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 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
 SOURCE/METHOD/EXEMPTION 5B2B
 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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(Specify Air or Sea Route)

DISPATCH NO. RAVA-2836

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TO Chief of Mission, Vienna

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FROM Chief, KE

SUBJECT ☒ GENERAL Operational ☐ ☐
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Results of Name Checks

Reference: RAVA-5109, dated 4 December 1953

1. A check of the files available to Headquarters reveals the following information:

a. KAISER, Charles E. - no traces identical with individual under review.

b. LEITNER, Franz Helmut

(1) GRAMKE traces will not be repeated here as they are available in RAVA-3275, dated 23 July 1953 and, as you have indicated, available to the Field.

(2) MEKA-6430, dated 7 March 1949, lists a LEITNER, Franz, among former US intelligence informants dropped for security reasons (no elaboration given). Last known address: Wals, Austria; Neudorf, Austria. Probably not identical with Subject.

(3) A report dated 26 October 1945 lists a Hauptmann Dr. LEITNER, a lawyer from Innsbruck, as one of the officials of the Referat III of Vienna Branch of the German security service. Probably not identical with Subject.

(4) A report dated 1 January - 31 March 1949 states that on 7 February 1949 travel from Key West to Habana was noted of: Yngberg LEITNER, age 31, Austrian carrying Austrian Diplomatic Passport 60/1948 with Cuban Diplomatic Courtesy Visa 123 and, Franz LEITNER, age 40, Austrian with Austrian passport 16/1948

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with Cuban Diplomatic Courtesy Visa 122. Inquiry was made of the US Immigration Department for information concerning the travel of these individuals. US Immigration advised that Frans Halmt LEITNER and Ingeborg LEITNER nee SEIDL, arrived in Key West from Havana on 12 February 1949. Among other information, their diplomatic status as Austrians and their Austrian passports were confirmed, and a US address was given as the Austrian Consulate, 683 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

(5) A report dated 28 June 1949 states that information had been received from ECA that LEITNER, Frans is in the United States visiting various plants in the metals industry, together with Dr. DOUBS and two unidentified persons. They allegedly visited 38 plants. During a visit at an unidentified plant near Pittsburgh recently they displayed more interest in manganese than any other metal. This group is not sponsored by ECA nor were we advised that they were coming to the United States. It is our understanding that LEITNER, during the German occupation of Austria, held a position comparable to the Chairman of the Munitions Board in the US and that he is considered by some to be pro-Nazi.

(6) A report dated 6 July 1950, attributed to Emil DUPLITZER, former Commissioner of the SD in Istanbul, states that Rechtsanwalt Dr. LEITNER of Vienna, to whom he (DUPLITZER) originally entrusted the care of his legal interests, had been MOYZISCH's legal representative for a very long time. In view of this fact, DUPLITZER had broken off his relationship with LEITNER. LEITNER is said to have played a leading role in bringing about the conference between Bundeskanzler FIIGL and Communist Nationalrat FISCHER which is known to have occurred. Probably not identical with Subject.

(7) A report dated 23 February 1951 pertaining to an investigation of BUKOVSKY and TRUBEL, Vienna I (a recently founded Viennese trading firm engaged in East-West trade) states: Otto BUKOVSKY is also a partner of the firm Fritz ROGER, one of a number of cover firms which was founded by ex-Minister KRAJLAN during his tenure of office to front for his simultaneous commercial transactions. Another partner of BUKOVSKY in the ROGER firm is Dr. LEITNER, a left-wing ex-Nazi who is reported to have been the godfather of the rapprochement between Ernst FISCHER and Prof. Heinrich DOERETZBERGER.

(8) A report dated 3 October 1952 lists Frans LEITNER as a member of the executive committee of the Communist Party Landesleitung in Lower Austria. Probably not identical to Subject.

(9) Dr. Frans LEITNER referred to in EAW-3860, dated 20 August 1953.

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(10) Dr. Franz LEITNER listed in RAVA-4229, dated 21 September 1953.

(11) A report dated 2 November 1946 states that Dr. LEITNER who is currently in the US as a representative of the Austrian Institute for the Promotion of International Trade is going to Moscow after his return to Vienna, which is expected to be within two weeks. We understand that after the Moscow trip he is scheduled to go to the various Balkan countries. While he was here in the States, the interested groups in the State Department held extended discussions with him and the thought occurred to our minds that you might debrief him after his trip to Moscow, either directly or through LAMERICK.

We did not approach him ourselves for obvious reasons and, incidentally, his record is not entirely spotless as it is said that he was a member of a Nazi economic mission to Italy during the war. It is also stated that he is currently thoroughly sold on the value of the dollar and is attempting to get some sort of position with a part of the UN Organization.

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