

"FIRST DETAILED" Interrogation Report of Hans Wilhelm
EGGEN. (Note: Only interrog. report of EGGEN in
Archives.) 12-20 November 1945. XARZ-4365

(Copy of interrog. report attached for information
regarding his background, assessment, ~~XXXXX~~ intelligence
activities, etc.)

[Page 7, paragraphs 6 ~~XXX~~: Source's Part in
Surrender Negotiations; and 7: Relations with Japanese.]
During late 1944 on one of EGGEN'S visits to MAYER'S
home, he met two US Vice Consuls, Loughborough and Doenisch.
During discussion of war situation became clear to EGGEN
that Germany's only hope was to sue for peace.
On his next visit to SCHELLENBERG in Berlin he reported this
and urged SCHEL. to see Himmler. SCHEL. however unwilling
since he would have to do so through Kalterbrunner with whom
he on bad terms. Kalt. would undoubtedly use occasion
to get rid of SCHEL. SCHEL ~~XXXX~~ therefore suggested EGGEN
try see Himmler through FHA head ~~XXXX~~ JUETTNER. This
was done but EGGEN was unlucky at hqs. and only relayed
substance of msg to Himmler's ADC. EGGEN ~~XXXXXX~~ stated
in the interrog. report that he had no ~~x~~ connection with
the negotiations carried on in Switzerland by WOLFF.

Re relations with the Japanese, in early 44, EGGEN on
visit to Berlin on economic matters was introduced to
Dir.Gen. SCHAAR of the Reichsbank and Pres. of the Japanese
Committee in Germany. SCHAAR mentioned that Japanese were ~~XXXX~~
anxious to negotiate contracts for equipment in Switzerland
and asked EGGEN to help. At dinner with Japanese Com he
met SAKAI, ~~XXXX~~ KOJIMA, and others, including OTANI. Japanese

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interested in EGGEN'S assistance in obtaining Swiss francs and in return ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Japanese could be of service in starting negotiations with Russians as they still at peace with Soviets. EGGEN stated that he reported this to SCHEL, who was scared of negotiating with Russians for fear that if he were the first to talk openly of it ~~in~~ at the RSHA it would cost him his head. He did ask EGGEN, however, to maintain contact and keep him informed.

Therefore EGGEN continued to meet SCHAAR and SAKAI from time to time. SCHELLENBERG made no move, but when SAKAI in summer 44 asked EGGEN if he would call on General OKAMOTO in ~~XXXXX XXXXX~~ Zurich, SCHEL told him to do so and see what he could find out. Therefore EGGEN called on OKAMOTO but found him seriously ill from a paralytic stroke. EGGEN received no message from him and did not discover why SAKAI had asked him to call. EGGEN stated in the interrog. report that he was certain that ^(*)no Russian was mentioned in connection with this affair/and maintained that he did not know that SAKAI was an Intelligence officer.

^(*) Headquarters' Comment: Note discrepancy between

EGGEN's Interrog report and SCHELLENBERG's regarding ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the involvement or mention of a Soviet in the affair. SCHELLENBERG mentioned one ORLOWSKI specifically, see his interrog. report.