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FROM : Chief () Karlsruhe ()

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2. While the information contained in the attachment does not deal with a Russian network allegedly run by BAHLER & KAUL, we feel that it will be of some help in getting a clearer picture of Subject and his activities.

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POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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Subject: REINTERVIEW OF BIEGER, Gottlob, General of the Staff

Country: Germany Coordinates: _____

From: Team 11, 7020 AF Counter Intelligence Unit, USAF.

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Source of Information: General Gottlob BIEGER

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1. On 28 and 29 November 1949, General Gottlob BIEGER was reinterviewed at the Prison in L. KILBING/Lech (ABOSW-10554), in compliance with specific Request No. 828, dated 9 November 1949.

2. The following additional information in reference to Report No. 11-157-1219 was obtained from BIEGER:

a. The German V-weapons research and development was in charge of various agencies and individuals, for instance the Air Force, the Army, several universities and Professor von BIEG in MÜNCHEN (54021-13472), were all engaged in certain phases of the V-weapons project. All those agencies kept the strictest secrecy in regard to their own results. However on or about the 2 September 1944, HITLER issued a special order, granting Doctor KAMMLER the permission to have access to the existing plans and developments of every agency and to employ all specialists KAMMLER wanted to utilize for one combined V-weapons project. After surveying all the different V-weapons, KAMMLER selected plans and specialists and created an entire new staff in the DORA underground factory in the SANGERHAUSEN (SLEW-11171) district. The outcome of these combined efforts was the V-7 missile, supposedly a combination of all existing German V-weapons. According to BIEGER's knowledge, two (2) missiles of the V-7 type were completed. In March 1945 KAMMLER wanted to fire the two missiles against Paris. The bridges crossing the AUTOBAN Munich-Galsburg were demolished, to be able to transport the missiles to the launching site. Nevertheless HITLER did not give the permission for this venture. BIEGER stated further that according to information he received from various V-weapons experts, the missiles carried the designation A 1 to 15 and other numbers f.i. I-7, I-4 as long as the weapons were in the designing or development stage.

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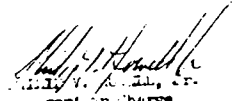
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When the missile could be applied for tactical military use, the designation was
changed into V-Wer (Vergeltung - Revenge Weapon). BRGCK was unable to give
additional information on this subject.

b. With reference to paragraph 2 b, PIR 11-62-0749 and paragraph 2 b,
PIR 11-129-0949, KGCW made the following correction: Instead 300,000 Volt it
should read 300,000 KILOWATT transmission lines.

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1. On 28 and 29 November 1949, General Cottlob BERGER was reinterviewed at the Prison in LANZBERG/Land. (4802N-1055E) in compliance with Specific Request No. 874, dated 23 November 1949.

2. BERGER did not obtain additional letters from Doctor HEROLD (PIR 11-138-0949) or from other scientists working in the USSR. BERGER agreed to submit any new information to this office through Colonel GRAHAM, the LANZBERG Prison Warden. The above mentioned letter was smuggled out from Russia concealed in a food package, sent by Doctor HEROLD to his wife who is residing in MURMANSK (CHLEN-LINEN). The letter written on tissue paper, was hidden in the double bottom of a tin can filled with foodstuff. Mrs. HEROLD sent a copy of this letter to a former member of the I. G. Farben Trust now in the LANZBERG Prison.

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Translation from Copy.

.... First of all I am writing to you what I already said in my January letter home which I copied 27 times and which was intercepted 27 times. There are many things you will be amazed at. I hope everything will be OK....since all these letters have been discovered and because 2 letters which I had melted into glass tubes which were hidden in melted fat, have also been intercepted, I am this time only copying those letters which are already known to the local Secret State Police. I shall then await your acknowledgement and on receipt of it will write you more about what is not yet known at those places. One has to look out and be very careful.

Living and working conditions here are increasingly developing in a way which forces me to consider myself as a civilian prisoner. That is why for some time already I have, with increasing insistence, been pushing my efforts to go home. Everywhere I meet with politeness, but also with refusals. Everybody displays an obvious attitude of reserve and absolutely everything is being kept away from me. This clearly originates with the public administrations which are causing the mistrust and which are very eager to further it. Yet I have never failed from the very beginning to display confidence and good will. However, steadily mounting instead of diminishing mistrust obviously begins to generate in myself a comprehensible suspicion. I have therefore given up all hope of doing any useful work. My main target is thus: "Home I go, I have had enough!" Nevertheless, from all the experience I have gathered I fully realize that chances of success for requests and petitions in this matter are very small. Although I shall continue to grudge no pains in repeating again and again my requests, I doubt whether the administration will ever grow weary of them. It will end by turning a deaf ear, endlessly delaying and suspending everything. Therefore, the home country has got to be busy!

An initiative in this direction would possibly be to get the CDU to address the Control Council by depicting my situation and my fervent endeavors. I expressly declare to be fully aware that my case and my wish represent an example for a great many others in this country who think exactly as I do.

/ this was the letter which was intercepted 27 times and later discovered after being melted into glass tubes/

.... In order to expedite my return home, I will have recourse only to you and the IRC /International Red Cross/. I shall also rely only on the Control Council. This agency has the charge of the German nation and its concerns within Germany and abroad. I have no intention of applying to local Legations of the Western Powers or other foreign States. Such a move on my part might well be taken very much amiss by the local Government and I do not want to risk such a contingency. Apart from that, our attitude is probably the reason why for months every step of ours has been watched over. We are permitted to step out only under organized escort, and we are conveyed all together, under escort, to and from our working place and to and from our domiciles. Many other things are disagreeable and spoil our stay here. The so-called human rights are still constantly being interfered with. We must therefore leave no stone unturned to obtain my return. Please do write to the IRC in addition to my letter requesting them to apply to the Control Council; it is quite possible that my initiative from here is not sufficiently sure to bring success.

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.... The letter to the IRC met with many resistances and left Moscow only at the end of June through the good offices of a foreign Legation. For incomprehensible reasons, my comrades also made things difficult.

