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Extracts (Sep '50) fr orig Maxi party records in custody Berlin Document Centre;

83 Officers File: Willy FRIEDE, b. 30 Sep 12 at Arendsee; occupation; Schmeler; Party No. 353 114, entered 1 Oct 30

Address: Sekt. Gau Schwerin, Reichenberg Sued. Id. (HEDAP Master 88 No. 51 498 File)

88 rank: Obersturmfuehrer (1 May 39)

SS entry: 7 Mar 1932-34, SS readmission: 1 May 39 SS units: Stab Rasse-und Siedlungshauptent (1 Dec 43)

Stab Oberabschnitt Rhein (till 1 Dec 43)

HJ membership: 1929-31 (NS Schwelerbund) SA membership: Sept 1930 - Feb 1932

Adjutant to Gauleiter HILDERANDT; "Gauhauptatellemleiter" from

Aug 1934-Mar 1935, Kreisleiter of "Kreis Stargard/Posmern der MEDAP" from Mar 1935-Dec 1936 (Neubrandenburg).

Employed by the EJ (Since about 1937); EJ rank: Bennfushrer;

"Rataberr" of the town Wiesbaden
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Holder of Golden EJ Badge and "Totenkopfring"
Military rank: Leutment; served in "Wehrmacht"

(Statement on his career written on 12 Feb 1939 and signed by him is available; picture available)

Partei Kanulei correspondence: Occupation: Wissensch. Mitarbeiter
Address: Reichenberg/Sued, Pestaloxxistr 17b
bei LIHDENBCKER

Since l Jul 44 belonged to Reichsleitung, Einsatzstab des Beichsleiters Rosenberg (Sonderstab "Wissenschaft").

FRIEDE is a Sudstan German; pre-HITLES organizer of youth groups in Morthern German Mittel-und Hochschulen; as private secretary to a Reichsstaatahalter, he was being grouped for deputy Gauleitership when HITLES came to power; being only 19 yrs old (25 yrs min. age for a Reichstagabgeordneter) he was assigned to set up Maxi perty political structure in Mecklenburg-Schwarin; conflicted with party superiors and cassed active political career; became Inspector General of Western German Hitler Youth with enough field activity to retain reserve officer's status; in WW II, soom wounded, invalided out, returned to Hitler Youth assignments; held high party rank; considered one of most successful Maxi youth leaders, an expert on organizing and indoctrinating German and Balkan youth; has stated openly he was not de-maxified and did not desire to be, only real de-maxification being one of inner compulsion.

Post-war life in Germany difficult because of his political record; in 1946 went via Switzerland to Rome, was sheltered in Jesuit College, GERMAHICUM, became its librariam; soon met Zipper interests, Rome Group was established with Dr. Hens won GERMAN as figureheed; UTILITY's outlined tasks /(1) Order of Melta connections (2) CI work in former German SS circles (3) Vatican connections/were carried out

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almost exclusively by FRIEDE, considered the actual working head of Rome Group. Married to Lieselotte SCHMAK, a German citizen residing in Bern, he was reported as living since 1947 at via Ravenna 11, Rome with mistress Manda BOLBI and also as changing residence frequently; former mistress Gertrude RaCHOW: (German, ex-interpreter German Mavy Eqs) worked as translator in Anglo-Italian Society, Rome; he claimed credit for Germans-to-Syria program which failed duving this period when Germans, recruited as teachers and instructors to serve on contract basis w/o military obligation or oath of allegiance, were allegedly mistreated. FRIEDE, a self-declared writer (nothing was known of his work or actual means of livelihood) received from Italian authorities a displaced persons passport with permission to visit South Africa and in 1948 obtained extended sojourn permit and visa for Argentina; however there is no record of his having left Italy since arriving in 1947.

Italian police have reported him as informant for Russian Embassy, Rome; a personal friend of Italy's then \$2 Communist Luigi LORGO and in direct contact with TOGLIATTI's secretary; limison man between TOGLIATTI's office and Russian Embassy, Rome; the Italian Counter Intelligence "CS" in 1949 reported "former 88 Colonal FRIEDE" a double agent working for both Italian Intel. Service and Soviet Embassy, Rome and since he furnished Italian "CS" with much valuable information re USER no action was taken against him; in 1950 an Italian police source investigating him declared FRIEDE worked for "CS and made several visits to "CS" Chief, to whom he submitted reports, but when American Military Attache, Rome inquired of an Italian intelligence officer he received a complete denial re FRIEDE. FRIEDE himself claimed top-level access to Communist Party of Italy and leftist Socialist circles though in 1949 anti-FRIEDE articles appeared in Italian Communist press; he visited Germany in Feb '50, reportedly "two jumps ahead of the Italian Security Police"; believed to have many valuable Balkan contacts.

A list effective 10 Apr 51 (MGLA-6128) included Willi Heinrich FRIEDE, Special Connection 8-1936, as active in the Ruhr within framework of GV L and a staff contact of Sec. 40's KLAUSHER. GV L Master Lists forwarded Oct '56 and Apr '53 have V-2835 living in Muchiheim-Speldorf, a/o Ost & Westdeutld, target III/Pol. Fall STERRES (Walter/STERRES, pre-1933 Mazi, with Chungking gow't and Chiang Kai Shak for 16 yrs; suspected of having been GIS and BIS agent; Decache Sociale Partei; anti-German remilitarization; allegedly attempted build up Fed. Repub. and West German industry intelligence service; has claimed Bonn Gov't and Zipper contacts.) In Jan '53 Zipper's WILDEM showed POB's [ ] an original report from V-2835, who works in Duesseldorf/Duisburg area unner cover MODR \* correspondent or enscutive. GV H Master List dtd 17 Sep 53 shows V-2835's a/o as DIR and target III.

\* Hordwest Deutscher Rundfunk (Horthwest German Radio Station)

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