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1. [] stated that his staff consists of 11 persons on all of whom he will furnish details later. In the Linz office there are two case officers (MATTES and PETER) and a woman secretary in addition to [] The rest of the staff is distributed throughout the 15 Kreise (Districts) of Upper Austria, attached to the Gendarmerie. The district officers report regularly on agent and political activities with special attention paid to all matters involving the Communist Party or its members. None of them have permanent informants or projects with the exception of the Gmunden representative, a man named ZOMBL, who handles the penetration of the Communist Party by GEFPAEL. ZOMBL is a nephew of the former Austrian General RENUITSCH and pays GEFPAEL 1000 schillings per month for his work.

2. Of the two case officers in Linz, MATTES has the fewer permanent contacts and no projects of his own. He receives information regularly from ERICH KORNATH (one of [] old sources), a certain WILHELM, ERHARD, and URBAN. While URBAN was employed by CIC, he gave MATTES a copy of all his reports, but this flow of information was stopped when URBAN was dropped by CIC.

3. Siegfried PETER is the most important case officer. He is in regular contact with the following persons:

a. KERNSCHMID, Klaus, Informant #21. A former NSDAP official, he is now the owner of a construction firm in St. Johann in Tyrol, Kaiserstrasse 460. He receives 600 schillings per month for reporting on Communist activities in the Tyrol.

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b. FRINGSKY, (Count) Konstanty, Informant #27. An intelligence agent of the WIKERS group in charge of liaison with the French IS, he lives in Innsbruck, Kranewitterstrasse 33. He is PETER's contact with Count Adam RUDNICKY and receives no salary.

c. DALLA SCALIA, (Count) Guido, Informant #34. A former Romanian diplomat now in the service of the French IS, he furnishes information on Land Salzburg and Land Tyrol and is paid according to the quantity and quality of his reports. He lives in Salzburg, Buckleuthstrasse 12.

d. NEISCHER, (Dr.) Rudolf, Informant #24. A journalist with good contacts among Yugoslav DPs, he is supposed to have an excellent channel to a member of the Communist Party Central Committee in the Muehlviertel area of Upper Austria. His address is Mondsee 161 and he receives a monthly salary of 3000 schillings.

e. JONIN, (Dr.) Jar. Sergius, Informant #15. A former colonel in the VLASSOV ARMY, he lives at Mondsee 176 and reports on DP activities, receiving a salary of 500-600 schillings per month. JONIN is a member of a Russian refugee organization which is abbreviated S.F.

f. MASCHER, (Gasp.) Informant #35. MASCHER lives at Vienna IV, Linke Wienstrasse 50. He is a commercial representative who travels in the Soviet Zone of Austria. He receives a salary of 5000 schillings a month for reporting on activities in the Soviet Zone. Gaspard 9 learned from ZOEBL that MASCHER has been a trusted friend of KERNBEYER's for the last twenty years and that through KERNBEYER he got a job with Wilhelm HOETTL while the latter was employed by CIC Upper Austria. ZOEBL recruited him after HOETTL was dropped by CIC but PETER arranged through RUFENSBERGER to handle MASCHER personally because he was a productive source. ZOEBL was ordered to drop MASCHER without being given any reasons, but he learned later that MASCHER had told KERNBEYER: "Now we are in again and working for the U.S. Headquarters in Frankfurt (~~Frankfurt~~ (meaning OBERM) as well as the Ministry of the Interior.") ZOEBL told Gaspard 9 that MASCHER has three informants whose names he did not know:

- 1) a tailor in the second district of Vienna who is a member of the Control Committee of the Communist Party Central Committee,
- 2) a woman interpreter in the Vienna Cominform office who translates Cominform circulars arriving from Bucharest,
- 3) a waiter in Baden.

g. FRAGN, Wilhelm, Informant #60. An Austrian customs official who lives in Salzburg, Franz Josefstrasse 30. He receives no salary.

h. PUM, Alfred, Informant #61. A commercial representative whose address is St. Lorenz-Mondsee 118. He receives no salary.

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