.... One has to be extremely careful here. Absolutely everything is being spied on. Life here is one in a police state of the worst sort. The Hitler State could not be compared with it. We are not trusted out of sight here. True, there is no lack of politeness, but we meet with distrust everywhere and in the highest degree. All our former Russian friends shun us as much as possible and are visibly embarrassed when spoken to. They certainly have instructions from above to avoid any intercourse with us. In the Institute we are confined to one small room and the library. Mornings I always remark: "Here we are again for eight hours in our prison cell". For months we have not been allowed to go out alone. Always and everywhere an escort is present. Yet our identity cards state in writing that we are permitted to freely move about the USSR. This is the purest mockery. At first our escort was recruited from the house- and kitchen personnel. Now an interpreter and three young girls speaking German have been charged with the task so that they can listen in on our conversations. I am only permitted to stroll alone around the house in the evening. How long will this go on? The work tasks set to me are small and insignificant /only desk work/. As references, I have to rely upon my own memory and the local library, that is public literature; in addition, various file-material from LEUMA and other German booty. Russian sources are being anxiously concealed or withheld. Any insight into the Russian chemical industry is being obstructed or at least veiled. In other words, one comes to know nothing. At present I know just as little about it as a year and a half ago. Therefore my presence here is completely unnecessary—even wrong, because I could with the material on hand do better work in Leipzig where I could interrogate their experts. Here I am not permitted to have any exchange of ideas with local experts. Such objections, however, fall on deaf ears in the higher-up places. The spiritual muzzling of the natives by the government can not be imagined. In comparison, we in the Nazi State were a truly free people. There can be no question here of a true democracy, as I had imagined it. Here there reigns a party despotism which is much worse than the one we formerly had under Hitler. Our human rights and whatever claims we can deduct from them, are not being considered. Not a single one of the dozens of requests and complaints have so far received a reply. We are nothing but regular civilian prisoners, at the mercy of governmental arbitrariness. I no more believe in the possibility of our voluntary release by the Government for repatriation. One will probably have to wait until regular liberation from the outside happens. A lot of patience will be needed for that.

This is the end of the repetition of the many letters which time and again were intercepted and with which I was reproached by the Ministry in Moscow.

.... As soon as you observe that the political situation is pointing towards war and there is an urgent danger of war, see that you disappear from Leuna— that is my urgent advice. The Russians are extremely unreliable and mendacious! They will probably draft into military service all young men. Remarks in that sense have already been made here.

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Our countrymen who are civilian internees here, are also to be drafted. What will happen to us in that case is totally obscure. Therefore go West, as soon as things begin to look bad.

.... I have no rights of any kind here. Dozens of requests addressed to top administrations, Ministries and the Superior Council of Ministers, have elicited no answer, either verbal or written. The letters which I have always sent registered, reach their destination, but there is no reaction to them. Nevertheless I continue writing. I express myself very unreservedly, I ask rather awkward questions, I appeal to the much-praised human rights of which the efficient Mr. Vyshinsky can not say enough in the UN Assembly. All this, however, is nothing but theory. In practice the Russians feel absolutely unfettered by obligations of any kind. This is entirely in line with the national character of a people who ignore the notion of "love of truth" and are basically mendacious. I consider with my comrades that we are in a particularly bad situation, since we do not know what is going to happen to us and can learn nothing in spite of repeated inquiries. In this respect our situation is worse than that of the worst convict. Every prisoner, every person detained, including prisoners of war, is informed about the duration of his detention. He knows that after so many years he will be set free, and he has prospects to shorten his detention and speed his release by good conduct. We, however, have been deprived of our liberty without any indication of reasons for such punishment; and without any indication as to how long this deprivation is to be continued. Where we are, good work is making us indispensable and yet produces results contrary to what ordinary prisoners obtain—our detention is being prolonged. Is this not insane? That is what this State, allegedly the freest in the world, calls Democracy! One could laugh about it, were one not rather inclined to weep, and no end to this state of affairs can be perceived.

.... Even the old mother of Frau Dr. Fröhlich who is over 70 years old and ailing, was refused her return by the Russian Government without any indication of reasons. How often have I requested, verbally and in writing, my return as well as home leave! All petitions and requests, to Ministries and higher up, remain without reply.

We are not even permitted to go outside a radius of 5 kilometers, but I disregard this rule. I have already had more than one discussion on this matter. Since the fall of 1947 I am nursing plans to escape, but we are so much spied upon and watched over that escape is practically hopeless. Nevertheless, I am continuously watching out for an opportunity to get away with forged identification papers, because the Russians will not let us go before 3-5 years. Only diplomatic or war action can liberate us from this desperate prison....

.... My life here is very monotonous. Work—which is pure dead work—starts day in, day out at 0900 hours. We sit five of us in a small room with primitive wooden tables and on hard ordinary chairs. There for two and a half years we have been writing reports from memory without auxiliary means. Literary assistance is scarce, as well as

all other material. We have to transcribe these reports ourselves on our own typewriter. This, with a punctual stop of one hour for the midday meal, is our life in the office. That is the joyless existence of the Soviet industrial slaves.

Prices, indicated in NK East and per kilogram, are: hard sausage 130-170, rice 40-50, roasted coffee 150-170, cocoa 390, tea 400, fat 70-90, oil 60-80, lard 120, ham 110, sugar 30-40. Consumer goods prices: shoes 600-700, boots 1000-2500, silk stockings 80-100, cloth for suits 600-1000.

You have no idea of the incredible poverty everywhere here. I have to make my own drawings; in short, I have to do things which I did not have to do even as a young chemist, let alone when I was department chief and later director. Conditions here and also in Moscow /which is not a bit better off/ are so poorly as we could not imagine them in Germany even when times were at their worst. Quite everything here is in short supply. The only things in which we Germans are not lacking are food and clothes. Our living quarters are princely compared to those of the Russians. There is also an idea that we receive incredibly high pay, especially I. However, when you compare prices to the purchasing power of the Ruble, I am earning less than what I had /in Germany/ after the last tremendous reduction and the enormous tax deductions. The only advantage I have is the exchange rate of the Mark. This explains why I am able to send you sufficient money. If you were here with me, we should have to calculate very, very closely. Poverty here is gigantic. Living conditions are dreadful, every family has normally only one room and must share the kitchen with others. Incomes are very low. There is little order anywhere. Sanitary conditions are devastating. Most ordinary people possess no bedstead. Many have to sleep in one bed with others. As to goods, usually most of them are unobtainable or bad, then suddenly everything can be had for a time. Payment of wages is very irregular. There is a lot of starvation and dirt. The few better-situated people have no manners and no culture. This town has one second-rate movie, nothing else. Social intercourse with the population is being prevented. There is no freedom of conscience or speech. The people are so intimidated that all their talk about the freest country on earth is a complete mockery. There are a great many natives in penitentiaries.

.... Russian officers whom I knew in Leuna, look the other way when they meet me, as if they did not know me; there have, however, been some exceptions. Invitations do not exist, of course. We never hear anything about our reports. No one is asking us anything about them. Such conditions, I say, are unimaginable. One has to defend oneself with an elephant's skin.

