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XAKZ-28

MISSION RUPPERT

Summary of Mission and results obtained as of this date

1. As described in the original statement of the mission, Ruppert was to go to Berlin in order to exploit certain contacts which he claimed to have in the SD. This section was satisfied that Ruppert was capable of accomplishing the journey, maintaining his cover, and carrying out such directives as might be given him. Not being qualified however, to provide specific briefing material on SD matters, the project was presented to X-2 in order to obtain certain directives and lines of enquiry which might be fruitful for Ruppert to follow. Such directives unfortunately, were not forthcoming, and it was not possible to obtain any briefing material from X-2. It was therefore necessary to dispatch Ruppert with only the most general directives, namely to exploit whatever contacts he might develop, and to use his own initiative and discretion.

Thrown thus upon his own resources, Ruppert followed whatever contacts presented themselves, and these all led from his original contact KEDIA whom he had known in Paris. The information supplied by KEDIA and the names of his contacts in German government and military circles which he furnished to me in Geneva in April 1945 indicate that had Ruppert been given a detailed briefing on SD matters by X-2 before dispatch, this mission would have yielded far more important and tangible results.

2. When Ruppert returned to Paris and advised us that KEDIA, VON MENDEL, TSOMALA, ALCHIBAJA, and GATCOX were in Switzerland, it was decided that contact should be made with these persons to determine what intelligence potential they represented.

Reports on the discussions with KEDIA and the "aide memoire" prepared by him, copy attached, indicated that he was not a suitable person to be used for current intelligence objectives. His fanatical anti-communism which amounted on his own admission to a strong desire to see an early war between Russia and the US as a means for realizing the independence of the Caucasus, and the fact that basically he is a political activist and revolutionary, rendered it essential for security reasons that no commitments be made to him, and that contact with him be held to a minimum. Through him, however, it was hoped that leads could be obtained to important SD personalities, the location of hidden files, and plans for continued post-hostilities Nazi activity. The list of names supplied by him may serve this purpose.

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With regard to the other persons who escaped to Switzerland, GATOTY crossed into France, was picked up by the French and then delivered to J. A. Baker at Annemasse when he claimed to be an "American Agent". He was sent to Paris, placed in the X2 interrogation center and questioned. He was found to have no further value to OSS and was consequently turned back to the French, who showed considerable interest in him.

VON MEYDE, TSOMALA, and ALOHIBAJA as reported elsewhere, were turned out of Switzerland and placed in a Swiss Red Cross Camp in Hochst, Austria. Major Crosby at the 7th Army Field Detachment agreed to contact these men, and keep in touch with them for whatever uses it might ultimately be decided to make of them.

4. Ruppert is at present in Paris at Field Base D awaiting further disposition. It is currently projected to send him to 12th AG at the request of Col. Berding of X2 for a limited period in order to assist in a special interrogation.

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