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File: VII-102

SUBJECT: GRUBER, Walter, alias Walter [unclear],  
alias Werner GRUBERT, alias Guntar [unclear].

Re: suspected Soviet intelligence agent

IDENTIFICATION REPORT

1. FULL NAME: Walter Gruber, alias Walter [unclear], alias Guntar [unclear],  
alias Werner GRUBERT, alias Guntar [unclear]. (S-2)
2. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS: German Kennkarte No. B 513923, issued 10 November  
1949 in WEHAG (M51/109), Discharge Certificate No. 9-13303, dated 2 December  
1947, issued in HAYMELSBURG (151/157). (U-2)
3. PRESENT ADDRESS: FASSANSBURTH (M51/F19), House No. 01. (S-2)
4. FORMER ADDRESSES:
  - a. From 1916 to 1934: HAYMEL (M51/K12), GSR, Postalozzistr. 28.
  - b. From 1934 to 1937: WACHENBERG-TRACHENBERG (M52/F29).
  - c. From 1937 to 1938: WACHENBERG (M53/A90); German Officer's School.
  - d. From 1938 to June 1945: Army Service.
  - e. From June 1945 to October 1945: BILBURG/Brft.
  - f. From October 1945 to September 1946: BREITBACH near HAYMEL/Gfr.  
(Lived under assumed name of GUP)
  - g. From October 1946 to January 1947: FASSANSBURTH.
  - h. From January 1947 to December 1947: WACHEN (M49/Y70), WACHENBURG  
(M50/L15) and WACHENBURG (M51/157).
  - i. December 1947 to present date: FASSANSBURTH, house no. 01. (S-3)

5. PHYSICAL DATA: Height 5'11 1/2" Weight 150 lbs

EYES: Blue HAIR: Dark Blond BUILD: Slender

MARITAL STATUS: Married (1st, wife's name [unclear], born 11 May  
1917 in [unclear], residing [unclear], house no. 01)

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 May 1915 PLACE OF BIRTH: [unclear], GSR

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: [unclear] Professional soldier, [unclear]  
(unemployed)

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DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: Scar on upper part of right thigh.  
(Obtained from identity documents, German records in REHAD and observation)  
(Photograph of SUBJECT previously submitted as Exhibit "I" of Agent Report, Region VII, subject and file as above, dated 13 July 1951). (B-2)

6. POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS:

- a. Prior to 1933: None.
- b. From 1933 to 1945: Member of Hitler Jugend (HJ) from June 1933 to August 1933, member of NSDAP from 1937 to 1945.
- c. After 1945: No political affiliations or political preferences. (P-6)

7. SPOUSE, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES:

a. Spouse: Herta GEIFEL nee DESPARD  
Born 11 May 1917 in FLAUN, CSR  
Residing FASSMANSREITH, House No. 81

b. Friends:

- (1) Siegfried BOTHERMUND  
Approximately 33 years of age  
Residing REHAD, Lehnhoferstr. 18  
Has known SUBJECT since 1939, was together with SUBJECT in Waffen SS.
- (2) Dr. Hans SCHRIEKER, Physician  
Approximately 37 years of age  
Residing in COBURG, street address unknown  
Has known SUBJECT since 1939, both served in Waffen SS.
- (3) Reinhold KNOLL, Bricklayer  
Approximately 37 years of age  
Residing in FASSMANSREITH, House No. 76  
Has known SUBJECT since 1943.

c. Relatives:

- (1) Father - August GEIFEL, Locksmith  
Date and place of birth unknown  
Residing at STUTTGART (L49/302), street address unknown  
SUBJECT stated that he had previously written to his father  
former address in Fladen, but has heard since that father is  
in US Zone city of STUTTGART.