Work on the plant is very much in arrears. It is planned to become a second Leuna. Almost all the aggregates which were dismantled in Leuna, are here in immense depots of machinery on a meadow under the open sky where the material is steadily deteriorating through atmospheric influences, while a good deal of it is being stolen or transformed into kitchen utensils clandestinely. Yet nothing is available and there are shortages everywhere.

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If we are really to complete the task of getting the plant to the production stage, we must hold out here for another two or three years. Meanwhile a great many people among the local population are hoping for a war and a change in State leadership. Considerable numbers of the people are dissatisfied with the present government because poverty and governmental terror are great. The people are frightened, due to severe punishment dealt out even for minor offenses. Those of us who are in Rubeshnaja are not allowed inside the plant. They are brought under escort to their laboratories and back from there to the factory gates whence they go home in a closed bus. I think that we here, the other Soviet industrial slaves, will suffer the same fate some day.

You would not believe the suspicion which reigns here, nor could you imagine the complicated system of supervision and spying applied to us. This system has been built up to the last detail and requires an immense apparatus and a colossal number of people. Each letter of mine is read most minutely. Now about something else concerning the possibility of war. As soon as signs of an imminent war are discernible, Hans must get away to a safe place, because the Russians are likely to draft him. He must not risk that, since that would be the end of his freedom. He must by all means escape that fate. In case of a war do not worry about me. The local inhabitants feel kindly about us Germans and will do nothing to us. They would not even let us suffer privations. The important thing is that in case of war we remain here. This, of course, is not certain, so let us hope for the best. It is important that Hans under any circumstances avoids service in the Red Army. Wangling and irregularities are the rule here, everything is disgusting and repulsive. One must mistrust everything coming from the Russians. Only the country people are harmless and nice.

You can transmit all my news, even the secret ones, to Dr. A. in all details, if you want to, word by word. What I told you are unadorned facts, neither disfigured nor exaggerated. There is no harm in their becoming known, on the contrary. Therefore explain to him that everything is told here according to the truth, and that he can believe everything. Ask Dr. A. on my behalf to assist you in writing to the UN. One must repeatedly inform the UN that we prisoners urgently want to go home, but that all applications remain without reply. See to it that such letters do not get into the hands of the Russians. I have now had my well-substantiated request for home leave refused, although I offered to pledge my word of honor that I would return. However, since the Russian word of honor has no value here, I suppose that mine is evaluated equally. I wrote a violent letter to the State Government. You will soon receive a copy of it.

Recently I wrote already that one should try, with the help of Dr. A., to create at the UN a clear knowledge of the real conditions here and the standpoint at home, as regards our return.

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...this is what I presume:

1. I suppose that the Russian Government keeps repeating over there how important we are to them. The truth is that our work is so secondary and is to such an enormous extent suffering from lack of confidence that nothing useful can come out of it, since we are never informed, we are treated as spies and saboteurs and are practically prisoners kept in a "golden cage".
 2. I am convinced that the Russian Government loses no opportunity to declare in front of the UN how well we are here and how fabulously we are being treated. I am confirmed in this opinion by the surprise-with which we meet continuously - at our impatient desire to return home; we are told that our life is much better here than at home, that we have plenty to eat and to drink, live well and are being paid much better wages than the Russian experts of the same professional class. Seeing the poverty here, all this is correct. However, not long ago I replied to Willossov who made such observations, that Germans value the ideal side of life higher than the material one. In materialistic Russia, however, there is no comprehension for such a point of view. The UN are kept in the belief that we do not wish at all to return, that we live better than we ever did before. The Russians still figure that a good many of us Germans will get acclimatized and remain. It is possible that the UN will be disposed to believe the Russians. They can hear nothing directly from us, as everything is being intercepted.
- Every one of my letters is read. I wonder whether letters 37 and 40 will reach you. I sent copies of violent requests to government agencies / remark: these letters did not arrive!/. So please write to the UN with Dr.A.'s support. If they are not informed from home, they will never learn the truth. From the Russian side they certainly get nothing but lies.

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1. On 28 and 29 November 1949, General Gottlob BERGER was reinterviewed at the Prison in LAIDERSBURG/Lech (48058-10558) in compliance with Specific Request No. 874, dated 23 November 1949.

2. In reference to the initiation of an intelligence network proposed with FIR 11-131-0949, the following additional information is hereby submitted. The detailed plan is reported in form of an exact translation from the notes BERGER prepared in the presence of the interviewing Agent:

ORGANIZATION "T"

(1) Military and Political Considerations

The ELBE line can never be held by the Allies. It has to be either the RHINE or the ODER. This question was settled the day THURINGIA was conceded to the Russians.

a. Offensive plans against the West have been prepared by German General Staff officers and for that reason special emphasis is laid on THURINGIA; there is no country in the world which, from the point of view of General Staff work, has been gone over as minutely as THURINGIA.

b. The East disposes of a unique concentration area in the ODER-NEISSLER region, with the concentration area BOHEMIA as flank protection. Every Russian infantry division is able within three (3) days, a cavalry division in (10) ten, an armored division in seventeen (17) days, to install itself with weather protection and livably in any kind of forest, so that they can hold out for months. The depopulation of the area is a favorable factor. Poles who live there, are still holding on to their old homesteads in Poland.

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c. The Russian superiority in armored units is so vast in the early stages that the planned delaying action in the West will very soon turn into an organized flight.

d. It is erroneous to believe that a strategic concentration of France's and the Benelux countries divisions will have a threatening or deterring effect on Russia. The reverse will happen. Russia counts on the communist infiltration of the French Army and rightly so. The French Army lost face in 1940; how difficult it is to regain it, I (BREMER) learned through my experience with the French volunteer division Charlemagne.

(2) Although the clash which is to be expected will be finally decided not in Europe but in the Near and Central East, Germany is important. I (BREMER) consider that the formation of German divisions is impossible under present circumstances. On the other hand, it may be feasible to create an organization which would be able to:

- a. Tangibly harass the Russian advance through the entire territory of the Reich.
- b. Carry out intelligence work in the occupied territory.
- c. Serve as competent guides in cases of military operations, large-scale employ of parachutists and airborne troops.

A digression may be permitted here:

The new Russian way of conducting war will contain all sorts of surprises. Among other things, it includes the use of Air Force units with strong task forces of parachutists and airborne troops, as well as the use of partisans. Two entirely different objects which have only the top military direction in common, must be discerned:

Parachutists are to go into action against military objects of any kind, under the command of capable officers.

