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Attachment to Boston Memo dated 11 April 1961 to WE/N

"Subject: General Adolf Heusinger

Some fifty Jewish and a few non-sectarian agencies in the New York area have received a communication on the stationery of a "Conference of Greater New York Peace Groups--100 Days for Peace," dated February 27, 1961, protesting the appointment of German General Adolf Heusinger as chairman of NATO's "Military Committee in Permanent Session" in Washington, D. C.

The address of the group, "55 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, telephone Plaza 7-6454" is that of the Fifth Avenue Business Service, Inc., - a telephone answering firm.

The letter, signed by one Doris Loewi, charges that General Heusinger was "convicted of war crimes in Nuremberg and sentenced to a prison term," and it suggests that the recipients of the letter meet to consider "possible public protest, in any form, against the assumption by this cruel Nazi general of such a high post in our country."

A careful check of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial records and other reliable information obtained by this office reveal that Heusinger was neither convicted of war crimes, nor sentenced to a prison term.

However, Heusinger was arrested by the Gestapo for alleged involvement in the anti-Hitler conspiracy of 1944. For lack of sufficient evidence he was released but discharged from service and assigned an enforced place of residence.

Heusinger as "Inspector General" of the Bundeswehr issued the Army Order which made the 20th of July, 1944, the date of the anti-Hitler officers' rebellion, an official day of commemoration in honor of these men.

Finally, Heusinger has been appointed to his new post with the full approval of all NATO members. It would, therefore, appear that the General has been acceptable to the Belgians, Danes, Dutch, English and French.

The appeal of the "Conference of Greater New York Peace Groups" has been preceded, in recent weeks, by "Protest" demonstrations under the auspices of similar groups in New York and Chicago. In both instances the official organ of the Communist Party, "The Worker" publicized these efforts.

There are indications that similarly directed demonstrations are being planned for other communities. For that reason we are presenting to you the foregoing background information so that you will be able to guide your constituency away from this activity."

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General Adolf Heusinger

"You are probably aware that General Adolf Heusinger, General Inspector of the Bundeswehr of the Federal Republic of Germany, will come to the United States on April 1. He will be the head of NATO's Military Committee in Permanent Session, and in this capacity will be under the jurisdiction of NATO, not of the West German Government.

I am advised by Mr. Jack Baker, head of our national foreign desk and an expert on Germany, that in connection with the appointment of General Adolf Heusinger as head of NATO's Military Committee in Permanent Session in Washington, Jewish left-wing groups in New York and Chicago have held protest demonstrations in the course of which they depicted the general as an important Nazi war criminal. It must be stated that Heusinger has never been indicted for war crimes. Even the Russian prosecutor at the Neuremberg war crime trials did not ask for his indictment. Heusinger appeared at these trials only as a witness.

Apparently the aforementioned demonstrations are Communist-inspired and not so much directed against the general as actually against NATO.

In New York the group that has been carrying on the campaign against Heusinger is called Committee Against Revival of Nazism and Anti-Semitism. It is composed of a number of Jewish groups such as the Emma Lazarus Clubs, YKUF (Yiddisher Kultur Farband) and similar outfits which are either successors to groups that have been clearly identified as Communist or at least Communist-dominated.

It is also significant that while legitimate Jewish groups have kept completely aloof from these demonstrations, the (Communist) Worker publicized the anti-Heusinger rallies in New York as well as in Chicago.

There are indications that groups in this area will join in the protest movement.

Sincerely,"

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