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Subject: Intelligence Activities within the SPOs Report No: CAS-116  
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Source: An Austrian with good contacts in Austrian police circles.

1. The SPOs has established three intelligence gathering groups within the party. They are headed by Nationalrats Franz OIAH, Dr. Bruno FITZGERMAN, and Bundesminister Karl WALDBRUNNER.
2. Bundesrat KRAMER is acting in behalf of Franz OIAH with a group of agents in Upper Austria. Among KRAMER's informants are two former nazis, fnu KOVAREK<sup>2</sup> and fnu SCHACHMAIER.<sup>3</sup> Other KRAMER sources of information are Leopold PUPPENBERGER<sup>4</sup> and fnu RATZINGER,<sup>5</sup> both union functionaries employed in the Arbeitskammer. KRAMER also receives reports from SPOs district leaders and party secretaries. Erich KENNAYER is another KRAMER informant.
3. KOVAREK, one of KRAMER's paid agents, operates mainly in the southern part of Austria. KOVAREK is attempting to recruit other former nazis, although the VdU is trying to prevent KOVAREK from getting a foothold with ex-nazis.
4. SCHACHMAIER, another VdU adherent, became affiliated with KRAMER when KRAMER helped SCHACHMAIER out with his denazification difficulties. SCHACHMAIER's reports originate primarily within the VdU where his main source of information is Landesrat GRUNBART.<sup>6</sup>
5. Serious quarrels have resulted between VdU functionaries and GRUNBART because of GRUNBART's association with SCHACHMAIER. When SCHACHMAIER learned that under the guise of a commercial investigation an attempt had been made to establish SCHACHMAIER's reliability, he immediately reported it to KRAMER.<sup>7</sup>
6. It was SCHACHMAIER who instigated the nomination of Dr. SAIDLER as top VdU candidate during the Nationalrat

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elections in 1935. The land officers meeting examining ADLEBA had not even ended when SCHACHMAYER learned the results from KERNBART and immediately reported the outcome to GRABER, plus the fact that KERNBART and his followers were supporting GADISSER.

7. Until recently, Bruno BITTERMAN received his information from Erich KERNMAYER. Dr. Anton ELLNER also worked for BITTERMAN about 1943-50, but this connection ended when ELLNER got his job as Chief of the Sales Division with VOEST-10

8. Karl WALDERMAYER's agents operate in nationalized industry. WALDERMAYER has reportedly authorized FULLNER who works for VOEST General Director, HITZINGER, to form an information gathering net within VOEST.

9. A considerable amount of friction exists among top SFOe leaders which prevents complete exchange of information within the party. Since OLAN's group is considered to be made up of radicals, very little information is passed to them.

1. Field Comment: This is presumably Karl KRAMER who is listed as Bundesrat, Landespartei sekretar der SFOe Ober-oesterreichs in Der Oesterreichische National-und Bundesrat, 1953.

2. Field Comment: Probably identical with Karl KOWARIK who has been linked with Willi BOETTL and Erich KERNMAYER operations in several GROSSBARR and GRABER reports.

3. Field Comment: This is probably Stefan SCHACHERMAYER who was mentioned in several GROSSBARR reports as involved in KERNMAYER's intelligence activities.

4. Field Comment: The only trace in local files is a G-2 listing on one Leopold GUPFENBERGER, born 12 November 1900 at Obernberg, as a member of the Austrian Legionnaires since 1933.

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Field Comment: Social CIO files list one Franz RAUBER, Socialist, as president of the Hall Trade Union in Upper Austria.

6 Field Comment: Der 1st Ter in Oesterreich, 1951, lists one Georg RUMBART as Oberoesterreich-Landesrat.

7 Field Comment: It is not made clear in the report, but it is assumed that the investigation was instigated by the VdU.

8 Field Comment: One Frau SÄDLER appears in CIO and G-2 records dated 1947 as propaganda leader for an illegal NSDAP movement in Linz.

9 Field Comment: Dr. Anton FOLLNER is well-known to RUMBART through an SOB operation.

10 Source Comment: Ulrich KERNMAYER, well-known intelligence operator in Austria, is reportedly still in contact with Willi HOETTL, since HOETTL still needs KERNMAYER to transmit his reports. Their relationship became strained when KERNMAYER's article appeared in Der Spiegel since it revealed facts known only to KERNMAYER, FOLLNER, and HOETTL. VdU functionary [redacted] who worked for HOETTL at one time, was reportedly dropped when he became too friendly with an editor (NU) of the Neue Zeit in Urfahr, who was supposed to put EDER in contact with the Soviets. EDER is suspected of working for the Soviets and consequently is shunned in nazis circles. (SOB Comment: According to the latest information received in SOB, EDER is working for CAPOTE's organization.)

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