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Details:

- 1. The information set forth in this report was submitted in a letter dated 27 deptember 1945 by subject upon the request of a CIC agent after subject contacted the JIC alent to "clean himself" after he had been mentioned in the local Russian paper as being a strong fazi and a destage agent.
- 2. "As requested by you I am giving you below a written summary of what I toli you on Tuesday.
- man Emergency Office and Vice-Chairman of the German Emergency Office and Vice-Chairman of the German Residents
 Association, upon entering the office said, 'How do you feel
 this morning?' He then told me that I was mentioned in one of
 the local Russian capers as a Gestapo agent, together with Ar.
 MANDT and that I could obtain full details from Mr. WON PUTTRAMER.
 I telephoned immediately to the latter and when I abked what he
 could suggest in order to correct this pure invention, he advised
 me to go straight to you which I did.
- 4. "I day form in Hamburg on February 14, 1964, went to school there and, after having entered an import and export house, was sent by CSJAR HAERTNER & CO. Hamburg in 1925 to their branch in Tokyo. I returned to the head office in Germany in 1925 and was once more sent to Japan (Coaka) in 1927 as manager. When my contract expired in 1931 I joined the CORM PRODUCTS REFINING CO., New York, who had built a factory in Korea with offices in Csaka and Tokyo. In 1935 I was appointed Sales Manager for the factory in Korea, went on leave to Germany in 1936 for the first time since 1927 and stayed there three months, mainly to see the

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Olympic cames. I also travelled in Germany with our American President, Mr. R. 3. K. IRVIN.

- 5. "After returning to Japan, our organization soon handed over the mana ement to the Japanese MITSUBIBHI) and I was teld by New York to choose whether I wanted to go straight to Germany to our German subsiliary on whether I preferred to look into our business in the Philippines. I preferred to go to Manila because I felt that I had been away from Germany already too long and that the strict regimentation of business as enforced by the Nazis at that time might not allow me enough elbow space for my ambitions. Business developed so well in the Phillipines so that I stayed until August 1941.
- growth and manufacture of Tapioca which is a strong competitor of our own products. In 1940 I went on a combined business and vacation trip to the USA. I was told in our Head Office in New York to go back to Manila and not to worry because our organization having so many factories cutside of the USA (13) always needs men, regardless of nationality. However, I was cautioned not to get mixed up in Mazi politics which I carried out to the letter. On my return trip to Manila, I stopped over at Honolulu, stayed for fourteen days with our American agents in order to look into our business.
- 7. "I hardly knew the Germans residing in Manila as all my friends were Americans, in particular the staff of Connell Bros. Co. Ltd., who were our a ents. I shunned the German commity, was not a member of the German Club but held memberships at the American Folo Club, and the Filipino Back Wack Golf Club.
- 8. "Then Washington issued a general order in January 1941 forbidding American firms to keep Germans on their payroll, I was told to go back to Shanghai or Tokyo in order to resenter our Japanese subsidiary. I arrived here in August, 1941, but was unable to obtain a clear answer before the end of Movember, saying that they could not resengage me. As remittances from Germany were lenied me because I had been American employed on September 1, 1959, I finally had to apply for relief here. All my money had been frozen in our New York office earlier in the year by order of Washington and upon leaving the Philippines I had been allowed to take only U.S. 500 with me.
 - 9. When this money gave out I had to apply for relief and when the local German relief office leanned of my the land average knowledge of the English language and my ability to speak Japanese, they turned me over the the German information sureau in

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early December, 1941, where linguists were badly needed. My chief jobrshere was to improve the English language that came over the ticker from Berlin, to do proof reading and to help out interpretor in Japanese. The official Japanese liaison was was RAIKO ARIMA, educated in Germany who returned in pril 1945 to his father's home at Ashiya near Kobe. He comes from avery prominent family and had good connection in Army and Mayy circles. He acted as official interpretor and was present at all official banquets, meetings, etc., for which my knowledge of Japanese is inadequate. I handled matters of minor importance, mostly of purely personal character, involving requisitionism in foliation the Japanese to the Germans, assisted local termins in general in dealing with the Japanese whenever there was any trouble of a purely private character but not involving business matters.

10. My status in the German Information Bureau was that of a local auxiliary staff member. I was discharged in early May 1945, when the Information Bureau was dissolved after the conclusion of hostilities win Germany. The regular staff including Mr Yon Puttkamer, MI33 MUELLER-HAUFF, MESSR3 CMAIN REINEMAIN and SOMMER were transferred to the payroll of the Embassy.

"I had practically ceased work at the Information Bureau in March 1945 when preparations were made to provide for an emergency in case Shanghai should become a war theatre. Owing to my knowledge of foodstuffs, I was put in charge at the German Imergency Office to work out a plan for feeding 2500 Germans for forty days which we figured would be the maximum time required by the Americans to capture Shanghai from the date of landing on the coast. I am working there until this date, receiving no renumerations but being paid relief as I have neither savings nor funds to which I could have access.