Partisans have tasks of a political nature connected with military operations. Led by Commissars, they are to carry on propaganda in cooperation with the German communists and the groups of professional criminals, camouflaged as members of the VFW (Association of War Victims). The basic aim is the elimination of all German resistance.

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Parties of guides are already being made up, and individual guides chosen, from among returned POW's and communists. Both actions are of a nature to considerably impede Western conduct of war, at least in the beginning. Very heavy losses are unavoidable if the defense is insufficient. Whoever knows how to listen in LITHUENIA, bears a good deal, the more so since all these things have been tested by the Russians in the last phase of the war. Through General VASSOV all the principal orders were in my (BERGER's) hands in 1945. Another remark which may not appear quite credible, should be made:

- (a) No mistake should be made about the will to fight existing in Germany. It is VERY, very small. Hatred and bitterness have sprung up, but there is no fighting spirit.
- (b) One should not think that soldiers recruited in Eastern Germany may possibly be used in action against the West. Stalin will never run that risk. The entire Russian Army is completely standardized. A standard division in Siberia is exactly the same as a division in Czechoslovakia or one on the Russian border. The German soldiers, and probably those from Poland and Czechoslovakia, will be used in distant theaters of war. Their transport without arms and equipment is very easy and devoid of danger. In the West, Siberians and Komads will be used, and the world will be surprised to hear how these people will fight because they and the Rhine are the rich Western countries with unimaginable wealth as booty.

(3) The Organization.

Should the above evaluation of the situation be accepted as fairly accurate, it is proposed to form an active defense (Abwehr) organization. This can be done in two ways:

- a. A pure counter-intelligence organization which at a later date is to be reinforced and armed. In other words, the intelligence service will develop into a force of soldiers ready for action in the rear of the enemy.
- b. Grouping volunteers for the purpose of action when Germany is over-run. Intelligence will be a secondary matter, but will become important with actual operations.

This organization must be built up in the East and the West. First of all in the border areas. In view of the present situation I (BERGER) should give preference to the second (b) proposition. It is certain that the Eastern powers dispose of a network of intelligence; therefore there will be no lack of incoming news. Further, every intelligence, to function properly, requires at least eight (8) months of preparations and that is a lot of time these days.

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Proposition two (2) is something new which:

- (a) Will assure a military intelligence service in case Germany is over-run.
- (b) Will, through harassing of the rear, contain strong military forces from being used at the front.

(4) Necessary Time for Establishment of the Organization:

One (1) year of earnest work.

(5) Pay:

For the entire southern sector (MAIN river line) 35-40 men should be in full-time employment, all other payments only to cover expenses. They should be modestly equipped with plain motor cars. Work should in the main line be honorary. Although America is rich and these payments could probably be charged to competition costs, my knowledge of the people and my experience make me insist on this point. It is impossible to carry on a fight in the rear of the enemy without idealism.

(6) Build-up:

Establishment of a commercial or trading company. The managers must be representatives of a Land or a large district-also in Eastern Germany. The company must pay its own way. In this way trips are camouflaged, and the addressing of individuals does not attract attention. Should the difficulties in Eastern Germany be particularly great, at least guides for parachute units from the West should be selected and trained.

(7) Military Organization: In squads, platoons, companies, battalions.

No larger units should be formed. Battalions will be joined into squads. The squad commander directly with military headquarters.

Squad: 1 chief, six (6) men.

Platoon: Three (3) to five (5) squads, according to terrain and objectives.

Company: Three (3) to five (5) platoons.

Battalion: Three (3), maximum four (4) companies.

If the country is over-run, every unit has its command post in its rear area and constitutes a complete fighting element which goes into action inclusive of the squad commander.

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(8) First Target:

Locating of leading personalities in East and West, after having ascertained from the chief of staff which areas are particularly important.

(9) Composition of Units:

- Squad: 1 chief, 1 radio operator, 1 messenger, four (4) men.
- Platoon Staff: 1 chief, two (2) radio operators, three (3) to five (5) messengers (one for each squad).
- Company Staff: 1 chief, three (3) radio operators, three (3) to five (5) messengers, 1 doctor.
- Battalion Staff: 1 chief, 1 adjutant, also deputy, three (3) radio operators, three (3) to five (5) messengers, 1 doctor, 1 medical assistant.

Details concerning selection of personnel, their training and operations can naturally only be discussed after the Commander-in-Chief has expressed his serious interest in the scheme. I (BERGER) am in a position to draw on the experiences of the "black" (secret) detachments from 1924 to 1930, and on my knowledge of the totality of the Russian partisan-war orders with supplements up to 1944 (the latest dated 7 May 1944).

(10) Use of the Letts, Estonians, Ukrainians, perhaps also Caucasians, actually domiciled in Germany. Their training as parachutists and partisans. Only selected volunteers. The very fact of such a training would bolster up the courage of those fighting a lost battle in the East. And it may prove to be the best move to counteract the new assignment of Marshal Rokossovski.

3. The above outline of General BERGER's plans and ideas is the result of a two (2) days interview. Should higher Headquarters decide on a further development of his proposition, BERGER would be willing to cooperate in any way desired.

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 Report No.: **11-112-0949** Number of Pages: **1** Reference: **Request 685(Specific)**
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 Source of Information: **Through General Gottlob BREGER by Dr. HEROLD**
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1. In compliance with reinterrogation request #685(Specific) dated 22 August 1949, reference General Gottlob BREGER at the Prison in LANDSBERG/Lech (4805X-1055X), the following additional information was received in regard to paragraph #2. g of the above indicated request:

2. BREGER was interrogated concerning his knowledge of activities and location of German scientists or engineers working in the USSR. At the time of the interview BREGER was not in a position to furnish information pertaining to this matter. However he assured the interviewing Agent that he would transmit any information he should receive. Attached to this report is a letter that was sent illegally from the USSR to Germany. (Inclosure #1, photostatic copy of the letter in German, inclosure #2, English translation thereof). The writer of this letter is an acquaintance of BREGER, Doctor of engineering HEROLD, formerly chief scientist in charge of the research-laboratory of the LEUNA WORKS in MERSEBURG (5121X-1200X). BREGER received the letter through Doctor HEROLD's wife, Mrs. HEROLD and her son are still residing in MERSEBURG.

3. The letter reached this office through courtesy of Colonel W. E. GRAHAM, Commanding Officer, LANDSBERG Prison, APO 61-A U.S. ARMY. Colonel GRAHAM was extremely helpful and cooperative to facilitate this Agent's mission in LANDSBERG Prison.

