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PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT

ON

Robert KRÜGER @ KÜHN

1. Interrogation of Prisoner began at CSOIO (WGI) on 1 Jul 46. Ref Brief H) INT DIV/CE/M(a)/IF 4892 dated 3 Sep 46.

PERSONAL DATA

Date and Place of Birth: 12 Dec 1910 at HILDE/SALIS.

Nationality Claimed: German.

Occupation: Commercial Inspector.

CAREER

1915-1920

Commercial Inspector at HILDE/SALIS.

1920-1927

Commercial Inspector at HILDE/SALIS.

1927-1930

Commercial Inspector at HILDE/SALIS.

1930-1933

Commercial Inspector at HILDE/SALIS.

1933-1934

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1934-1935

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1935-1936

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1970-1971

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1971-1972

Commercial Inspector at HILDE/SALIS.

1972-1973

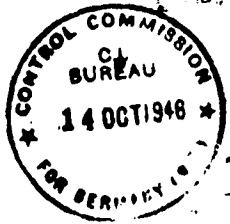
Commercial Inspector at HILDE/SALIS.

1973-1974

Commercial Inspector at HILDE/SALIS.

1974-1975

Commercial Inspector at HILDE/SALIS.



1940-1941: Arrested by SS during the RÖhm Putsch, for a few days. The St. Stabswache had been disbanded and converted into an St. Hilfswerk camp, training unemployed St. men as joiners and locksmiths. Prisoner worked as Verwaltungstruf here until the camp was disbanded. The permanent staff was found alternative employment by the Landesarbeitsamt BRUNNENBURG, who assigned Prisoner as Krim Angest to the Gestapo.

1941-1942: Prisoner assigned to Abw. Abt. of Stabpostelle POTSDAM as Krim Angest.

1942-1943: Posted to "OLYMPISCHE DORF", DÖBERITZ, covering the foreign nationals attending the Olympic Games, from an Abw. point of view, under Maj REBSCHLIS. Met Admiral CANLIS for the first time.

1943-1944: Covering the Truppenübungsplatz JÜTTERBOG, Übungsplatz BOSSEN.

1944-1945: Deputy technical Assistentenwärter (SS rank Kochaf). Übungsplatz DÖBERITZ.

1945-1946: Summoned to the HM. BERLIN, where he was detailed (on CANLIS' recommendation) to join the GONDOR Legion.

1946-1947: Sailed from HILDESBURG to VIGO with six other Abw. members and 200 offrs and men.

1947-1948: Working on postal censorship as Lt on staff of GONDOR Legion (Abw. Abt) in BURGOS, ALGEDIRIS, ARRAGOZAL and F. Lt. HILLORON. Prisoner again met CANLIS at ALGEDIRIS.

1948-1949: Returned to GERMANY. On his return, he applied to CANLIS for full-time employment in the Abw. CANLIS wished him to stay in the Gestapo and assured him a transfer to BERLIN. Prisoner took up duties (after long sick leave) in the Gestapo Abt. BERLIN, Prinz Albrechtstr, on CANLIS' recommendation, in Abt III A (later

May 40 ranamed E 6). Head of the dept was Dr SCHLITZ. His dept comprised counter-espionage in SOUTHERN EUROPE and Prisoner was given the Spanish sphere. Sent to SPAIN. Prisoner was attached to the Police Attaché WINZER for adm, but received his orders from KC SPAIN (LEISSNER). These orders were to provide law cover for the "Erkundungsstab GIBRALTAR", for which he lived in ALGECIRAS until Aug 41.

Aug 41 On orders from WINZER, Prisoner returned to BERLIN to his old Referat SPAIN E 6.

Aug 41-Feb 42 Working under SCHLITZ in E 6.

Feb 42 Went on a preliminary course for Krim Kom at FUHL, and passed.

Jun 42 Went on a nine months' tr. course at BERLIN-CARLOTTENBURG at the Reichsführerschule der Sicherheitspolizei.

Mar 43 Passed his exams and appointed Krim Kom, at the same time being given the equivalent SS rank of Ostuf.

Apr 43 Joined Referat SPAIN (D 4) of Amt VI under SCHELLEBERG at BERLIN, Dorkstr 32, being given the initial task of evaluating reports. Dr SCHLITZ also transferred from IV E 6 to VI and became personal Referent to SCHELLEBERG.

Apr 43-Oct 44 Prisoner remained in VI D 4 but in 1944 was earmarked for special duties in SPAIN. Attended a course in the Hochschule DRESDEN on WT and microphotography.

Oct 44 Transferred from Amt VI to New Amt as Reg Ob Insp to give better camouflage to his Spanish mission. Prisoner was due to leave in Dec 44 but delay in delivery of the microphotography apparatus delayed his departure. It had not yet been delivered when he left by air for SPAIN on 14 Jan 45.

