

Intercept dated 16 February 1953 at 10:05:

WOLK calling a female.

F: 5093

W: This is Hochwald speaking.

F: Ah, Mr. Hochwald, how do you do.

W: Anything new?

F: What do you mean?

W: Was the man there?

F: My daughter-in-law just went to the police.

W: Ah, do you know whether the man in question from the East still came yesterday or the day before yesterday?

F: No, he did not come any more.

W: Even though he knew that Mr. HELLING was missing?

F: Well, yesterday at 2:00 afternoon the woman with whom he lives together called up and asked whether Wolfgang is already there. My daughter-in-law who was on the ball said, "Of course, he is here; we are waiting for you to have coffee with us". We invited them (her) because it was Wolfgang's birthday. She answered that, "HORST does not feel well", whereupon my daughter-in-law answered, "Try to talk him into it". She answered, "Well, maybe we will come after all. Goodbye." and hung up. They should be coming today.

W: That seems to be pretty clear.

F: I am 100% convinced. Did my daughter-in-law already speak to you?

W: Yes, she called me Saturday evening.

F: Yes, then I take it for granted that my son was given poison in a glass. He had an appointment with a man in a restaurant on the Wittenburg Platz.

W: Yes, in the Mosalaner.

F: Do you know about it?

W: Yes, and that's the end, but nothing further on it.

F: Well, he, the man, told me, "Granny, I might be a little bit late. Please tell Wolfgang that if I should be late to wait". But he got there even sooner and asked the waiter for one-fourth liter of wine and two glasses. Maybe there was something in this glass already. Then they ordered another half liter of red wine. The manager then brought ~~me~~ to the door and saw them cross over to the subway station. We assume that his brain stopped functioning and that he went past Warschauer Bruecke and naturally expected on the other side.

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W. That's horrible.

F. Herr HOCHWALD, we can't cry any more; we can't do anything any more.

W. Yes, yes, I believe you.

F. This now is my last son (she starts crying). Herr HOCHWALD, please call again.

W. Yes, I shall call again.

F. Maybe around 1100; then maybe my daughter-in-law will be back.

W. Yes, I should like to do that.

F. Goodbye.

Intercept dated 16 February 1953 at 1655: HOCHWALD calling Herr SCHMIDT of the
Polizeipraesidium

The first half of this intercept deals with Guenther SCHULZ, who seems to know
something about the LINSE kidnapping. The second half deals with HOEHER.

S. What's the matter with our friend?

W. I spoke today with the mother and the wife. It seems to be very clear.

S. Namely, from the Moselaner. The one that was waiting for him ordered wine, which
the two of them drank, after which there is no trace.

W. Yes, the man from the East called Granny and told her that he will be late.
Nevertheless, he came early.

S. He had an appointment with WOLFGANG for the next day.

W. The following: This man sits in the Moselaner and orders a fourth a liter of
wine and two glasses. This in itself is rather strange. Sunday a relative of
the HELLING family drove to the other side to find out what happened to HELLING.
The man allegedly was working, but he got the answer that the night before Anton
came home at 2015 hours. That is very possible since both gentlemen allegedly
left the restaurant at 1930. This, to me, seemed very interesting. Sunday there
was a conversation with the girlfriend of the East man. When she was told on
the telephone that WOLFGANG is at home, which naturally was not the truth, she
was extremely embarrassed. When Frau HELLING repeated her invitation in honor
of WOLFGANG's birthday and emphasized that she was expected, she gave the excuse
that ANTON is sick and cannot come. During the course of this conversation, she
did not congratulate or ask WOLFGANG to the telephone, which ~~she~~ would have been
the natural thing to do. ANTON repeatedly visited in the apartment of the
HELLING's and had told Frau HELLING that the woman had threatened to betray him.
All this leads to no other conclusion than the one that the man made HELLING un-
conscious with the aid of drugged wine and then drove (probably by subway) him
to the Warschauer Bruecke or Potsdamer Platz. I recommended today to Frau

HELLING today that she should speak to the men on duty at the stations Warschauer Bruecke and Potsdamer Platz in order to find out whether anything unusual was noticed. It again is very stupidly managed from the other side since one knows the executor. But then again one becomes aware that in the West one still does not count with the human cruelty of the other side.

S. I think he had known him for two years.

W. I am afraid that HELLING made himself out to be a very interesting person. I always had the feeling that he talked too much.

S. Whom shall ^{one} I trust?

W. Nobody from the East.

S. Frau HELLING still does not want to make a formal report.

W. I gave Frau HELLING the advice to write a very cool letter to the man in the East asking him for an explanation.

S. That might not be the wrong thing to do.

W. One found the following things belonging to HELLING: a notebook, which will be extremely incriminating against him and a little "Kollegtasche" (probably a small briefcase)/ Not too long I gave Herr HELLING an expose of approximately 25 - 30 pages. It would be interesting to know whether this expose was still in there. Probably you won't be able to find this out for me?