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- (2) Mother - Johanna GEIPPL nee MAERZ, Seamstress  
Born 9 August 1894 in FLAHEH, CSR  
Residing at DAMBERG (N50/024), Memmerleinstr. 17
- (3) Child - Lore GEIPPL, School student  
Born 26 July 1940 in PRANITZ (N53/232), Austria  
Residing at PASSMANSREUTH, House No. 81
- (4) Child - Annelie GEIPPL, minor  
Born 4 October 1944 in MARIENBAD (N50/P56)  
Residing at PASSMANSREUTH, House No. 81
- (5) Child - Klaus GEIPPL, minor  
Born 4 May 1948 in PASSMANSREUTH  
Residing at PASSMANSREUTH, House No. 81
- (6) Cousin - Elfriede GRENZ nee MAERZ, housewife  
Born 30 January 1918 in FLAHEH, CSR  
Residing at DAMBERG, Karolinestr. 14

#### d. Associates:

- (1) Dr. Johannes WEBER, physician  
Approximately 60 years of age  
Residing at RAGNITZLAGAU (N51/P09) near BERAU  
Has known SUBJECT since 1948
- (2) Georg LUDWIG, labor foreman  
Approximately 48 years of age  
Residing at RAGNITZLAGAU near BERAU  
Has known SUBJECT since 1947
- (3) Lieske KNOLL, housewife  
Approximately 36 years of age  
Residing in PASSMANSREUTH, House #76  
Has known SUBJECT since 1949
- (4) Kurt GERRATH, carpenter  
Approximately 31 years of age  
Residing in PASSMANSREUTH  
Has known SUBJECT since 1947
- (5) Robert RICHTER, liquor manufacturer  
Born 28 May 1910 in RONSBERG (N41/W17), CSR  
Residing in PASSMANSREUTH, House No. 81  
SUBJECT was partially employed by RICHTER and he knows him  
since middle 1948.

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- (6) Karl SCHMIDT, salesman  
Approximately 46 years of age  
Residing at HOF (K51/099), Farikzeile  
Has known SUBJECT since 1934
- (7) Max BOKMEL, butcher  
Age unknown  
Residing at REHAN, Aecherstr. 1  
Has known SUBJECT since 1947
- (8) Hermann FLOMS, bookkeeper  
Age unknown  
Residing at REHAN, Unterturmg 1  
Has known SUBJECT since 1948

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**c. PREVIOUS HISTORY:**

**a. Formal Education:**

- (1) Elementary School: 1922 to 1926 in FLAUN.
- (2) Secondary School: 1926 to 1933, Hochschule in FLAUN.
- (3) University: None
- (4) Further schooling was in German Army Schools (see below).

**b. Employment History:**

- (1) 1933 to 1934: Volunteer for the Vogtländische Maschinenfabrik (VOMAG) in FLAUN.
- (2) 1934 to 1945: Service in German Waffen SS.
- (3) March 1948 to July 1950: Worked for US intelligence agency and performed various espionage and information gathering missions in Germany and Bavaria. SUBJECT referred to this organization as MD (Rechtlich Dienst) and also K-131 and Organization 120.
- (4) July 1950 to present date: An intermittent house-to-house salesman, and salesman for a whisky concern in HOF owned by Robert RICHTER, who resides in PASCHANSCHWYZ, House No. 81.
- (5) Present date: Completely unemployed and in dire financial

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**c. Military History:**

(1) From 5 October 1934 until 1 April 1937: Joined in DRESDEN-  
TRACHENBERG, performed routine training and was ordered to the I./SS 2.

(2) From 1 April 1937 to 30 March 1938: Attended SS-Junkerschule  
(Officers candidate training school) in BRAUNSCHWEIG.

(3) 30 March 1938 to 1 November 1938: SS Administrative School in  
DACHAU.

(4) 1 November 1938 to 1 April 1939: SS Region (Oberabschnitt)  
FULDA-MERHA in ARULSEN.

(5) 1 April 1939 to 1 December 1939: SS Officers school in  
BRAUNSCHWEIG.

(6) 1 December 1939 to 1 April 1940: Chief of course of instruction  
in BRESLAU.

(7) 1 April 1940 to 13 June 1940: Adjutant of non-commissioned  
officers school - SS in LUBLIN.

(8) Until 1 November 1940: Platoon leader and adjutant I./SS BRESLAU

Until 1 February 1941: Company commander of SS replacement  
ROSLAR.

Until 7 September 1941: Adjutant of III./SS 9 in Norway.

Until 1 February 1942: Wounded near MURMANSK, Russia and served  
units KRANSKI, WARTER and SCHERIN.

30 January 1943: Company commander of Bn Co Tank Detachment  
in WOLFFSBACH, SCHNEELAGER and in Russia (ROSTOV, NIIS,

by 1943: Advanced to captain, wounded and transferred.