14 Jan 45 Travelled as New Amt courier on a diplomatic passport. Prisoner states that a further reason for his mission was that Krim Kom Heino SINGER (representative of Amt VI in SPAIN) was expecting to be deported and Prisoner was to be SINGER's substitute and to take over his IS org should this happen. In fact, SINGER was not on the repatriation lists.

Feb 45 Prisoner was supposed to train members of the Police Attaché depts from LISBON and MADRID, and from Nachrichtenabteilung MOISIS in microphotography, but this did not take place because the apparatus never arrived from BERLIN. His second detail, the extension of the WT net, also met with difficulties. A WT expert LANGER was assigned to him and arrived in SPAIN in Mar 45, but before the Embassy closed, only one of the six projected connections was working. Prisoner's third detail, the formation of an IS network, was undertaken too late to be successful. His orders were to rely in the first place on the B. CELON network controlled by IS BELINO, a Spanish police official. He met IS BELINO three times in all. His fourth detail was to pay particular attention to the political situation regarding the alliance between HITLER, DE GAULLE and ROUSSEL; this he did by means of consultations with SINGER, LANGER and MOISIS.

Apr 45 Received orders to pay six months' salary to all employees, which he did.

1 May 45
7 May 45
May-Dec 45

Went to BARCELONA to visit ISABELINO, and paid him 135,000 Pesetas.

Ceased employment under the Embassy.

Prisoner did no work whatever during this time.

He spent a great deal of time with Antonio TAPLA ^{red} whom he met through H. GIEUSCHNER (SCHWABER ^{red} ~~van~~ ^{red} ~~and~~ ^{red} ~~ERBE~~) of Unit VI. He deposited his money with TAPLA for safekeeping.

Through GIEUSCHNER he also met Pedro MONTERO, an aircraft engineer on the CUATRO VIENTOS airfield near MADRID. Prisoner spent every weekend hunting and fishing with MONTERO and GIEUSCHNER. Through the latter, Prisoner also met Lt Col VILLALBA and was introduced by him to José HERMOSILLA, living at General Mola 97, MADRID, a solicitor in the "Direccion General de Seguridad". Through TAPLA, Prisoner met Anita SILLINS, Calle Garcia de Paredes 78, who became his mistress.

Jul 45-Aug 45

Prisoner went on holiday to CORCUBION (Prov of LA CORUNA). He made up his mind to settle in CORCUBION and became friendly with the Mayor (PLAZO ?), the personnel manager of the Fabrica de Carburantes at CEI, through whom he discovered the existence of the black market trade in rubber. This consisted in buying the raw rubber collected by the fishermen and re-selling it at 100% profit in MADRID.

Aug 45

Travelled via LA CORUNA to GIJON; in LA CORUNA he came into contact with the police, his residential permit having expired. He telephoned to TAPLA, who so arranged matters that he was allowed to continue his journey. In GIJON, he learned that H. GIEUSCHNER, MONTERO and HERMOSILLA were planning a haulage business, and had approached TAPLA for the loan of capital. TAPLA had refused, whereupon GIEUSCHNER approached Prisoner. He also refused and gave as excuse that he was already in business with TAPLA, which was untrue; this may be the foundation for the suggestion that he and TAPLA were in association. Prisoner, claiming to be unaware that the proposed rubber venture was illegal, attempted to obtain a "Guia" from the Ministry of Trade, but in this he was unsuccessful, and the scheme fell through. Meanwhile, his association with Anita SILLINS progressed apace, with the result that by Dec 45 he had only 20,000 Pesetas left. He had maintained the fiction to Anita that he was in business and well-to-do, and now intended to break off relations with her and "reform". He therefore disappeared to SEVILLE, staying at the Hotel Cristina.

26 Jan 46-5 Feb 46

On his return to MADRID from GIJON, he had taken a post with José HERMOSILLA in the "Industria CHILRE", MADRID. HERMOSILLA also promised him work in ARGENTINA.

13 Feb 46

Arrested by the Spanish police. Prisoner was interrogated whilst in prison in MADRID, by officials of the American Embassy who investigated his property and confirmed that he had none.

7 Mar 46

Repatriated on "Highland Monarch" from BILBAO. Prisoner states that he was under no kind of supervision in BILBAO after the Spanish police had taken him to his hotel there, and could have disappeared quite easily.

10 Sep 46

Arrived DIO, COR(TE).

4. Political

Sep 30 Joined NEDAP
 May 33 Truppenführer of Arbeitdienst.
 Jun 34 Verurteilt, straf in St.
 Jan 36 Kriminal Inspekt in Stabsstelle BATSCH (ibw).
 Mar 37 Joined SS as SS Ochef.
 Mar 43 Kriis Kom with equivalent rank of SS Ochef.

