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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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SUBJECT: Katharina HOEHER, born MEYER, 11 December 1917 at Eichwalde

Subject refugee 15 November, provided following info on husband Wolfgang, DOB 15 February 1914, Magdeburg. Subject stated her husband worked for GEHLAN until February 1953 after return from Soviet PW camp in 1949. In February 1953 allegedly kidnapped in West Berlin by Soviets. Arrangements then made for Subject to visit husband in Soviet jail, Karlshorst. Husband advised Subject to come to GDR as he about to be released. Subject reported this to West Berlin police and was sent PEDREP in December 1954. Subject remained PEDREP until November 1956 when being without funds returned Leipzig to join her husband. Subject's husband claimed he journalist, but Subject discovered he employed RIS under journalist cover. Subject's husband has three DPA's one legitimate, one as (fnu) PFEIFFER, and one as (fnu) KOWALSKI. Husband handled by RIS officer from East Berlin with cover name "PAUL". "PAUL" visits husband at home once per month. During period Subject in Leipzig she discovered following persons work for RIS in PEDREP and are in contact with Subject's husband:

a. (fnu) BERGER, male, born about 1895, former Waffen SS general. Resides Stuttgart, head of sales department firm MHZ Hachdel and Company in Stuttgart. Description: 6' tall, 200 pounds, thin gray hair, grey eyes, thin lips, high forehead, well educated, excellent manners, very talkative. Subject met BERGER at spring fair Leipzig 1957. BERGER's daughter, name unknown, acting as courier between husband and BERGER. BERGER normally meets Subject's husband and RIS in East Berlin. BERGER has been RIS agent for several years, main target GEHLAN. Allegedly BERGER provided Soviets with detailed reports re Hungarian revolt prior to date revolt broke out. BERGER's office telephone number in Stuttgart - Wulberg 79456.

b. Hannelore SCHROETER, born 21 June 1921 in Heilbronn, resides Munich, Pfisterstrasse 5. SCHROETER is alleged employed in Munich radio station. SCHROETER visits father residing Weissenfelds, GDR. SCHROETER sends letters to Subject's husband with overt text appearing to be love.

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letter, but actually containing code. SCHROETER's cover name is "MONIKA".

c. Max SIMON, DOB 1920, resides Leipzig, Kurt Eislerstrasse, number unknown. SIMON is managing director of Leipzig Industrie und Handel Kammer. He frequently makes trips to West Berlin and PEDREP under business cover, but actually on RIS missions.

d. (fnu) NEHRING, male and (fnu) von OERTZEN, female. NEHRING chief editor and publisher, magazine "Militaer Politischer Forum". von OERTZEN is assistant editor. Subject believes magazine office is in Plensburg. NEHRING described as born 1910, about 5'6", 145 pounds, very thin white hair, thin lips, high forehead, pale complexion. von OERTZEN DOB circa 1916, 5'5" tall, 155 pounds, red hair, ruddy freckled complexion, well dressed, wears much jewelry. Subject met bot at spring fair Leipzig March 1957. Both alleged to have worked for Soviets several years and meets Soviet agents in East Berlin regularly. NEHRING told Subject he maintains close contact with PEDREP military installations and officers. Subject saw her husband give NEHRING considerable amount of money at Leipzig.

e. (fnu) LAMPE, male, DOB circa 1910, residing Coldwitz, near Leipzig. Subject's husband recruited LAMPE as informant early 1957. LAMPE has small brewery Coldwitz. Member of CDU. Has many close contacts PEDREP including (fnu) KIESINGER, member of parliament, Bonn.

Subject defected West Berlin 9 November 1957. Had no desire to become involved with RIS. Had frequent arguments with husband over his RIS work. Husband did everything possible to prevent Subject from defecting. "Subject has been cooperative so far".