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6 May 1952

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Chief of Station, Frankfurt

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Chief, Bonn Liaison Office

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Erich Gustav JAHNKE

R F: MOHA-070 (Coburg)

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1. About six weeks ago during my last meeting with [] of RI-6, I asked him if he could tell me something about JAHNKE. I explained to him that on several occasions JAHNKE had requested a HICOG employee (Miss G. H. Matgenhin) to introduce him to some American intelligence official to whom he could make some rather interesting disclosures. [] admitted that he was familiar with JAHNKE's case, whom he considered an intelligence peddler involved in all sorts of shady deals. For example, the German Soft Drink Association gave JAHNKE some of their trade secrets as a basis for his investigation of the trade secrets of American soft drinks. JAHNKE sold the German secrets to the Coca-Cola representative in Dusseldorf for 10,000 DM, and the German Soft Drink Association is now considering the advisability of suing JAHNKE for breach of confidence.

2. About two weeks after my talk with [], I learned that JAHNKE had been arrested by the British. Knowing our interest in the case, the British liaison officer this morning brought me the attached extract of their interrogation report. He was careful to explain that the report contained only items that would be of interest to us, but should we want additional details we should get in touch with [] in Wahnroide, who is handling the case. If you wish to send a representative to talk to [] I shall be glad to arrange an appointment with him.

- DIST:
- 2 - COB {w/2 attach}
 - 1 - FCB {w/1 "}
 - 1 - POB { " " }
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1. Interrogation was designed to bring out details of JAHNKE's dealings with Buero BLANK, and other similar agencies, apart from those concerned with the handling of the stolen documents.

2. JAHNKE sent papers on the following military subjects to his old CO, Gen Heinrich EBERBACH:-
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Discipline and Drill for Recruits,
The Part of the Infantryman in Arm warfare,
The composition of Arm Fighting Ops with
Commandos, Air Strike wings and Parachutists,
The Defence of Europe against the East.

These papers were passed into Buero BLANK by EBERBACH jun at the beg 51, and JAHNKE later heard that they had received flattering attention. However, he was not called to personally enquire on them.

Spring 51 During his manifold activities, Prof. CLASSEN had established contact with Prof. FOCKE, the aircraft designer, who had recently completed plans and models for a hover plane and a speed boat, which allegedly represented revolutionary advances in their several fields. CLASSEN asked JAHNKE if he knew any parties likely to be interested in the development of these projects, and JAHNKE mentioned it to EBERBACH, at that time already in contact with Buero BLANK. As a result, a meeting was arranged at CLASSEN's home, at which the following were present:-

Hulf BLEY, industrial merchant of WUPPERTAL,
representing Prof FOCKE,
General der Flieger SEIDMANN (8 Flieger Corps),
unofficial representative of Buero BLANK,
One unknown, representing industry,
CLASSEN and JAHNKE.

BLEY described the projects and spoke of the necessity of raising money for further development. It was suggested that the Americans be approached, but this suggestion was dropped since no-one present had the necessary access. The meeting ended inconclusively, SEIDMANN privately telling JAHNKE that it was too early to consider the realization of such ambitious plans.

Beg Aug 51 JAHNKE however reported to EBERBACH that a trial speedboat was being built at VLOSACK, and a further conference was held in the premises of Buero BLANK, after EBERBACH had officially joined that organization.

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(NOTE: Also after the documents had passed from JAHNKE to EBERBACH.)

Present were:-

Kapitän ZENKER, described as "Seefahrt Nr 1"
at Büro BLANK,

Wulf BLAY,
JAHNKE,
EBERBACH Jun.

It was reported that the trial boat was completed and it was arranged on the spot for Admiral HAYL (Kommandeur der Kleinkampfflotte) to represent Büro BLANK at the first runs.

(NOTE: These were actually later shown in the German newsreel.)

After the meeting, BLAY and JAHNKE took coffee together, BLAY questioning JAHNKE as to his occupation. Nothing loathe, JAHNKE described his plans for the INDAO, whereupon BLAY exclaimed that he could effect JAHNKE's introduction to the "greatest detective in the world". Interested, JAHNKE was told of the existence of a certain Col. HEINZ, WIESBADEN, Bahnhofstr 62, to whom BLAY promised he would write on JAHNKE's behalf.

(NOTE: JAHNKE now says he had no previous knowledge of HEINZ's existence. In the first interrogation summary he is quoted as saying that HEINZ should be excluded from access to the stolen documents, when these were handed to EBERBACH in Jul 51.)

28 Sep 51 JAHNKE visited his mother in MAINZ, Freiherr v. STEINSTR. 9.

29 Sep 51 He called at HEINZ's address, which he noted was camouflaged as the "Michael Verlag". On mentioning BLAY's name, he was immediately received by HEINZ, although the latter said that BLAY had not effected the promised introduction. JAHNKE gave the purpose of his visit as being calculated to arouse interest in his INDAO plans, which he proceeded to describe. HEINZ asked him if he had been in the Abwehr and, receiving a negative answer, said that he was not concerned with industrial security, but was engaged in espionage in the spheres of high level politics and military affairs in R2 and Russian occupied AUSTRIA. JAHNKE asked HEINZ if he were connected with Gen. GEHLER, of whose activities he had heard from EBERBACH Jun. HEINZ said that he was not, and, during the course of subsequent conversation, gave the following facts about the GEHLER organisation:-

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- a) that it employed 50/60 Analysis officers, and was thus better staffed than the Abwehr had been,
- b) that it employed 1000 operatives,
- c) that it conducted operations all over RUSSIA and the Satellite Countries,
- d) that Gen. MUSINGER was GRIEN's 2 i/c,
- e) that its Hq were in a village near MUNICH,
- f) that it was financed by the Americans.

