate Property Office of the Soviet Trade Delegation (Immobilienabteilung der Handelsvertretung der USSR in Deutschland), commonly referred to as "Immobilien-Handel", is located at Berlin C2, Weydingerstrasse 24, Telephone No. 42-97-07. The director of this office is Kasimovskiy. The Immobilienabteilung controls all real estate holdings throughout Berlin and the Soviet Zone of Germany which are under Soviet control or used by the Soviets for billeting and/or office purposes. Branch offices of the Immobilienabteilung exist in Dresden and Leipzig, exact addresses not known.
- Inside the Karlshorst Compound in Berlin, the following properties fall under the control of the Immobilienabteilung:

Koenigswinterstrasse 12 through 14a and connecting buildings at Ingelheimer Strasse 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 3. These properties are PCS billets used by Soviet officers and civilians with families.

Koenigswinterstrasse 26 A, B, C, D, and 27 - PCS billets for officers and civilians.

The complex of buildings fronting on Koenigswinterstrasse 23, 24, 25; Andernacher Strasse 5, 5a, 5b, 6; and Rheingoldstrasse 14. Hotel for Soviet transient billeting.

Rheingoldstrasse 30, 31 (directly across the street) - Annex to transient hotel.

Rheingoldstrasse 21 and 22 - Hotel "15".

Loreleystrasse 33, 34, 35, 36 - Polyclinic of the Soviet Trade Delegation, formerly a part of USIG.

Rheingoldstrasse 14A, 15, 16, 17, 18 - private villas, vacant as of April 1954, but being redecoreated.

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Drachenfelsstrasse 11 and 11A - formerly occupied by the polyclinic, but vacant except for basement rooms since spring 1954, when the polyclinic moved to Loreleystrasse.

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3. As of 1 January 1954, the date on which USIG officially ceased to exist, the polyclinic and housing administration of USIG, with subordinate support offices, were transferred to the T/O of the Immobilienabteilung of the Soviet Trade Delegation.
- a. The USIG polyclinic, which now serves the Soviet Trade Delegation, originally was moved from Askania Haus to Drachenfelsstrasse 11 and 11A some time during the summer of 1953. However, in the spring of 1954, as a result of a boiler failure in the heating plant for these buildings, the polyclinic was moved to Loreleystrasse 33, 34, 35 and 36, where it occupies the entire group of buildings. A portion of the basement of Drachenfelsstrasse 11 and 11A was turned into a furniture storage area, under the jurisdiction of the branch office of the Immobilienabteilung (the former USIG billeting section), run by Waldemar Winterfeld. Although vacated in the spring of 1954, these buildings still fall under the jurisdiction of the Immobilienabteilung, and as far as is known, the basement facilities are still used by Winterfeld.
- b. With the exception of a small number of Germans employed in the polyclinic, the staff of about 20 or 25 people is mainly made up of Soviet nationals, both physicians and nurses. It serves only Soviet nationals except in cases of accidental injury to German employees, when first aid is given.
- c. The USIG Billeting Office and Household Furnishings Office run by Waldemar Winterfeld at Koenigswinterstrasse 14 still survives in the same location as when under the USIG T/O. The furniture storage facilities available to this office in Askania Haus as of April 1954 were located in the basements of Drachenfelsstrasse 11 and 11A, and to some extent in the basements of the buildings at Koenigswinterstrasse 12-14. Additional furniture storage facilities were located in the basements of the apartment houses at Ingelheimer Strasse 1, 1A, 2, 2A and 3.

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4. The main office of the Immobilienabteilung at Weydingerstrasse 24 was greatly expanded as of January 1954, at which time many of the officials of USIG were transferred to this location. The number of such officials transferred, or whether such Soviet officials were transferred to the T/O of the Immobilienabteilung, was not known, but many Soviet officials formerly seen in the Waldowallee offices in Karlshorst were seen entering and leaving the Weydingerstrasse premises in the spring of 1954. The main office now occupies the entire block of buildings along Weydingerstrasse, including houses 20, 22, and 24, and may possibly also occupy the buildings at Weydingerstrasse 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. Included in these buildings are both offices and billet facilities. The Immobilienabteilung supplied fuel to the property at 2 and 4 Weydingerstrasse, in which the Babylon theater is located, and this supply would only be authorized if the properties themselves came under Immobilienabteilung control. No vehicles formerly assigned to the USIG Motor Pool were ever seen parked in the vicinity of the main office on Weydingerstrasse, nor are any German chauffeurs formerly employed by USIG known to have been taken over by either the Trade Delegation itself or by the Immobilienabteilung.

