

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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1. At 0845 hours, on 25 February 1956, the following persons departed from Stuttgart (NY 1303), Germany, by international train, for Leipzig (US 1891), East Germany:

- Otto Auserweir, Stuttgart, Hoelderlinstrasse 23
- Margot Sundermann, Stuttgart/Degerloch, Neue Weinsteig 45
- Christian Koch, Neuffen/Teich (NU 2778)
- Fritz Waffer, Neuffen/Teich

Herr Dieter Krieg was scheduled to meet the group at Hof (GA 0879), but did not appear.

a. The group arrived in Leipzig at 1901 hours, 25 February 1956, where it was met by Herr Robert Mueller, Leipzig, Zwickauerstrasse 67, Organization Leader of the NDP (National Demokratischen Partei - National Democratic Party), Herr Fnu Frenzel, NDP Director of Propaganda and Herr Fnu Techerwitz, Secretary of the NDP and escorted to the Continental Hotel, which is located in the main railroad station in Leipzig. The group was assigned rooms and told that they should rest and would be officially greeted on the following morning.

b. On Sunday morning, 26 February 1956, the delegation was met by Herr Fnu Raediger, NDP District Leader and member of the East German Volkshammer (Congress). Raediger explained that it was the desire of the NDP to greet and escort all West German delegations to the Leipzig Fair to insure that all persons see everything of interest, both at the Fair and within the City and to enable them to discuss political questions of mutual interest. Raediger then stressed the desire for reunification, which he depicted as being uppermost in the minds of all Germans, whether in the East or West.

c. Herren Mueller and Frenzel were the regular escorts for the group from Stuttgart and took the group to the Fair daily and to the special events held for visitors. All of the invitations had been received from Mueller and all expenses were paid for by the NDP. In addition to providing for the hotel, each member of the delegation was given 100 East Marks to care for meals and incidentals.

d. On Monday, 27 February 1956, Herr Fnu Gerlach and Herr Fnu Andree, members of the Central Board of Directors of the NDP, from Berlin (UU 9220), addressed the delegation concerning reunification. Herr Andree was the principal speaker. He stressed that the Soviet Union had abided by the terms of the Potsdam Agreements, but that the Western allies had not because they

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have neither taken industry out of the hands of private enterprise nor have they undertaken any steps toward land reform. General elections can not be held in Germany until all of the occupation powers agree to a non-aggression pact with Germany. Since this cannot be seen in the immediate future, it is up to the Germans to seek reunification on their own.

e. On Friday, 2 March 1956, the delegates were taken to the Exhibit of the MfS (Ministerium fuer Staatssicherheit - Ministry for State Security), which featured a display of balloons allegedly being used by the Americans for military reconnaissance. Reporters from all parts of the world made up the majority of those in attendance. They took photographs of the equipment without hindrance from officials. Persons in the audience who asked questions concerning the use of these balloons were told that one could see the facts for himself and draw his own conclusions.

f. On the evening of 2 March 1956, Dr Johannes Dieckmann, President of the Volkammer, spoke at the new City Hall. The theme of his speech was that the people of the East yearn for peace while the people of the West are concerned with war.

g. It is the opinion of Ausermeir that the NDP used the Fair as an opportunity to impress the delegates from the West with the great strides that the East has made toward improved living conditions. No other motive was apparent. The delegates were constantly in the company of their guides, but were able to travel anywhere they desired, within the City. The guides did not harangue the delegates with propaganda but seemed to feel that the Fair and the City were indeed shining examples of the world of the Peoples' Democracy.

h. The delegation departed Leipzig, by inter-rail train, on the morning of 3 March 1956, except for Koch who had to leave on Wednesday, 29 February 1956, because of business considerations.

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