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2 Inclosures:
 1-Photostatic Copy of Letter in German
 2-English Translation

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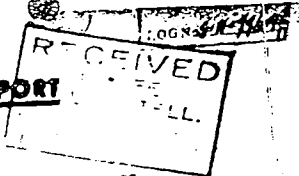
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 Country: Germany Coordinates: _____
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1. On 1st and 2nd September 1949, General Gottlob BIRNER was reinterviewed at the prison in LAMBERSHO/Lech (4905 N-1065 E) in compliance with Specific Request #666, dated 18 August 1949.

2. In reference to this Specific Request, the following information was obtained from BIRNER:

a. BIRNER received the information reported in PIR 11262-0769 paragraph 2b, during his 10 days Christmas leave in December 1948 from a (in SUBJECT's opinion) trustworthy and reliable source. At this time BIRNER did not pay too much attention to these reports. He was reminded of them later during Colonel SPIVAK's visit at the LAMBERSHO Prison, when in return for the Colonel's kindness, he felt obliged to give any information he had, to the U. S. authorities.

(1) BIRNER stressed implicitly that he is no expert in the field of electrotechnics, he is only able to give a layman's opinion about the subject. BIRNER is not in a position to draw a sketch of the "new kind of transmitter station" in the BIRNER area. However he believes that the following differences exist between the old and the new transmitter station system: The experiments of GERTSCHIK and other German scientists were based on modulated transmitted disturbance rays. (German version: "Die Versuche GERTSCHIK'S und anderer deutsche Stellen waren auf einen Versuch zur Veranschaulichung von Fernsprechanlagen ausgerichtet".) The new system applies a combination (Mischung) of various permanent rays to a new electromagnetic field. (German version: "Das neue System handelt es sich um eine Zusammenfassung von verschiedenen Dauerstrahlungssystemen mittels elektrischen Kraftfeld".) According to BIRNER's source the following difficulties existed: The radio instrument and the electric batteries had to be erected at a certain distance from each other, because about rays (Wellenstrahlung) of the battery had a disturbing influence upon the radio apparatus.

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(2) To determine the exact location of the transmitter site in the BRESLAU (51068-17038) KATOWICE (50158-19008) region, BERGER stated that all installations are heavily guarded by G.P.U. units in uniform. These units have supposedly no connection with the Polish population and are frequently replaced. It is suggested by BERGER to determine where in the above mentioned region special G.P.U. units are stationed.

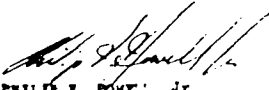
b. In reference to the 300,000 Volt transmission lines, BERGER repeatedly questioned his source but same insisted his information was correct.

c. BERGER explained the term "the various individual infra rays" in the following manner: Four (4) transmitter stations form one (1) battery, but only three (3) stations have to function to be effective. Therefore "the various individual infra rays" are coming from three (3) individual transmitter stations and are focused together to the target indicated by the radar instrument.

d. BERGER claims that this system has nothing to do with the so called "death rays". He explained the rays do not cause an explosion of gasoline but they disturb the proper function of the motor by ignition failure or short circuit which in turn causes a fire in the airplane. In regard to ammunition, the rays affect only the mercury fulminate (small caliber) that is part of the ammunition, causing the explosion of the same.

3. BERGER said that he brought the entire matter to Colonel SPIVY's attention for the purpose that U.S. Aircraft should be advised not to fly over the BRESLAU-KATOWICE area. He further emphasized that his source, an engineer and former captain of the Waffen SS was working with him in the SS Hauptamt (SS Main-Office). He considers him to be a man of sobriety and reliability. The captain emigrated to Argentina on 2 January 1949. BERGER stressed once more the importance to find either Minister CHERNOGOR or some of his co-workers and to get all possible information on the former HACKENBERG laboratory.

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 No. Inclosures: *2* Prepared by: *ELBERT K. BROWN*
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1. On 1st and 2nd September 1949, General Gottlob BERGER was reinterviewed at the Prison in LAMBERSHAW/Lech (48054-1055E) in compliance with Specific Request #685, dated 22 August 1949.

2. In reference to Specific Request #685, the following information was obtained from BERGER:

a. BERGER learned from General of the Waffen SS and Doctor of Engineering KAMMLER himself that the latter was going to Russia. As proof of this statement BERGER related the following story:

(1) On 6 May 1945, Doctor KAMMLER came to BERGER in KIRCHDORF, near ST. JOHANN/Lech (47328-1226E) and told him that he, KAMMLER, had made contacts with Russian POW officers, who were technicians in the Russian V-weapons field. (These Russian officers were captured near KLEV (50278-3030E) in 1941). KAMMLER went from KIRCHDORF to SCHWABAU, near Bad Gastein (47078-1308E) and was led from there by a Russian through the Alps. KAMMLER was at this time in the possession of a BMW-passenger car, six (6) cylinders, 2.4 liters and had his complete plans and drawings on microfilm and in photostats with him. KAMMLER showed BERGER the contents of an aluminum strongbox, approximate size 100 centimeters X 40 X 30 centimeters. One of the main reasons to facilitate KAMMLER's easy escape was the fact that KAMMLER's organization LSV-63 had over-gasoline depots all over the country. At the end of World War II, KAMMLER's wife and children were residing in BAD HARBURG (51908-1055E), British Zone. It might be possible to confirm or deny through Mrs. KAMMLER the whereabouts of her husband.

(2) General BERGER was two times approached by a Russian commission in the BREMENHOF Prison with the view of getting BERGER extradited as a witness for a trial in RUHR (53348-2733E). The first interview took place between 26 and 30 November 1945, the second between 7 and 10 December 1945. The commission consisted of a Lieutenant General,

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a. Kommissar with the rank of a Colonel, two (2) Germans in Russian uniform and service and one (1) interpreter. BERGER stated that the Russians had a most thorough knowledge of his person and activities. BERGER thinks that the information could have come from no other source than KAMULEK, because at this time no outsider had such knowledge.

b. BERGER learned that KAMULEK went first to a camp near the northeast edge of MOSCOW (5949M-3737K). He said that in the vicinity of MOSCOW four (4) special camps existed: (1) For Diplomats (2) For General Officers only (3) For Generals and Officers who were employed as instructors and military advisers (4) For Technicians and Scientists. BERGER believes that KAMULEK might be working on the V-7 weapon. This V-7 was constructed for a distance of 3500 kilometers and was able to reach an altitude of sixteen (16) to twenty (20) thousand meters and is equipped with a connecting ruy (Leitstrahl), according to a direct statement from KAMULEK to BERGER. In BERGER's opinion, the V-7 was the main reason for the Russian interest in KAMULEK. Furthermore BERGER stated that KAMULEK was one of the few men in Germany who knew the production process of all secret weapons. Besides being an expert in the V-weapons field, he was also an authority on the ME-262 and on rocket fighterplanes.