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5. The following persons were employees of the Weydingerstrasse 24 main office of the Immobilienabteilung as of April 1954. It is believed that these persons still were employed there as of June 1955:

a. Soviet Nationals:

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- (1) Kasimovskiy, [redacted] successor to Petrov [redacted] as director of the office. [redacted]

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- (2) Petrov [redacted] ⁴, official in the Immobilienabteilung, exact functions not known. He was director of the office until the arrival of Kasimovskiy; [redacted]

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- (3) Sorokin [redacted] ⁵ was an official of the Immobilienabteilung, exact functions not known. [redacted]

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- (4) Nesturkh [redacted] ⁶ was an official in the main office, functions not known. [redacted]

- (5) Goselin (fnu) [redacted] He has been designated as the direct supervisor of the billeting office run by Waldemar Winterfeld [redacted]

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b. German Staff:

- (1) Papke (fnu) is a bookkeeper who handles the German Payroll Section under the supervision of Petrov. [redacted]

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- (2) Waldemar Dott ⁷ is in charge of FDGB matters. but he appears to be German deputy to Kasimovskiy [redacted]

- (3) Hannelore Schmidt ⁸, formerly in the USIG Cadre Section, now works at the main office of the Immobilienabteilung. She is in charge of the office handling the administration of buildings (Haeuserverwaltung). [redacted]

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6. All payrolls for German personnel employed by the Immobilienabteilung, whether working inside the Karlshorst Compound or elsewhere, are made up in the Weydingerstrasse Payroll Section. For those individuals who work under the direction of the Immobilien-Handel office in the Compound at Koenigswinterstrasse 14, the salary payments are prepared at the main office and then turned over to Verbatius⁹, the interpreter assigned to assist Waldemar Winterfeld, the German head of the Compound branch office. The only permanent office staff at Koenigswinterstrasse consists of Winterfeld; Verbatius, the interpreter and assistant; and the Soviet Supervisor, Goselin, who is the direct superior of Winterfeld. Goselin also has final authority over the work assignments to the firemen working on boilers in the buildings in the compound under Immobilienabteilung control, over the team of charwomen available to this office, over the issuance and exchange of billet furnishings, and over the transportation of property belonging to the Soviet personnel assigned to these billets. The following German personnel are known to have been employed by Winterfeld's office in the Compound as of April 1954 and believed still to be employed there as of June 1955:

- a. Paul Knochenhauer¹⁰ was head of the Transport Laborers Brigade of seven men and a truck driver. The men hired as laborers in the brigade were constantly changing employment because of the low wages paid. The brigade handles deliveries of billet furnishings, transfers of equipment and supplies, including shipments of coke and coal used for fuel, and the transportation of baggage of Soviet officials of the Immobilienabteilung who are returning to the Soviet Union. 50X1-HUM
- b. Ernst Kaln¹¹ serves as a roving liaison man between Winterfeld's office, KECH and the main office of the Immobilienabteilung. [redacted]
- c. Verbatius, [redacted] He was an interpreter and assistant to Waldemar Winterfeld. 50X1-HUM
- d. Paul Vellert, alias Feldt, is a plumber and pipefitter (Schlosser und Klempner). [redacted]
- e. A decorator hired in April 1954, name not known [redacted]
- f. A carpenter, "Theo" (fnu) [redacted]
- g. Jellinek¹², functions not known. 50X1-HUM
- h. Frau Knochenhauer [redacted] was the head of the team of 30 or 40 charwomen employed by the Immobilienabteilung to clean the offices and billets.
- i. Hornack (fnu)¹⁴, cleaning woman.
- j. Kaethe Demme¹⁵, cleaning woman and assistant in the polyclinic. 50X1-HUM
- k. Frau Schwarz (fnu) was reportedly assigned as cleaning woman to the polyclinic [redacted]
- l. Martha Schmidt¹⁶, a cleaning woman assigned to one of the hotels.
- m. Karl Tesch, a stoker, no longer employed there. 50X1-HUM
- n. Willi Wegener or Wegner [redacted], stoker; [redacted]
- o. Hugo Weiss, stoker.
- p. Heinrich Heinke, stoker.

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- 7. Despite the number of buildings falling under the administration of Winterfeld's office, there was no electrician on the staff; all electrical repairs were handled by one of the KECH electricians. Repair parts for boiler repairs were drawn by the Immobilien-Handel office in the Compound from reserve stocks held in the St. Elisabeth Hospital, located in Treskowallee outside of the Karlshorst Compound.
- 8. The houses at Koenigswinterstrasse 12 and 13 were definitely a part of the Immobilienabteilung under Winterfeld's control and not under an office of KECH.

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Comments:

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- 1. Kasimovskiy is believed to be identical with Mikhail Ivanovich Kosimovskiy,

[Redacted]

- 4. [Redacted] Comment: Possibly identical with A.M.Petrov.

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- 5. Sorokin is believed to be identical with the V. N. Sorokin

[Redacted]

- 6. Nesturkh (fnu) is believed to be identical with N. F. Nesturkh, also reported as Nikolay Fedorovich Nestrakh

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[Redacted]

- 9. Verbatius () is believed to be identical with Emil Verbatius, also reported as Verbatus, who has been reported previously as assistant to Waldemar Winterfeld.

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[Redacted]

- 10. Paul Knochenhauer

[Redacted]

- 11. Ernst Kaln was reportedly in charge of the USIG furniture storeroom as Askania Haus in mid-1952.

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- 12. Jellinek () is believed to be identical with Arthur Jellinek

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13. Her full name has been reported as Frau Ella Knochenhauer.
14. Hornack has previously been [redacted] an interpreter in the polyclinic. 50X1-HUM
15. Demme has been [redacted] a bookkeeper in the USIG dining room section, under Kabanov (fnu).
16. Schmidt has been [redacted] previously [redacted] employed in the hotel run by USIG.

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