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PREPARING OFFICE Field Office Stuttgart, 66th CIC Group, APO 154, US Army		24 August 1956
SUBJECT HOEHER, Wolfgang (S)	CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION OF SOURCE:	OF INFORMATION: CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES PROBABLY TRUE POSSIBLY TRUE DOUBTFULLY TRUE IMPROBABLE TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED
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<p>1. At 0700 hours, 7 July 1956, Source A-POSTGT traveled from Stuttgart (NY 1303), Germany to Schmoelln (US 1441), East Germany to visit relatives and to pick up his 14 year old brother-in-law who needed specialized medical care, which could only be obtained in the West Zone of Germany. Source traveled as far as Leipzig (US 1891), East Germany on the 7th of July, arriving there at approximately 2000 hours.</p> <p>a. Upon arrival at Leipzig main railroad station, he was met by SUBJECT and driven in SUBJECT's Volkswagen to SUBJECT's apartment. During the evening SUBJECT apologized because the people in the East Zone were still shabbily dressed, that they were poorly fed, and lacked sufficient housing. SUBJECT indicated that a more concentrated effort will be made in the immediate future to better the lot of the average person in the East Zone in the above mentioned difficulties, and that perhaps within four or five years, the living standard in the East Zone would equal that of the West Zone. Politically speaking, SUBJECT had apparently adopted the change in the Communist outlook initiated by Khrushchev and Bulganin. He continually referred to the type of Government of East Germany as being "Socialistic". He echoed the opinion of the Communist: that Germany should be completely neutral country with no army of its own and that all foreign troops should be withdrawn.</p> <p>b. SUBJECT indicated that in addition to his duty as Economic Editor for the National Zeitung (newspaper), he is now the director for a so-called Auffanglager (Refugee Camp) at Eisenach (EB 9349), East Germany. This camp is an incoming reporting and processing center for "refugees from the West". SUBJECT indicated that he personally screens the individuals reporting to this camp to see that they are politically clean. After the individuals are screened, they are then placed in East German industry.</p> <p>c. In discussing the ADS (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Soldaten - (Association of German Soldiers) with SUBJECT, Source stated that building of the organization in the West is at a standstill and that little interest is being shown by former German soldiers in the West.</p> <p>d. SUBJECT plans to attend the Sport-und-Turnfest (Sport and Gymnastics Festival) to be held in Leipzig in the first part of September 1956, then plans to enter a sanatorium for treatment of a blood circulatory ailment. HOEHER appeared physically tired and had a tendency to drag his right foot.</p> <p>e. Prior to this trip to Leipzig, Source had received a post-card</p>		
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HOEHER in which Source was invited to the Sport and Gymnastic Festival Leipzig. Source wrote HOEHER that he was planning to travel to Schmoelln and requested that he be met at Leipzig main railroad station by HOEHER on 7 July 1956. Source stayed over night at the apartment of HOEHER on 7 July 1956, proceeding to Schmoelln at 0730 hours, 8 July 1956. Source returned to Stuttgart on 9 July 1956, arriving at 2100 hours.

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2. Source A-POSTOT was the addressee of a post-card dated 6 August 1956, from SUBJECT, translation of which is as follows: Photographic copy of the post-card is attached to original of this report only (Exhibit).

W. Hoehner, Leipzig C 1, Thomasiustrasse 2

6 August

Dear Otto,

Cordial greetings to you and to your family from the Gymnastics and Sports Festival. I interrupted my leave especially for this purpose.

I am glad that we will soon see each other again. If you wish me to, I will be in Frankfurt/Main on the 11th. Please send me an answer to this card at once. Greetings to all acquaintances and good-bye!

We will not taste well after the leave.

Most Cordially,

/s/Wolf

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3. On approximately 8 August 1956, Source A-POSTOT received a post card from SUBJECT in which Source was requested to meet SUBJECT in Eisenach (NB 9349), East Germany on 11 August 1956. Source was to notify HOEHER as soon as possible whether he would be able to make the meeting.

a. Source sent a telegram immediately to HOEHER, informing him that he would arrive in Eisenach by train at approximately 1430 hours, 11 August 1956. Subsequently, Source contacted Gottlob Berger, presently residing in Moosburg (NU 4426), Germany, and learned that he too had received an invitation to Eisenach. They decided that they would travel to Eisenach together.

b. At approximately 0700 hours, 11 August 1956, Source and Berger departed Stuttgart (NY 1303), Germany for Eisenach by train, arriving in Eisenach at approximately 1530 hours the same day. They were met at the Eisenach railway station by SUBJECT and transported in SUBJECT's Volkswagen to Hotel Thuringerhof in Eisenach. They were allowed to clean up from the trip and at approximately 1700 hours, were met in the hotel by ex-General Josef Brandt, Volkshammer (Peoples' Chamber) delegate and former head of the Volkspolizei (Peoples' Police), and ex-General Fnu Haehling. Brandt showed the assembled group, which included Haehling, SUBJECT and Berger

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er, purportedly from Friedrich von Paulus, which indicated that due to very poor health, von Paulus was handing over the reins of leadership of ADS to Brandt. The main purpose of the meeting, was an attempt Brandt to convince Berger to maintain better relations with Georg Khracht, allegedly the top man in ADS in the West Zone and attempt also to have a better understanding between East and West elements of ADS. Berger, described by Source as being a very independent and stubborn individual, asked Brandt what the prerequisite would be for unification of the East and West factions of ADS in order to attempt to have Germany reunified politically? Brandt then stated that the Western faction of ADS was to propagandise against the required military service of the youth in the West Zone and that the six point plan set forth in the convention of ADS in East Berlin in July 1955 were absolute prerequisites. Berger, in a sharp exchange of words with Brandt, told Brandt that he would not go along with the plan. The meeting broke up at approximately 2100 hours on a discordant note. It was tentatively planned by the group, that another meeting would take place sometime in September 1956 in the East Zone, the location of which will be announced at a later date. It was indicated that Georg Khracht, who was not present at the meeting at Eisenach, would be invited to the forthcoming meeting.

c. HOEHER only sat and listened during the discussion. He furnished transportation for Source and Berger to and from the railroad station in Eisenach.

d. Berger and Source departed Eisenach at approximately 0330 hours, 12 August 1956, arriving in Stuttgart at approximately 1330 hours, 12 August 1956.

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