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THE MAN IN THE DARK

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On 26 November the entire Pankov propaganda apparatus broadcast a protocol of the interrogation of the "newly arrested Gehlen agent Wolfgang Hoehner". Surprisingly this protocol spoke of large-scale intelligence activities on the part of the Gehlen Organization against France and the Saar which allegedly had come to light by the arrest of HOEHER.

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And, of course, France was impressed by the alleged statement of the arrested agent HOEHER, that the Organization Gehlen was "spying again on France", "from the viewpoint of the future German Nationalism".

Then came a Turn

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The reaction set in when the "estern press investigated the "HOEHER" case a little closer. It began with a great surprise. It was established that HOEHER had not been abducted from West Berlin in November at all, but as early as in February 1953, in Zaisser's time. HOEHER, who had indeed handled several agents, or informants, of the Organization Gehlen had made an appoint-

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pointment in a cafe in Wittenbergplatz in West Berlin with an informant from the East Zone by the name of Kirwes, who had been recruited only recently. Kirwes was to bring him some material. HOEHER, on his part, wanted to learn a little more about Kirwes. Kirwes seized the opportunity when HOEHER'S attention was momentarily distracted by some incident elsewhere in the cafe, to pour a strong drug into HOEHER'S wineglass: he then accompanied the man, immediately reeling in half-stupor, out of the cafe as if he were heavily drunk, made a few joking remarks to the amused guests, and pushed HOEHER into a waiting car which immediately took off to East Berlin.

The abduction of Wolfgang HOEHER had been reported in detail in February. This disclosure allowed the suspicion that the entire Wollweber campaign may be based on a few old isolated cases dug out with the purpose of producing a certain propaganda effect. The doubts grew with the realization that HOEHER'S statement concerning the alleged activities of the Gehlen Organization in France was published just on the day when the French National Assembly was debating the acceptance or refusal of the European Defense Convention. The doubts grew further when experts said it was absurd to believe that a man in a subordinate position like HOEHER'S should have known, in Berlin, of any activities of the Gehlen Organization in France.

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