S. Not at the moment. I only know that there wasn't too much in there. A report seems to be superfluous since we won't be able to find out any more. ~~Superfluous report~~

W. Seen from a political point of view, this case must be made public. An investigation must be started and the guilty person, namely, ANTON, must be published by name and address. If one keeps this case secret, one only tempts the people on the other side to repeat similar cases.

S. That is your opinion. If this case remains secret, then one could eventually undertake steps advantageous to the Kidnappee.

W. One fetched HELLING because one had very definite reasons for doing so. He was interesting. And because of this interest he was kidnapped. Therefore, it is impossible that he could be released.

S. Other organizations who have more influence must initiate this.

W. This thing must be initiated by the FDP. Here we have a man who never hid the fact that he is against the East that has now been abducted. Then the Berlin police must conduct a very thorough investigation.

S. I shall see the FDP tomorrow.

W. I think that is very important.

S. Well, I shall drop by at your house tomorrow or at least give you a call.

Intercept dated 16 February 1953 at 1210 hours: HOCHWALD calling a female.

F. Hello.

W. HOCHWALD, I would like to find out a few things.

F. We have made no progress whatsoever. We already know who W

W. Oh, you know already? So it is that man?

F. Yes.

W. Before this I talked with your mother-in-law who stated that the manager of the Moselaner saw them walk in direction towards the subway station.

F. Yes, yes.

W. Therefore, it must be assumed that he took the subway.

F. Yes, the train in direction Warschauer Bruecke. If he falls asleep on the way, then he runs directly into the arms of the Vopos. Simple solution, isn't it?

W. Have investigations been started?

F. I don't know, but I would be interested to know.

W. Maybe one could find out about something like this on the Warschauer Bruecke.

F. The public's attention should be drawn to this case by asking them whether they noticed a drunken or sleeping man being dragged out. This could be done through pamphlets or posters.

W. I am sure the police have started an investigation. The station master at the Warschauer Bruecke who is on duty on the oncoming side should be able to be found.

F. How, this man is an East Zone employee.

W. That remains to be seen; once in a while it happens that

F. Well, it must have been the subway because with a car they would not have been able to have passed through since all cars are stopped. Furthermore, my husband must not have had control over his senses; otherwise, he would not have gone along.

W. Impossible.

F. He gave him poison, because he appeared at the restaurant half an hour before the time and seated himself in a dark corner where one can draw a curtain and order a half liter of red wine and two glasses.

W. That I have heard already, and it is very suspicious.

F. Isn't it so; that's not the usual way to behave.

W. No.

F. Then WOLFGANG came, and he ordered another half liter of red wine and subsequently another fourth.

W. This is a very queer indication. And then that strange telephone conversation which took place with a lady yesterday.

F. Yes, and then she said to me: "Auf Wiedersehen, Kaethe". Then we waited ~~iii~~ until midnight, the criminal police being here. We had notified the criminal police. We waited that long because sometimes those two came from the East Sector as late as 1030 in the evening. Sometimes ^{they} were just ready to go to bed, when a horn tooted outside and it was they. They did that very often at the early stages of our acquaintance. She was very funny on the telephone, and when I told her that WOLFGANG is here, she became completely confused.

The man from the other side surely boarded the other subway train, which travels in direction Pankow, and his accomplices surely were in the train with WOLFGANG.

W. Where must he have changed? Kottbuser Tor?

F. Who, my husband?

W. No, the man.

F. He can take a direct train from Wittenburg Platz to Pankow. My husband must get off at Warschauer Bruecke.

W. Maybe he took him along right away, saying that he could change at Gleisdreieck. Well, those two possibilities are to be checked: one, Warschauer Bruecke, two, Gleisdreieck - Potsdamer Platz.

F. Yes, yes, it is all being done.

W. This is horrible; I am very impressed.

F. The taxis should also be queried. Even though the manager saw them walk towards the subway station, it could be possible that they went further on to a taxi stand.

W. Possible.

Further possibilities being discussed between the two.

F. I am afraid that it is the woman. Whenever the two had a fight, she threatened him with betrayal. Then the man always came to us and said, "Can you imagine, etc". It could be that she betrayed both her lover and my husband. Maybe she said that he meets my husband in the West in the Moselaner. But he would not have sat down and ordered two glasses.

Further possibilities discussed.

W. The bad part is that he carried his notebook in which all his meetings with various people were listed. On the basis of this, the other side will be able to carry out a thorough interrogation.

F. I went to the police who seemed very stupid to me. They told me that my husband probably ran away with his mistress.