

KLAUSNITZER

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... of KLAUSNITZER, an UPswing 20 case. See EGMA-360, 10 Sept 58. EGMA-360 indicated he did contact ESCHEIDER to indicate our surprise that he was still in Vienna. ESCHEIDER was surprised at meeting such a dubious person, especially in view of the fact that he had been recruited by Subject through the exposure of his dual espionage activities in Vienna in November 1956. See EGMA-45906. ESCHEIDER lost no time in recruiting KLAUSNITZER. ESCHEIDER indicated that they agreed with our position in 1956 but placed him in prison rather than drop him because he was already in close touch with Hans Kilo FREUND and was likely to cause difficulties if he were dropped outright. ESCHEIDER indicated that KLAUSNITZER remained on ice until June 1957 when he recontacted UPswing. UPswing learned from a former wartime agent now living in Prague who had been in contact with KLAUSNITZER (still in Vienna) asking for a meeting. UPswing concurred and KLAUSNITZER became a former agent in Vienna in August 1957. The agent (still in Vienna) (REDACTED) lost no time in recruiting KLAUSNITZER and gave him a staff slot in the Zentrale. KLAUSNITZER reported to his superior agent in November that he was unable to get a Headquarters assignment and was then given an alternate mission of looking up various types in Munich, one of whom was employed in the Air Evaluation Staff. The name Marianne LIPSKY was mentioned in this connection. KLAUSNITZER was given this task and was given at this time. ESCHEIDER claimed that subsequently he had no doubts concerning KLAUSNITZER and his contacts with the agent and through the use of CALLIGAR hoped to be alerted to meet the agent sufficiently in advance to make an arrest. The purpose of the arrest was to obtain sufficient evidence against KLAUSNITZER to support his conviction of espionage against the Federal Republic of Germany. His connection as an agent of importance against the Federal Republic of Germany was also mentioned. It was also mentioned that he was given a staff slot in the Zentrale. However, there are clearly lacking however. The first is why UPswing recruited KLAUSNITZER in May 1956 and the second is why UPswing is so anxious on arresting KLAUSNITZER, particularly in view of the rather severe German laws on espionage and almost assured certainty that more than a few years' imprisonment could at worst result. The best, Hans Kilo FREUND may hold the answer. Perhaps KLAUSNITZER was recruited by ESCHEIDER because he could not be used in Germany. However, there are other possibilities. Perhaps developments in the USSR have made him undesirable.

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