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PREAMBLE

1. Prisoner is a 43-year-old Rhinelanders who was posted to Amt VI at a late stage of the war (Oct 44), solely on account of his knowledge of the FAR EAST.
2. He joined the Auslandsorganisation of the Party in 1934 when in JAPAN, more, he claims, for nostalgic than for political reasons. On his return to GERMANY he became a member of affiliated organisations. His subsequent activities do not appear to have been considerable, being confined to occasional lecturing on Far Eastern subjects in SS Oberabschnitt SÜDWEST, with the honorary rank of SS Ostuf. Otherwise he maintains that he did not hold office in the Party.
3. Throughout interrogation he has been co-operative. He is of studious disposition and appears to have retained his scholar's respect for truth. It is considered that Prisoner's statements are reliable and any gaps or discrepancies may be ascribed to lack of knowledge and faulty memory rather than to an attempt to withhold info.

II. PERSONAL HISTORY

4. Career

- 1942 Called up as Gefr to an Intercept Coy of LN Regt LC 3, DEAUVILLE, FRANCE.
- 1942-Oct 44 Transferred as Uffz to OKW Dept Army Propaganda, Section FAR EAST, reporting on Japanese theatres of war and making analyses of enemy propaganda (British and American). He wore civilian clothes. During this period his transfer to OKW Amt Abw u Ausl was frequently discussed, but nothing materialised, since a suitable replacement was not available.
- Oct 44- Apr 45 Transferred to Lehr Regt KURFÜRST, KALENZ, and, without joining this unit, ordered to report to RSHA Amt III. From there he was posted to Abt VI C 4, where he was told to use his SS title of Ostuf and to wear civilian clothes, although he remained throughout an Uffz of the GAF.
- 21 Apr 45 Northward flight from BERLIN by car, in company with other members of Amt VI. No destination had been decided.

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3 May 45 Arrival in FLENSBURG after news of the formation of the new
DÖNITZ Govt had been received en route. Through Kap z S
von DAVIDSOHN, Adjnt to Adm: DÖNITZ, Prisoner was taken into
the Press and Infm Dept, Section F.R. EAST, of the new Govt.
May 45 In the DÖNITZ camp at FLENSBURG under British surveillance.
15 Jun 45 Presented himself at offices of the FSS in FLENSBURG, where
he was arrested.

5. Political

1934 Became member of NSDAP, NO JAPAN and affiliated organisations:
NSV, NSLB, NS Dozenten Bund.
1937 Appointed honorary Ostuf and instructed to lecture on JAPAN
in SS Oberabschnitt SÜDWEST.

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Commandant CSDIC(WEL.)