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FINAL INTERROGATION REPORT

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I. THE "DURCHLASSCHEINSTELLE" VIENNA

The Durchlasscheinstelle Vienna, part of the Abwehr, was concerned with the problems of issuing border crossing permits to Wehrmacht personnel. Such permits were needed for traveling on official business or furlough to or through neutral or allied countries. It was the job of the above office to check all pertinent papers before the necessary permit could be issued to the traveller.

While all matters regarding routine work and all directives came directly from the "Durchlasscheinleitstelle" in Berlin, even after June 1944 when the largest part of the Abwehr was incorporated into the RSHA. Disciplinary and administrative matters were taken care of by the Abwehrstelle Vienna until that date and were then handled by the Abwehr officer of Wehrkreis XVII. The number of personnel working at this office fluctuated averaging five officers and 23 civilian typists, depending upon the number of applications for passes received. At first the number of applications averaged approximately 1,500 daily, but later dropped to about 40, when only official business trips were taken care of by this office. Personnel on furlough were then processed by the Frontleitstelle.

II. ABWEHRSTELLE VIENNA, GRUPE III H

Subject, who commanded Gruppe III H for a short period, insists that III H had only an advisory function to units within its Wehrkreis, but no executive rights. Lectures on security, such as safeguarding military information, handling secret documents, proper handling of safes, etc. were given by two Officers from III H. Subject disclaims the use of agents and V-men by III H but believes that Gruppe III F, which was concerned with offensive Counter Espionage, did employ some to a certain extent.

III. PERSONALITIES

A. Personalities at Durchlasscheinstelle Vienna

AUCHENTHALER, Henrich: Captain: He is 50 years old and about 1.80 meters tall. He is married, has one child and lived in Vienna IV. He was the Chief of Durchlasscheinstelle, Pressburg, March 1945.

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DESCHKE: 1st Lieutenant; He is about 1.72 meters tall, has gray hair and is about 50 years old.

SCHEIBENREITER: Captain: He is about 1.70 meters tall. He is single, about 50 years old and almost bald headed. His profession is a teacher.

SPRING: Captain: He is married, about 1.72 meters tall, has brown hair and is about 48 years old; He was discharged at Lambach, in June 1945. He was supposed to have gone to his home in Flensburg.

TILL, Rudolf: See case SO 81 of this Headquarters for full description and information.

B. Personalities in Gruppe III F, Ast Vienna

EBERMANN, Dr.: Captain: He was about 1.73 meters tall, had black hair and was about 52 years old. He lived in Vienna III and became a civilian in the Fall of 1943. It is believed that he died.

HOCHLEITNER, Dr.: Captain: He is married, 1.70 meters tall, has dark hair and is about 52 years old. In the Fall of 1944 he was the chief of Fuehrungsgruppe, Kommandeur Meldegibietes Vienna.

HORYMA, Dr.: Major: He is married, about 1.73 meters tall, has gray hair and is about 60 years old. He is supposed to be interned at Camp Marcus Orr at the present time.

KRYRELKA: Major: He is 1.70 meters tall, has dark hair and is 50 years old. His residence is in Vienna. He was discharged in the Summer of 1942.

MANTEUFFEL, Baron: Major: He is 1.70 meters tall, has gray hair and is about 55 years old. It is believed that his residence is in Hungary. He was last seen by Subject in a civilian Hungarian convoy in Steyr, Austria in April 1945.

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OBERLEITNER: Major. He is married, 1.72 meters tall, has gray hair and is 56 years old. His left(?) leg was amputated.

FRIM: Captain. He was transferred from III C to III H in the Spring of 1942. (See personalities III H)

VLACH: Captain. He is 1.78 meters tall, has gray hair and is 50 years old, and has a scar on his left cheek. At the present time he is interned in Camp Marcus Orr.

WOLF: Major. He is 1.67 meters tall, has gray hair and is 50 years old. He was transferred in 1942 to an Ast in Russia.

G. Personalities in III KGF, Ast Vienna

GEDLITZKA: Captain. He is married, is 1.75 meters tall, has dark hair and is 55 years old. His residence is in Vienna.

