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Name Trace Reply on Vollrath von HELLMANN, et al

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1. POB/US files have been checked with the following results:

a. Felix STEINER. Felix Martin STEINER, born 23 May 1896 in Stallupoenen East Prussia is not a ZIPPER connection. Subject is a former Lieutenant General in the SS, he served as commander of the Viking Division. Since the war he was active in the formation of an officers group "for possible disposition within the German army". STEINER maintains contact with one Guenther REINECKE, who is a ZIPPER special connection. HGLA-3101 of 22 August 1950 gives ZIPPER's evaluation of STEINER, as "a bad character". HGLA-6613 of 23 May 1951 contains a report of SPARKER in which he again advises the Americans to keep away from STEINER. A carded entry in our files, source unknown, date about 1948, states that it is believed that STEINER was connected with Dr. Willi HOTTLE and working for an unidentified American Intelligence Agency. HGLA-653 contains information on STEINER's present activities in Munich.

b. Eberhard Graf von NOSTITZ. Eberhard Artur Graf von NOSTITZ, aka Eberhard Graf von NOSTIZ, aka Erich NOLTE, born on 15 February 1906, living at Oberalterallee 80a, Hamburg 20, Germany, bears ZIPPER agent number V 12 899 and is also carded as a ZIPPER "Special Connection". A TIB report of February 1948 states that NOSTITZ is an active member of ZIPPER. The attachment to MORA-23686, a list allegedly written by UTILITY for Bundespraesident HEUSS, gives an appraisal of Graf von NOSTITZ;

" A younger general staff officer who is not without ambition. With warm heart and cool head, he is progressively inclined. Under strict supervision he would perform well. Suited as assistant in command or organization field."

c. Detloff von KALBEN. HGLA-653 lists one von KALBEN, fnu as being BDS leader in Munich. Another entry in our card files, source unknown, lists von KALBEN, fnu, as being one of STEINER's men. There is no indication that von KALBEN is connected with ZIPPER.

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d. Ewald Heinrich von KLEIST. POB files indicate that Ewald Heinrich von KLEIST, born 19 July 1922 lives on Voitstrasse Munich. MGKA-28696 states that Ewald Heinrich von KLEIST, formerly, was a sub-agent of an intelligence net sponsored by G-2 USSET. There is no indication that Ewald Heinrich von KLEIST is a ZIPPERite; however, Hans Ewald von KLEIST, born 13 October 1904 is a ZIPPER staff member. We are unable to make any positive connection between the two.

e. Prinz Eurchard von PREUSSEN. POB files list one Prinz Oskar von PREUSSEN as having been issued an "E" identity card on 2 March 1951. Although we do not know why the card was issued, or even if it is the same person; the issuance of an evacuation card by ZIPPER definitely denotes an interest. We have no other information on von PREUSSEN in POB files.

f. Joachim RUOFF. In addition to the information on Joachim (Jochem) RUOFF contained in MGKA-35545, attachment to MGLA-9512, and MGLA-10843, the following information on-subject might be of present interest. Joachim RUOFF, former SS colonel, has recently moved from the Gasthaus "Garibaldi", Starnberg-Niederpöcking to Munich, Hildegardstrasse 22. He is a member of the "Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde". He is an advisor to Felix STEINER and financial backer of the BWS. He is not connected with ZIPPER, but does maintain contact with Dr. Rolf ROEDER and DÄMMERAU, fnu, who have connections to ZIPPER and to Joachim OSTER.

g. Dr. RIEDEG, (Franz). A memo for record in POB files discusses a trip made by UTILITY to Switzerland in April 1949. While there he was asked by ULRICH of the Swiss Federal Police to furnish all information he might have on Dr. Franz RIEDEG, former Swiss doctor, at that time in KONSTANZ. There is no other information in POB files.

h. Prof. Dr. Wilhelm CLASSEN. The only information on Dr. Prof. CLASSEN, other than the negative traces forwarded by telephone to DYCLAVIER (February 1952) on Prof. Dr. CLASSEI, born 28 October 1903, is that Dr. Prof. CLASSEN, residing in Duesseldorf, am Rempfort, is active in the "Deutschen Aktion" and the "Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde."

2. There are no traces on Vollrath von HELLERMANN or F. J. Ritter Hentschel von GILGENHEIM in POB/US files.

3. If a ZIPPER check is desired please indicate and at the same time please forward any personal data available to aid us in making positive identifications.

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