Transferred to SS Tank Training Regiment in

Member of a staff for tanks and chief of  
staff in WITTS and PALLERSBURG.

Company commander of the SS Tank Regt. 16 in

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(17) June 1944 - transferred to Italy, wounded and in hospitals at BOLZERA and BAD KISSINGEN.

(18) 1 December 1944 to 15 January 1945: Major in Hq Company of Tank Training Regiment in JETTENBACH.

(19) 15 January 1945 until end of war: Commander of IICrd Training Group, non-commissioned officers school in LAIBACH.

(20) Taken prisoner by British and escaped Sat-Sunday night 1945 in VOECKLAEBERG near SALZBURG. (S-4)

## 9. REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS REPORTS:

a. Reference is made to IIS, Hq 66th CIC Det, subject: FULVIO GIOVANNI SURVEY DETACHMENT, file S-64335; VII-3333, dated 11 August 1950.

b. Reference is made to Agent Report, Region VII, subject: CLAUDETTE GOURIER SERVICE, file VII-2749, dated 26 March 1951.

c. Reference is made to Agent Reports, Region VII, subject and file as above, dated 13 July 1951 and 9 August 1951.

d. Reference is made to Agent Report, Region VI, subject as above, file VI-37239, dated 17 August 1951.

e. Reference is made to IIS, Hq 66th CIC Det, subject: GRIVEL, Walter, file S-50319; VII-4024, dated 27 August 1951.

## 10. REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

a. Investigation was initiated in order to determine whether SUBJECT is engaged in espionage activities on behalf of Soviet intelligence.

b. Reference is made to paragraph 69b, Section XII, of the Consolidated Orientation and Guidance Report, Hq 66th CIC Det, wherein information concerning suspected agents of Soviet intelligence is desired.

c. Reference is made to IIS, Hq 66th CIC Det, subject as above, file S-50319; VII-4024, dated 27 August 1951, Memo 2, wherein specific requests made regarding history, background and intelligence activities of SUBJECT are requested.

## 11. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

a. As contained in paragraphs 2 through 8 above.

b. SUBJECT was in the German Army from 9 November 1943, until end of war, because a Waffen SS soldier and captured by British and sent to POW camp.

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the SS. SUBJECT was wounded several times. He fought in Norway, Italy, Hungary and in Russia. SUBJECT became a prisoner of war of the British at capitulation, escaped and resided with a Dr. KRISTING in REINHOLD/Brft (K51/F16) using the name Gunter WOLF. He then moved back to his home in FASCHMAREUTH, but remained in semi-hiding because he fell under the orders of automatic arrest. SUBJECT turned himself in to the US Constabulary in January 1947, moved to various camps and was finally released at the camp HASELSBURG (L51/457), where he received a D-2 discharge certificate # 9-13309, dated 24 December 1947. In March 1948, SUBJECT made contact with an American intelligence agency through efforts of an Emil BRADATZ, REHAD, residing FASCHMAREUTH 81, a sub-tenant in SUBJECT's place of residence. BRADATZ, then a Bavarian Border policeman, allegedly worked for CIC. SUBJECT visited the chief of Section R 192, cover name FIECHER, and received the task of performing missions in East Prussia and SW Saxony. SUBJECT referred to this organization as "NO" or "Hochsteht Dienst". (AGENT'S NOTE: It is believed that SUBJECT was an agent for either TIM or BAD). SUBJECT reported further contacts with handling agents, who had cover names, WENIG, MENNIG, HANSEN and KUNZ. On 30 December 1949, SUBJECT went to HUSICE and performed missions for a handling agent named BARR (a cover name). On or about July 1950, SUBJECT was dismissed due to financial discrepancies he was charged with during his employment by the intelligence organization. (P-6)

c. SUBJECT stated that in October 1950 and on several later occasions, he was visited at his home in FASCHMAREUTH by a former school mate of his wife, a Karl KLEIN, residing in FLAHEM, Strommannstr. 26, a former German Army officer and presently employed as a bookbinder. KLEIN admitted then to SUBJECT and his wife that he had been sent by the Soviets, under threat of punishment to himself and his family by the NKVD, to ascertain information concerning SUBJECT. KLEIN attempted to extract from SUBJECT the following information:

