

CDE/56/1029

19-9-'56.

RE: Your HS-3100 of 17-8-'56.

SUBJECT: P.J. KOOYMANS.

With reference to your a.m. letter we herewith pass you the following information on subject. Petrus Johannes KOOYMANS, born 1-10-'06 Drummel, was inspector of police at Venlo up to 1941, after which date he organized the Dutch S.S. in the provinces of Limburg and Brabant. He held the rank of "Hauptsturmführer Waffen S.S.". After serving for a few months in 1942 at the East front, subject was appointed Police-president at Eindhoven. On 1-9-'43 he was made Head of the General Staff of the Directorate-General of Police at Nimeguen. In January 1944 he was again sent to the East front, and was made prisoner-of-war by the Russians on an unknown date.

According to information received from a Dutch subject released from Russian captivity KOOYMANS was detained in the "Peter and Paul Fortress" in Leningrad from '45 to '47. Thereafter he was detained in one or more camps until in 1950 he was sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in Kiev.

After his release KOOYMANS arrived on 20-10-'53 at the Friedland Camp in Western Germany; he did not want to repatriate to the Netherlands, but preferred to stay in Western Germany. Many of subject's former camp-mates thought, that KOOYMANS behaved very well in captivity.

After the war a rumour was afloat in quarters of interned political offenders, that KOOYMANS was in the Eastern zone of Germany, and had entered Russian employment as broadcaster with the Russian radio. (G) WERDLER's information reported by our CAE/56/269 of 11-5-'50, that he had several times met subject, who was working for the Russian Intelligence Service, at Leipzig, may presumably refer to this rumour, as informant, who has meanwhile been found unreliable, also stayed for some time in detention-camps after the war.)

As the said rumour and WERDLER's information have in no way been credibly confirmed, and they are moreover contradicted by the antecedents given above about KOOYMANS, we do not attach any value to the rumour in question.

We do not object to your passing the above data to the Germans.

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