c. BERGER is unable to give more information concerning the present production of the HANSA-WERK in LIEPZIG (5120M-1225K). His knowledge was gained during his leave in December 1948.

d. The report concerning the improved egg-shaped I-Y tank was likewise received by BERGER during his Christmas leave from a former Waffen SS captain, a Volks-German from Romania. The captain's civilian occupation was technical engineer and he was working as POW in a tank factory in BRESLAU (5956M-3020K). The captain was emigrated by way of Switzerland to Argentine on 2 January 1949. He told BERGER of the egg-shaped tank of which a rough sketch is enclosed to this report as inclosure #1. According to BERGER's source, the main feature of the egg-shaped tank is that it is impossible to put the tank out of action from the front. It can be immobilized only by pointed hits from the rear (Schusswirkung nur spits von hinten). The trailer for spare gasoline and ammunition is shaped similar to a small road-roller (see sketch inclosure #2). The roller consists of an armor plate of ten (10) centimeters thickness. The trailer is detachable from within the tank when empty or in case of emergency.

e. BERGER has no additional information regarding location and activities of other German scientists or engineers in the USSR. However he does not believe that any important German scientists are working in Russian satellite countries.

f. With reference to paragraph b, Specific Request #685, the following details concerning BERGER's relative with the Russian Air Force, was received: Hans BERGER is a cousin of the General, he was a fighter pilot during World War I.

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GATI 5 OF BERGER, Gottlob, General of the Staff SS, dated 12 September 1949 cont'd.

In 1933 Hans BERGER was called back into the service with the rank of a captain. In 1942 Berger crashed and received a fractured skull. He was retired from frontline active service with the rank of a colonel. After recuperation from his injuries, he was assigned to the Air Ministry in Berlin, where he worked for the General Luft-zeugmeister in charge of material and equipment. During this period Berger also made various test flights. In February 1945, Berger was captured by the Russians in the region between SCHWIDUS and POZNAJ (5225M-1655E) together with his driver, a Siebenburgen-German (Romania). From this driver General BERGER learned during his Christmas leave of the whereabouts and activities of his cousin Hans Berger. After eight (8) weeks captivity Berger was selected as a flight instructor for the ME-262 in GORKIY (5619E-14400E). The German type ME-262 without any changes was used there. The planes came from CZECHOSLOVAKIA and VIENNA (4834N-1623E) and were assembled in GORKIY. According to the driver's information one hundred fifteen (115) ready to start ME 262 were in GORKIY in autumn of 1945. The driver was at the end of 1945 transferred to LENINGRAD (5956E-3020E) and escaped from there by way of FINLAND to Germany. He believes that Hans Berger is in the interior MONGOLIA since 1948 as instructor for transport gliders.

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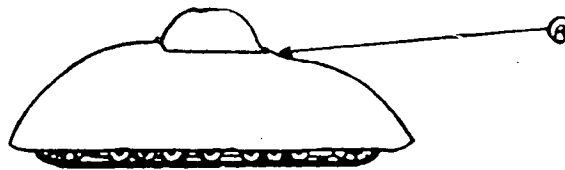
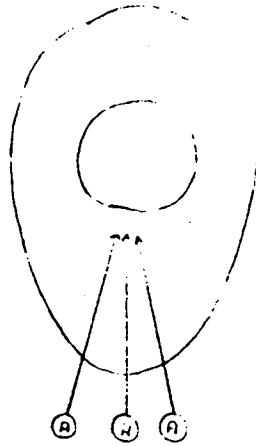
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- 1 - Sketch of Eggshaped Tank T-34
- 2 - Sketch of Trailer

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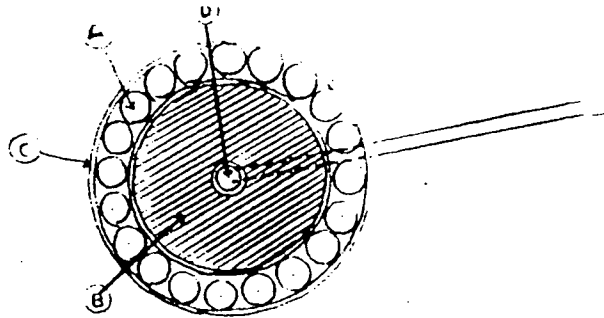
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1. On 1st and 2nd September 1949, General Gottlob BERGER was reinterrrogated at the Prison in LANDESBURG/Lech(4805N-1055E) in compliance with Specific Request #685, dated 22 August 1949.
2. In reference to paragraph #3, Specific Request #685, the following details were obtained from BERGER:
 - a. General BERGER definitely verified a previous statement that he has several thousand of his former officers and men, who are loyal to him and who are now situated in the Russian Zone and in positions to funnel back all kinds of information. In regard to this question, BERGER offered the following outlined suggestions for the establishment of an intelligence organization: (His views on the subject are literally translated from BERGER's notes, attached to this report as inclosure #1).
 - b. In his opinion, the basic question for any intelligence work is the problem to have either paid professional agents or patriots. He stated the Russians employ mostly patriots, who are superior to the paid agents. Patriots render their services without pay, only actual expenses are compensated which must be kept on a moderate scale, with the exception of individual cases.
 - c. However the patriot must have a goal, even if it is still hanging in the stars. For German patriots the aim could be the restitution of the Eastern German provinces to the WARTHE river, EASTERN PRUSSIA, the FREE PORT of DANZIG and the internationalization of the WAIKREH river. Out of nothing, nothing will be forthcoming! Further rehabilitation of the German combat soldier (Frontsoldat)! Unification of the German combatants: i. e. Waffen SS, Armored Divisions of the Army, paratroopers, Air Force flying personnel (no ground crews) and Navy. The preliminary stage is further advanced as it is usually taken for granted. However no firm organization exists as yet. If a goal is given, there will be plenty of people, who will strive earnestly towards this aim.

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GATION OF BERGER, Gottlob, General of the Waffen SS, dated 12 September 1949 cont'd.