- (1) SUBJECT's present type of employment.
- (2) SUBJECT's political standing and his like for the occupying powers.
- (3) SUBJECT's financial status.
- (4) SUBJECT's likes, dislikes, preferences and vices.
- (5) Names and location of relatives of SUBJECT residing in the East Zone of Germany. (P-6)

d. SUBJECT stated that he believed that efforts were being made by the Soviets to force or coerce him into either working for the Soviet intelligence or to reveal circumstances regarding his former employment with the US intelligence. (P-6)

e. SUBJECT further stated that he could not give the first names of persons mentioned in his Personal History Statement because the names he had mentioned were cover names and he could not determine whether they were first or last names. SUBJECT further stated that he had sworn to never divulge information as regarding his activities for the US intelligence agency that he

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had worked for during the years 1948-1949 and 1950. SUBJECT stated that he had no regular employment since his dismissal by the agency and that his present means of livelihood was through small odd jobs and intermittent house-to-house selling. SUBJECT reaffirmed that he was not engaged in espionage activities against the US Forces or the BOMN government. He further expressed his fear of living in the close proximity of the CGR/Bavarian border and hoped that steps could be taken to move him and his family away from the threat such residence presented. He believed that the possibility existed that his children or himself might be kidnaped by the Communists and that such an action might force him to reveal information detrimental to the security of the US Forces. (AGENT'S NOTES: During course of interview, SUBJECT spoke of his thoughts regarding suicide. Detailed and clarifying reinterrogation was impossible to SUBJECT's frame of mind. It is the opinion of the undersigned Agent that SUBJECT's present mode of life is causing him to become mentally depressive due to the fears that he experiences). KLEEM has attempted no further contact but has sent several friendly letters from the West Zone. (P-4)

8. Attached as Exhibit "F" is a translation of a Personal History Statement written and signed by SUBJECT on 12 September 1951. SUBJECT states that the statement was given willingly, without force or duress, and certifies that he was not working against occupational powers. (P-5)

9. Technical coverage was maintained on SUBJECT from 21 April 1950 to 1 September 1950 and from 1 July 1951 until present date, without positive results. (A-1)

10. ACTION TAKEN AND/OR BEING TAKEN:

11. Technical coverage and routine observation will be maintained on SUBJECT for a period of 90 days.

12. If any further information is received, report immediately to this office and forward copy to the appropriate office.

13. This report is subject to review.

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(c) Agent Report, Region VII, File VII-27A9, dated 2 April 1951,  
subject: CLANDESTINE COURIER SERVICE.

(d) Agent Report, Region IV, File IV-27566, dated 18 May 1951,  
subject: SCHWITZ-BUND KEMMALIENR DEUTSCHER SOLDATEN.

(2) Region VII Registry revealed no additional information concerning  
personalities mentioned in this report.

b. Comments and Opinions: It is the opinion of the undersigned Agent that  
SUBJECT has been telling the truth regarding his efforts to keep from working  
for Soviet intelligence. He has reported contacts made by Karl KLEIN to GEB  
SKIS and GIB MOP. SUBJECT had been promised safeguarding by his former employers,  
but has been required to live in the GDR/Bavarian border area. SUBJECT cannot  
gain employment due to mistrust of him by his neighbors who were cognizant of  
the fact that he had formerly had connections with US intelligence. It is  
further the opinion of the undersigned Agent that SUBJECT's residence on the  
border constitutes a security threat to the US Forces due to the possibility  
that pressure through action against him or his family could result in his  
defection to Soviet or GDR intelligence.

## c. Recommendations:

(1) Recommend that DAD authorities be made cognizant of the fact that  
a former employee (SUBJECT) may be living in the border area in circumstances  
which might be prejudicial to Allied intelligence. Recommend that steps be  
taken to withdraw SUBJECT and his family from the border area if concurrence of  
circumstances can be verified and agreed to by DAD.

(2) Recommend that case be closed due to no indication regarding action  
by SUBJECT to work for Soviet intelligence.

(3) Recommend additional Technical coverage be maintained on SUBJECT  
for a 90 day period.

## APPROVED:

*James C. Biddle*  
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CB Team Cmdr

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EXHIBIT "I" -- Translation of statement of SUBJECT.

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