12. Mas to your question whether I am anti-mazi, I answered you already that I never did join the Party because I did not agree with their racial policy, aside from the fact that I thought it incompatible with my job in an American organization to get mixed up with German Extremist politics. What made me a definite anti-Nazi is through the snubbing directed against my wife. She is 3/4 Spanish and 1/4 Filipino. When she came here in August 1941 in order to get married, we had to overcome many obstacles in order to get married at all. The Mazis here in Shanghai were strictly enforcing a rule not to marry Germans to foreigners and I only succeeded in registering my marriage after I proved to them that in Manila -- to where my then fiance could not return on account of communications having already been severed -- the derman Consulate would have been obliged to respect and recognise church marriages between Germans and Filipinos due to the existence of a reciprocal law to that effect between the USA, Philippine Islands and Germany. No such law existed here and which prompted

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the Nazis to carry their racial policy to the extreme. What made me especially sore is the fact that my wife not only has the finest education that money can buy but her family tree boats of such famous names as the MacMahons, one of whom was the fresident of the French republic after Napoleon III abdicated in 1871. Naturally, I felt more than indignation to be sumbbed by men in Nazi uniform who only a little while ago had been practically nobody.

- life with practically no social contact in the German community. The only contact that we did have at one time was with Dr. and Mrs. Alare. He was the Deputy Director of the German information Buteau and since both of them were eager to learn information Buteau and since both of them were eager to learn information Buteau and since both of them were eager to learn information Buteau and since both of them died some time ago. Dr. Klare him wife was educated in the English language and speaks it correctly and fluently. Both of them died some time ago. Dr. Klare himself was a confirmed Nazi and a member of the 33 Security Service as he had told me himself. With the arrival of Majorauser from Germany about two and a half years ago I understand that his work ceased. SinceDr. Klare was generally known in the Jerman community as a Gestapo man, it may have been through these few harmless meetings at the German Club that somebody got the idea that there must be something sinister behind an occasional Mahjing party.
 - 14. "Another reason for being an anti-Nazi is the fact that I always considered the German foreign policy suicidal. I had been abroad too long and had seen too much so that I was always afraid that the Fazi policy would eventually lead Germany to a catastrophs. This especially has reference to the Jewish question. I always had to think of President Roosevelt's words which he uttered as 1937 (2). Just give the Dictators enough rope to many themselves:
 - over the English version of official publications (speeches by leading Nazis) I not only shook my head at the incredible utterings of Hitler, Goebels, etc. but on two occasions actually painted out to Mr. Von Puttkamer the necessity of modifying certain passages as they were unfit for publication outside of Germany. He always dismissed me with a shrug, saying that Berlin wants a word for word publication. If he did not have the courage to advise Berlin I did not see what I could do to educate the "azis and from them on I did not say anything any more. I specifically refer to two such instances, i.e. Hitler's speech in which he refers to the Russians as 'swamp dwellers' and to dibbentrop's statements about the 'New Order of Europe' under the 'leadership of Germany and Italy.' I drew the attention of my superiors to such impossible language but they knew better and from then on I just did my unepleasant work mechanically.

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"In conclusion I hereby solembly declare on

- 2. I have had no connections whatsoever with the Party.
- 3. I have had no connections with the destape or any other German secret organization.
- 4. I have never been in the private residence a the office of Major BUBER, the local destate
- for references I refer to ..
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The Tires two have for years been actively the Spanish Republican Party aiming at the termination of the France regime. They also were connected with the Changeing movement in Shanghai which was known to me for a long time. Beth of whom know me for years and know of my political leanings. The third person was in charge of the Chinese Cultural Department in the Information Bureau who knows me well and knows at have been doing the speaks he will be the control of the chinese Cultural Department in the Information Bureau who knows me well and knows at the charge of the Chinese Cultural Department in the Information Bureau who knows me well and knows at the charge of the Chinese Cultural Department in the Chinese Cultural Department in the Information Bureau who knows me well and knows at the charge of the Chinese Cultural Department in the Chinese Chine

18. I recommend the above to your investigation and absolutely positive that you will find my statements entreet. In case information should reach you from the Russian side involving my name I would appreciate it a great deal if you bould put them in touch with me or inform them of your own investigation about me. about me.

19. I also want to state that I am ready to cooperate with you on whatever subject you desire by information.

20. (In furnishing the above information the following comments were made by CIC; There is at present little or no way to verify subject s statements, however this Summary is submitted with the belief that some of he names, dates, etc. contained in this letter may be of some use in dealings with other personnel or organizations.

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An investigation is being initiated extent of subject's work for the enemy