5. Addresses

Prisoner: Calle Leonis Saenz Beranda 39, MADRID, until Sep 45.
 Sep 45-Feb 46: Colonia Metropolitana, Calle Olivos 4,
LEPL: Glorietta San Bernardo 4, MADRID.

FUNDS MENTIONED IN ENCLOSURES TO THE DIV/CF/41(a)/PP-892 AND RELATIONS

WITH LEPL

6. The letter from ECO dated 15 Mar 46 states that in Dec/Jan 46 Prisoner was in possession of 500,000 Pesetas. This is denied in toto by Prisoner. He states that in May 45 he received approximately 300,000 Pesetas to liquidate his affairs and provide six months' salary for each of his agents. Of this money, 135,000 Pesetas was paid to LEPL in MADRID between 1 May 45 and 3 May 45. The remainder was divided between Dr Hans WOLSTZ (VI operator), WOLSTZ, a GI technician; NGER, his own VI operator; and two Spanish telegraphists, inspectors in the Madrid Telegraph Office, MADRID. All payments were made in May 45.

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(as Lechner)

7. Personal Funds

On the closing of the Embassy, Prisoner was in possession of approx 70,000 Pesetas, comprising his own savings of 20,000 Pesetas and his six months' salary amounting to approx 50,000 Pesetas. This money was deposited in LEPL's safe for custody. Prisoner denies ever receiving money in addition to this, other than small sums gained by selling his camera for 7,000 Pesetas, and making 2,000 Pesetas profit on a tyre transaction.

9 20 with Lechner @ James Arger

8. Disposal

Prisoner asserts that he lived solely on this capital up to his arrest, with the result that by Feb 46 he only had some 20,000 Pesetas left. He paid also for the upkeep of Anita SILINS, and appears to have been completely irresponsible in the handling of his money at this time. On his arrest, he bought some golf articles, and gave the remainder of his money, amounting to some 6,000 Ptas to WINTERO. Prisoner asserts that LEPL received no money from him whatever. Prisoner gave him a sporting gun and other equipment, but denies any knowledge of a lorry. There was a business transaction of a minor nature by which Prisoner sold two tyres to LEPL for 14,000 Ptas. These were for a lorry owned by the latter, but otherwise there is no support for the suggestion in the letter of 4 Jun that LEPL's share in this "thieves' picnic" was a lorry.

9. Antonio LEPL

Prisoner's knowledge of LEPL's activities goes back to 1944, though he did not meet him personally until 1945. Prisoner first heard the name when he was working in Referat VI B 4 (SELIN) in BERLIN; in mid 44 the Referat was concerned with the threatened expulsion of German officials from SELIN, and about this time a report was received from the Police Attaché in MADRID stating that all his assistants together with SINGER (abt VI representative) were to be deported. He quoted as authority a "reliable source" in the Spanish Foreign Ministry. Prisoner enquired into the identity of this source and discovered that it was Antonio LEPL of the Foreign Ministry, who had given the info in conversation to Karl SCHWARZ von BERG (© Karl SCHWARZ © ALGEBUSCHER), SINGER's chief agent. LEPL was also on the files of Amt VI as an occasional informant on matters dealing with Spanish official personnel.

SCHWARZ von BERGE was reported from SPAIN in Dec 44, and was taken on the strength of Int VI in BERLIN. As Prisoner was on the point of leaving for SPAIN, he liaised with von BERGE with a view to discovering his contacts. Among these was TPLA, with whom von BERGE said he was very friendly, and from whom he had received much info. The relationship had been personal, not official, and TPLA had been controlling offer or payment, but had merely been given small presents from time to time. Von BERGE advised Prisoner to continue the same methods - not to attempt simply to recruit TPLA as a paid agent, which would meet with refusal, but to pursue the friendship and endeavour to obtain introductions to other members of the Foreign Ministry who would be in better positions to find out high policy than was TPLA.

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In fact, Von BERGE returned to SPAIN under the name of HILFSCHEINER with Prisoner, and worked there in the Dept of the Police Attaché, controlled by Polizei Inspektor ~~VEY~~ HILFSCHEINER had to go very carefully on his return, and the only former contact which he renewed was TPLA, to whom he introduced Prisoner. At this stage, the course of the war was having its effect, and neither Prisoner nor HILFSCHEINER could induce TPLA to impart more info. From then onwards Prisoner's relationships with TPLA were personal. HILFSCHEINER's last known address was Calle Olivera 4, MADRID.

Through TPLA, Prisoner was able to have his residential permit extended for a further two years in Oct 45. TPLA acted as his banker and advised him on his business efforts (with small success). There was some jealousy between TPLA and MONTEJO as to the division of Prisoner's assets when he was arrested, MONTEJO being under the impression that Prisoner was in possession of much larger assets than was actually the case.

DIC
COG (DE)
12 Oct 46

[Handwritten Signature]
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for Colonel GS
Commandant DIC, COG (DE)