The seat of the organization should be BERLIN (5230E-1325E) and VIENNA (4514X-1623E). Without the latter, work in the Southeast BALKANS would be impossible. Branch offices are to be established in GRAZ (4705X-1527E) and LUBECK (53503-1043E). LUBECK would be important for the coverage of SWEDEN and FINLAND. Besides a sole Intelligence Service for gathering and transmission of information, it is also suggested to prepare an active Intelligence Service, that is an organization which in case of need would be willing and able to commit sabotage and fight. Necessary equipment: Time fuses, ductile explosives (Knet Sprengstoff), shortwave transmitting and receiving sets, code and cypher system, radio facilities. It depends upon two (2) to three (3) personalities who would organize the matter.

d. Establishment of an unsuspecting commercial cooperation, f.i. a mail order house, for the purpose of sending foodstuff for the patriots and other necessary items as outlined above. Establishment of another unsuspecting society with a well sounding name, f.i. "Friends of Peace" (Friedensfreunde) for the purpose of gathering the "patriotic" elements.

e. Strongest commitment of women, recruited from former signal communication women auxiliaries, who are today again in influential positions in the German telephone and telegraph service. Unification of those on a professional basis to be facilitated through the existing Postal Employees Union. According to BERGER all this are minor details.

f. However two (2) important points should be clarified according to BERGER:

(1) Are the rumors circulated by the Russians about a secret pact between the USA and the USSR correct? Will the USA defend EUROPE or is EUROPE's mission considered closed for the USA? Will Russia receive a free hand in EUROPE and is this decision only put off for the moment out of prestige reasons?

(2) BERGER refuses any cooperation with SKORZENY. He is considered to be unreliable and supposed to be a coward.

3. BERGER's own statement explaining his position and attitude is attached to this report as inclosure #2 in the German original and English Translation thereof.

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2 Inclosures:

- 1 - Berger's notes
- 2 - Berger's Statement and English Translation

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STATEMENT.

At the time when I prevented Adolf Hitler's laying hands on the two highest American officers in German captivity, I did this not with an eye on recompense, but because I could reconcile no other behavior with the principles of honor I had laid down to my SS men. However, I had the simultaneous idea that the two gentlemen could draw the attention of the President of the United States to the enormous danger threatening from the East. My plan was wrecked by the intervention of Himmler (Agent's remark: Himmler held the two officers three weeks in Constance).

When Mr. Spivey came to see me at Landsberg, I realized that the principles of honor still held good in America and within its Army. I did not want Colonel Spivey to have any difficulties on account of his attitude and therefore, as a warning and for verification, gave him important information which had reached me even through prison walls. This information came to me through men and women whom I knew as unobjectionable and absolutely devoted to the truth.

In doing this I had no intention whatever to give myself undue importance or to obtain release from Landsberg by devious ways. I am held here unjustly and I know that the day of my release will come. On the other hand, I was influenced by my concern about Germany as well as the entire Western World. I neither underestimate, nor exaggerate the danger from the East.

For inner-political reasons Russia is a giant on feet of clay, but these feet are quite solid. Through the German invasion Russia was enabled to identify the greater part of the anti-communist forces, and to destroy them. To this must be added the greatest political imprudence of the Western Powers: the extradition of about 150,000 men who fought in separate all-Russian divisions of the Waffen-SS; the extradition of Vlassov and the Kossack Corps. What remains of it now should be shifted - but everything can be done if the will of the American Army to hold the West is stronger than Stalin's will to dominate the World. In Russia itself America must begin to regain the confidence which was lost through the extradition.

My present situation is quite outside of the matter under discussion and has not influenced the above statement.

(signed) Gottlob Berger.

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refer to: 685 (Specific)

22 August 1949

SUBJECT: Reinterrogation of Gottlob BERGER

TO: Agent in Charge
Team #11, 7020 AF CIU

1. Reference is made to PIR 11-62-0749, SUBJECT, General of the Waffen SS, BERGER, Gottlob and HSI C-6866, SUBJECT as above.

2. It is desired that BERGER be reinterrogated to obtain the following:

a. Source of General BERGER's information concerning the former General of the Waffen SS and Doctor of Engineering KAMLER working for the Russians in the V and rocket weapons field.

b. Information regarding the present location of KAMLER and details as to the exact type of work he is currently engaged in.

c. Additional information concerning the present products of the HANSAWERKE in LEIPZIG.

d. Additional information regarding the "improved egg shaped" version of the T-34 tank.

e. Location and activities of other German scientists or engineers working in the USSR or satellite countries.

3. It is further desired that an attempt be made to verify or disclaim a previous statement by General BERGER that he has several thousand of his former officers and men who are loyal to him and who are now situated in the Russian Zone and in positions to funnel back all kinds of information concerning their activities. In the event BERGER does verify this statement it is desired that details of his plan of accomplishing this operation be obtained.

4. It is understood that a relative of BERGER's is in the Russian Air Force training Russians to fly and that he has information concerning some experimental work going on near DRESLAU. It is desired that complete information concerning this individual be obtained, including his present location, knowledge of Air Units in the particular area, type of aircraft in the area and any available information concerning the experimental work in the DRESLAU area.



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6. The information contained in paragraph 3 and 4 was obtained from a SOURCE considered "close" to General BERGER; therefore, it is suggested that the Agent conducting the interview be cautious when approaching the General on these subjects.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR ROBBINS:

CLIFFORD P. JONES
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1. On 11 and 12 July 1949, General of the Waffen-SS Gottlob BERNER was interviewed at the Prison in LINDENHOF/Leob.(4805-10553). BERNER was sentenced by the War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg to twenty-five (25) years imprisonment.

a. The condensed personal history of BERNER is the following: Gottlob BERNER was born on 16 July 1896 in GERSHARTEN (48404-10051) District of Heidenheim, Wurttemberg. His military rank was General of the Waffen-SS, Chief of the SS Hauptamt (SS-Main-Office) from 1 April 1940 until the end of World War II. He was further in charge of the recruiting and organization of all non-German volunteer Waffen-SS Divisions in Europe. Since 1 October 1944 he was responsible for all prisoners of War and the Volksturm (people's Guard) Divisions. In addition to his above mentioned duties the military safeguarding of the entire German Postal service and installations was under his command, since 1941.

b. BERNER's civilian occupation was athletics instructor with an academic degree. After active participation in World War I he started as an athletics teacher in various German schools and was later director of the Landesturnanstalt (State Athletic Institute) in Stuttgart (48052-09102), Wurttemberg. BERNER is an expert in pre-military youth education and training. He was the co-author of the drill regulations for firing and physical training of the former SAJUBERSHIM. He was an illegal member of the former Reichwehr and held only among five (5) others the reserve rank of a Lieutenant Colonel until 1939. (By the Treaty of Versailles the Reichwehr was at this time limited to a strength of 100,000 men and kept extremely qualified former officers of World War I for special missions in a reserve status available.) BERNER took part in numerous and General Staff inspection trips.