*Why in hell didn't
Heinz shoot him on
the spot?*

JAHNKE expressed interest in establishing contact with the organization, so that HEINZ promised to see what he could do; he did not appear keen. When JAHNKE said that GEMLER, with such an apparatus under his control appeared to be the natural successor to CANARIS, HEINZ denied this saying that part was reserved for himself, that he was already espionage chief in Buero BLANK, with OSTER as his 2 i/c. Describing his wartime activities, HEINZ said that he had commanded the BRANDENBURG Regt, and had conducted radio deception operations against Britain from Holland. On parting, he extended a cordial invitation for JAHNKE to visit him at Buero BLANK, where he spent about three days each week.

*Was wonder, too,
was he!*

On return home, JAHNKE described his interview with HEINZ to ERLBACH Jun, and expressed wonder that HEINZ should be so indiscreet to a escaperative stranger.

8eg Nov 51

JAHNKE described his encounter with GERSTENBERG, saying that his intention had been to subvert a secretary, but that GERSTENBERG had been pre-warned of his visit by GLASSEN, so that they parted after an exchange of insults. His account of the LEVERKUSEN incident is subjective but agrees with GERSTENBERG's in all essentials.

17 Nov 51

Charged by Coca-Cola with investigating the source of an article against CC which had appeared in the FRANKFURT KPD newspaper, "Sozialistische Volkszeitung", which was assumed to have been inspired by the German soft drink industry, JAHNKE again called on HEINZ to see if the latter would give him a lead into the local KPD. HEINZ could not, but he put JAHNKE on to the HECKBADEN LSV, as a result of which he had an interview with the chief, Fw. MEYER. MEYER was also unable to help but he arranged for JAHNKE to meet his FRANKFURT vis-a-vis in Cafe KRAENZLER, FRANKFURT at 1000 hrs on 20 Nov 51.

19 Nov 51

JAHNKE discovered that a KPD member, Reinhard SCHMIDT, was working the OPPENHEIM Coca-Cola concession, Peter HERDT & Sons. He briefed SCHMIDT to ascertain the source of the SVZ article, which SCHMIDT agreed to do.

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20 Nov 51 JAHNKE kept the RV in Cafe ERANZLER, duly meeting a certain SEPACK, who, on hearing JAHNKE's business, regretted that he had no source in the local KPD.

29 Dec 51 JAHNKE visited Buero BLANK to pick up EBEBACH jun. EBEBACH was out and, while JAHNKE was waiting, HILTZ came into the vestibule, greeted JAHNKE and, assuming that JAHNKE had called to pay the promised visit, took him into his office. Here he showed JAHNKE a map pinned to a cupboard, which bore a number of cabalistic signs and which he described as prepared by OSTER under his direction to show the extent of their espionage operations. Referring again to GEMLEN, against whom he seemed to bear a grudge, he said that GEMLEN had recently suffered severe operational losses, but that he was still financed by the Americans to the extent of \$6,000,000 yearly. JAHNKE then took his leave to collect EBEBACH.

where did he get that idea?

He described his conversation with HILTZ to EBEBACH, who asked him to report it in writing. At first unwilling, JAHNKE eventually complied, later learning that EBEBACH had passed it to PLUSINOWSKI, who had in turn shown it to HILTZ.

(NOTE: JAHNKE says that this incident led to EBEBACH first losing favour with BLANK, since his report was apparently not believed.)

EBEBACH jun then left for PARIS.

JAHNKE assumed that it was at this time that Gen. TIMBERG first repaired to KIELMANNSLAG to report CLASSEN's loose allegations regarding himself and EBEBACH. He later learned from EBEBACH jun that these were:-

- a) that JAHNKE was informed of all the PETERSBERG military discussions five minutes after they had taken place by EBEBACH,
- b) that JAHNKE was employed by BLANK, from which he had received large sums of money and the promise of a regtl command,
- c) that he maintained a dwelling with mistress for EBEBACH in a large town, where alcoholic and sexual orgies took place.

Jan 52 EBEBACH was called back from PARIS, faced with the allegations, ordered to break contact with JAHNKE and suspended from duty without pay.

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Gen EBERBACH communicated these facts to JAHNKE and asked him to attend a council of war in BAD BOLL, enclosing DM 50 traveling expenses. Gen EBERBACH, his son and JAHNKE duly conferred, as a result of which JAHNKE learned of CLASSLH's (or GERSTENBERG's) allegations and the fate of his report on HEINZ. At Gen EBERBACH's request, he prepared a written refutation of the charges on the spot, later supporting it with a sworn statement prepared by his lawyer.

3. Interrogation was broken off at this point.

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