SCHILCHER, Dr.: Captain. He is 1.76 meters tall, has brown hair and is 55 years old. His residence is in Klosterneuburg near Vienna.

SMOLA: Lieutenant Colonel. The chief of III KGF from the Summer of 1940 until the end of the War. For full description see the Personality list. III H. of this report.

TSCHEBULL: He is 1.70 meters tall, almost bald headed and is 62 years old. He returned to a civilian status in the Spring of 1944.

WANITSCHKE: Captain. He was the chief of III F from the Summer of 1939 until the Summer of 1940. For full description see the Personality list III H. of this report.

H. Personalities in Gruppe III C/P, Ast Vienna

GOPPOLT: He is married, 1.68 meters tall, has brown hair and is 65 years old. His residence is in Vienna. He returned to a civilian

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status in the Summer of 1944.

I. Chiefs of Gruppe III, Ast Vienna

1939-1940:

Lieutenant Colonel JAKOBSON: He is married, 1.70 meters tall, almost bald headed and is 55 years old.

1940-1941;

FREDERIZZI: For his description see personality list III L of this report.

1941-1942:

Lieutenant Colonel HINTERHAYER: For his description see personality list III H of this report.

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1942-43:

Major MOEBUS: He is married, has light hair and is 52 years old. He is of German Nationality.

IV. CONCLUSION

This information given by Subject, seems to be fairly reliable but his knowledge is rather limited. Information on ABP has been omitted in this report, as more complete information regarding this Amt can be found in the report SO 31/USDIC/DE 2.

V. DISPOSITION

Subject is to be detained according to present directives. However, he should not be termed a security threat.

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I. PRISONER: DESCRIPTION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Franz ZECHMAYER was born on 29 March 1889 in Vienna to Franz ZECHMAYER and his wife Franciska, nee WINTER. Subject professes the Roman Catholic faith and claims Austrian citizenship. He is married and his wife at present resides at Rohr 59, Upper Austria.

Subject attended five years of public school, seven years of high school, and one year of college. His civilian occupation is accountant and he worked in that capacity until entering the Army in 1939.

II. BRIEF PARTY OR SERVICE HISTORY.

Subject participated in World War I and held a reserve commission (Lieutenant) since that time. In August 1939 Subject was drafted into the Army and worked in the Ast 3H in Vienna. In July 1940 he was promoted to Captain. From May 1942 until November 1942 Subject worked in the Mail Censorship Office in Vienna. From December 1942 until April 1945 he was assigned to the Passport Section for Army Personnel. He was promoted to the rank of Major in March 1945.

III. PERSONALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH.

Colonel HINDERMEIER, Chief of Ast 3H.
Major FUEHRER, successor to HINDERMEIER.
Lt. Colonel JACOBSON, Chief of Group 3 of Ast Vienna.
Major PARIS, Chief of 3L.
Captain WOLF, Chief of 3C.
Lt. Colonel TRBUK, Chief of 3 Vi
Lt. Colonel GOPPOLT, Chief of 3GP.

IV. TIME, PLACE, SPECIAL REASONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST.

Subject was arrested when applying for discharge in June 1945, by 430 CIC Detachment at Lambach for being a member of the Abwehr.

V. KNOWLEDGE BRIEF.

Personalities and organization of Ast 3, Vienna.

VI. INFORMATION ON HAND.

- A. Subject is mentioned in USFA Arrest List, dated 30 October 1945.
- B. Security Arrest Report accompanied Subject to this Headquarters.

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VII. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

A. Any agency having information on Subject's connection and activity in Ast 3H, Vienna, should notify this Headquarters.

B. All agencies that have any information of the prisoner of related matters beyond that noted in this Preliminary Information Report are requested to forward same to this Headquarters.

VIII. DISPOSITION.

Subject will be detained at this Headquarters pending detailed interrogation, providing agencies request same.

for: *Merwin Bloss, 2nd Lt., Cav.*
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Major, Infantry
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