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2. During two (2) interrogations of three (3) hour each only the surface of the General's vast experience and knowledge of Western affairs and Eastern warfare could be touched. The following current information was obtained from General BERGER:

a. BERGER was well acquainted with the former Secretary for the German Postal System by the name of HENNING. The German Ministry of the Postal Department was and is up to date not only in charge of the German mail service but also the telephone, telegraph and radio service. As other branches of the German Military Establishment the German Post had its own research laboratories for technical warfare. BERGER in his capacity as the chief for the protection of all postal installations has been a frequent visitor in the secret research laboratory of the German Post in the HACKEBURG on the Teltower Canal in BERLIN (52302-1325E). Research in the electronic-radiation fields was mainly conducted there. Towards the end of World War II very successful tests of "firing by night without any visible light" were made. BERGER who had this device installed in a hunting rifle had excellent results. The General suggested that U. S. authorities determine:

- (1) If the former HACKEBURG laboratory was located in the Russian Sector of Berlin.
- (2) The amount of material and personnel of the HACKEBURG in Russian hands.
- (3) To get from former Minister GERTHARD the name and address of the then employed chief-engineer of the laboratory. He would be in the position to furnish the complete information on all activities of the HACKEBURG.
- (4) BERGER voiced the opinion that the Russian basis for the development of methods of "firing by night without visible light" and similar innovations are derived from material emanating from the HACKEBURG laboratory.
- (5) With HACKEBURG research center was further connected a German engineer who developed the method of monitoring all radio conversations between England and the U.S.S.R. (For example BERGER mentioned the invasion of Sicily which was already known to German intelligence during the planning stage, through a radio conversation.) This engineer was in charge of a radio intercept station in HOLLAND and his name might be likewise obtained through Minister GERTHARD.

b. During August and September 1947, General BERGER was imprisoned in Bunker 1 in DACHAU (48204-1130E). At the same time a Russian Airforce captain was held there for intended as hostage. The capt in took great efforts to get BERGER's attention and to persuade him in cooperation.

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BERGER considered it worthwhile to talk with the Russian in order to receive some information from him. The main topic of the conversation dealt with the Russian Air-Defense along the CAROLINA sector. This defense system is supposed to consist of an electrical ray and radar combination. BERGER was very much interested in this matter and tried to get additional information. [During a ten (10) days leave from confinement around Christmas 1948 he met a Volks-German from Roumania, an engineer and a former captain in the Waffen-SS. The engineer was in the sector of BREZLAU(51068-17038)-KATOWICE(50158-19008)-PLESS (Silesia) and noticed there a completely new kind of transmitter stations. Those transmitter stations are always located on marshy ground or above underground water currents, which were verified by divers. Large subterranean bunkers located on dry ground only shelter the transformer stations. High voltage power of 330,000 volts is supplied by the V TOMICE Industrie district. The power lines are installed on the surface up to one (1) to one and one half (1 1/2) kilometer before the transformer station. From there the power lines are carried underground to avoid the detection of the transformer. The system operates supposedly on the following basis: Four (4) transmitter stations form one (1) battery, but only three (3) stations have to function to be effective. The various individual infra-rays are focused together and are by means of a radar instrument beamed on a target. According to BERGER's informant altitudes of 14,000 meters were reached. The effect of those infra-rays is to explode ammunition on board of an aircraft, to disturb the ignition of gasoline and turbo engines and to cause the crash of rocket planes.

(1) BERGER's informant on this matter, who emigrated to Argentina is considered by the General a reliable source. BERGER received confirmation of the above report from members of the WERK group (Ukrainian underground movement) in January 1949. However BERGER stated that none of the WERK members have been in Silesia.

c. According to General BERGER the former General of the Waffen-SS and doctor of engineering KACHLER is working for the Russians. He is considered an expert on V and Rocket weapons and is engaged in the same field in Russia.

d. In regard to Russian tank production BERGER stated:
The German tank works in

Berlin-SPANDAU (52548-13254)
Berlin-KORNFELDEN
Berlin-VILTM
Berlin-GERMANY

were dismantled in 1945 and completely transferred and rebuilt in Leningrad(59558-30158). His information on production figures as of June 1947 was 1,500 tanks per month. From 1945 to 1947 German type Panther and Ferdinand with 8,8 cm anti-aircraft gun were produced.

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Starting summer 1948 an improved egg-shaped version of the F-34 tank
with a trailer for spare gasoline and artillery ammunition was manu-
factured.

e. Development of the PANZER and FLIEGER-FAUST: Both were pro-
duced at the HANNOVER-WORKS in LEL: IG(51205-12250). Whereas the success-
ful application of the PANZERFAUST was proven throughout World War II,
the development of the similar FLIEGERFAUST reached the testing stage
only in February 1945. Under General BERGER's supervision very success-
ful tests with this new weapon were conducted on the Autobahn between
LEIPZIG and BERLIN. A small group of Waffen-SS employing this FLIEGER-
FAUST were able to hit after a short experimental period nearly all low
flying aircraft above the Autobahn. Altitudes reached with this weapon
were 3000 to 5000 meters. The FLIEGERFAUST consists of a barrel made of
an aluminum and steel alloy, it is loaded with eleven (11) to thirteen
(13) two (2) centimeter rockets which are fired all at one time. The
initial velocity is 650 meters increasing to 1500 meters. BERGER be-
lieves that both the PANZER and FLIEGER-FAUST were produced by the
HANNOVER-WORKS for Russia in large quantities between 1945-1948.

5. General BERGER was at the beginning of the interview extremely
reserved and very reluctant to make any statement. However in the course
of the conversation the interrogating Agent was able to gain the
General's confidence and it is believed that the information related
is truthful and exact.

a. Should higher authorities desire a further interrogation of
General BERGER, the following suggestions are hereby submitted:
Exploitation of the General's experience during the war against Russia
as commander of all Waffen-SS Divisions on the Eastern front. If the
important role, played by the Waffen-SS Divisions, in the war against
Russia is not yet fully known, the General might be the proper author-
ity to write such a history. Furthermore he has been the rallying point
of all anti-communistic groups in Europe. The fact that he was able to
create the various anti-German, but anti-bolshevistic SS-Divisions
speaks probably for itself. He was at this time the confident of men
like BRUDYRA, MELNIK and J. J. URKO, who are today again the leading men
in the Ukrainian Underground movement against the bolshevistic system.
BERGER is also an expert in all aspects of offensive and defensive
Partisan Warfare. Finally he is a specialist in unproved warfare.

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