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(SR 360-220, 101)

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT		DATE
HOEHER, Wolfgang (S)		21 December 1955
ON		FILE NUMBER
		I-533198
2. REPORT OF FINDINGS		
<b>RUSSBREMIEK</b>		
On 15 December 1955, Source "A" revealed the following information:		
<p>a. Source departed STUTTGART (NY 1303), Germany, by intermodal train on the morning of 10 December 1955 and arrived in LEIPZIG (US 1891), East Germany, at approximately 1900 hours, 10 December 1955. He was met at the LEIPZIG railroad station by SUBJECT, and a car and chauffeur were waiting for them near the station. The car was a late model IFA, license number unknown. The chauffeur's name was not mentioned by SUBJECT, and Source was not able to learn the name. The chauffeur was approximately 22 to 27 years of age, had dark hair, and was apparently of German origin. SUBJECT and Source were driven to DRESDEN (VS 1257), East Germany, in the IFA automobile.</p> <p>b. Enroute to DRESDEN, SUBJECT related that on 6 December 1955, he had received a telephone call from Field Marshal von PAULUS, residing in DRESDEN, to the effect that von PAULUS wanted Source and HOEHER to come to DRESDEN for a business discussion. Subsequent to the call from von PAULUS, SUBJECT sent a registered letter to Source requesting that Source come to LEIPZIG on 10 December 1955. SUBJECT enclosed an Aufenthaltsgenehmigung (Visitor's Permit) in the letter, which authorized Source to visit LEIPZIG. This would enable Source to make the trip without writing to SUBJECT for the permit. SUBJECT and Source discussed general political issues. The main topic was the reunification difficulty facing East and West Germany. No mention was made of SUBJECT's position with the National Zeitung (National Newspaper) nor his affiliation with the SFS (Staatssekretariat fuer Staatssicherheit - State Secretariat for State Security). SUBJECT neither requested information from Source, nor did he request that Source perform any tasks when he returned to West Germany.</p> <p>c. Upon arrival in DRESDEN, at approximately 2100 hours, they proceeded to the Weisser Hirsch section of DRESDEN. They entered a villa, address unknown, and were met by von PAULUS and a Frau BETTEL who acted as valet and Adjutant to von PAULUS. The chauffeur remained outside with the automobile. von PAULUS had met Source during the Summer of 1955 at a meeting of the ADS (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Soldaten - Workers Society of German Soldiers) in East BERLIN (00 9220), Germany. von PAULUS, SUBJECT, BETTEL and Source engaged in conversation. von PAULUS related to them that he had wanted Source to come to DRESDEN because he, von PAULUS, had had another stroke and would have to return to a rest home in WELZEN (NSA), East Germany, for treatment in a few days. However he wished to speak personally with Source before entering the rest home. von PAULUS opined that Source would be a good person to act as an intermediary between von PAULUS and General Gottlob BERGER to arrange a meeting between the two men. The purpose of the meeting would be to convince BERGER to go ahead with plans to establish a Baden/Auerttzenburg group of the ADS and to attempt to mend the split within the East-West factions of the ADS. The former had been planned at the ADS meeting in BERLIN which BERGER had not attended.</p>		
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3. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT		
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von PAULUS believed that the ADS meeting had been well handled but there was now a possibility of a split in the organization.

d. von PAULUS also related the following: The outlook for the reunification of Germany had become worse. Herr Konrad ADENAUER, at the conference in MOSCOW (nca), Russia, had, by an unwise agreement to exchange Ambassadors with MOSCOW, sanctioned the division of Germany. This policy had resulted in strengthening the SED (Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschlands - Socialist Unity Party of Germany) which in strengthening itself, was attempting to use only members of the SED in the East German government. Because of ADENAUER's actions in MOSCOW, the only way to remedy the situation and to assist in reunification would be to establish direct contact with Russia in order to work out a bargain. The continuous disagreements among the Big Four makes the situation even worse. It is the desire of all Germans to prevent the Fatherland from becoming a battlefield for the ideologies of a foreign country; therefore, one must employ all of one's resources in working for reunification, and, for this aim, contact with the Russians will speed reunification.

e. von PAULUS then requested that Source arrange for BERGER to come to East BERLIN between 7 and 20 January 1956, in order to meet with von PAULUS. The strengthening of the ADS in West Germany and the strengthening of the ties between the East and West segments of the ADS would better serve the aims of the ADS. These aims are reunification, free trade, and better understanding between East and West Germany.

f. The conference ended at approximately 0230 hours, and in bidding HOEHER and Source farewell, von PAULUS stated that although he, von PAULUS, knew that BERGER was a "hard-headed Swabian", Source should arrange for BERGER to come to BERLIN.

g. Source and HOEHER, driven by the same chauffeur in the same car which had brought them, returned to LEIPZIG at approximately 0430 hours on the morning of 11 December 1955. During the trip from DRESDEN to LEIPZIG, Source and HOEHER discussed the general political situation and the problems which would have to be worked out before reunification could be effected. HOEHER mentioned no tasks for Source, nor did he request any information from him. HOEHER stated that any expenses for trips BERGER or Source might make to East Germany in connection with his, HOEHER's or von PAULUS' requests, would be paid for by the ADS, East Germany; furthermore, any wages Source would lose by being absent from his employment would be reimbursed. HOEHER stated that he would not be able to arrange for anyone to show their wares in the Spring Fair in LEIPZIG. However, if anyone from the ADS desired to have display space he should contact the official fair office, LEIPZIG, and make arrangements. In the event matters

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of the ADS did make such arrangements, Source should notify SUBJECT, who would do what he could to help them after space allotments had been made.

b. Upon their arrival in LEIPZIG, SUBJECT and Source retired in SUBJECT's apartment. At approximately 0830, 11 December 1955, SUBJECT took Source to the railroad station, LEIPZIG, and gave him 50 DM East to pay for the return trip to STUTTGART. Source arrived in STUTTGART by fast interzonal train at approximately 1900 hours, 11 December 1955, having crossed the border without incident.

i. Source described Pnu REUTEL, von PAULUS' valet and Adjutant, as approximately 30 to 35 years of age, 5'11" tall, stout build, black hair, and not wearing glasses. REUTEL seldom spoke during the meeting; however, he tended to von PAULUS' every wish and whim. (B-3)

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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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