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. There was one case - I don't

A recall now the circumstances - he was like German official of SD or maybe other counterintelligence unit in Poland, evidently during the war. And it seems to be he was just their target. He had agents in Poland and maybe in some Scandinavian countries. And they learned about all his agents

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through their agent who worked in his headquarters. They learned all his agents in Poland and Scandinavian countries and planned operation to recruit him. But then in '50 or so it seems to be it stopped because their source evidently lost job or was exposed.

F Maybe the source died?

A Or died or something like that. They stopped to receive information. But that man - I mean about who was their target - they continued to follow him for recruitment - that man.

F Is it possible that you heard the name KREUG in this connection? K-R-U-G

A I don't recall now.

F Or another funny name which is KEIICHBAUM? K-R-I-E-C-H-B-A-U-M

A I don't recall now the name.

F This is very funny you mention it. I know this fellow from this file. He was a director of the so-called Secret Field Police in Germany and he had of course -

B During the war.

F During the war. He of course - this one - had a lot of agents and sub-agents and sub-agencies and I don't know what else, running all over the Eastern Front, even up to Scandinavia, to Finland, and some other places. After the war he came into contact with our organization and we had a connection with him and we do think definitely that he was in contact with KRB and that he was one of the main springs of later sources. He died.

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This one died in '50.

B He was in contact with a United States resident; his name is FOSTER.

F-O-R-G-S-R.

R FOSTER. You remember that case from Vienna.

F You do?

R I remember it.

F How nice.

A And he had connection with FORGER?

F Yes. This fellow FORGER and the other one called KRIECKBAUM were in contact.

FORGER being U.S. service and KRIECKBAUM being

E This service in Vienna?

F Ja, Vienna.

A In that way of course he fits to that case as a possible - I mean it could be namely he who supplied them such information, I mean background information about ex-SD officials and their agents in Poland and Scandinavian countries.

because I read this myself.

F So, this case is highly interesting to us and I'll tell you freely why.

This fellow KRIECKBAUM, with the alias of KRUG - that's his cover name, was his cover name; he's dead now - was in some sort of a key position for us for quite a period of time.

E He was born in 1906.

F Ja. Born in 1906.

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- B And he died in '57, April '57. That's when he died. He lived in
Hrd Reichsbell - that's near Munich.
- F That's where he lived, in the utmost southeast corner of the Federal Republic,
very near the Austrian border. Almost you can walk over from Reichsbell
over the border. Very convenient sometimes.
- A Worked?
- B As a German Military Intelligence in Dresden and later he was a chief
of the Secret Service Field Police. Secret Military Police. He was a
United States prisoner-of-war and he lived in Regensburg.
- F Yes. A city in Bavaria.
- A Oh, I know that.
- F Formerly, before the war, for quite a period he lived in Dresden. I needn't
spell the name of that city; it's well-known I think. *He had a friend in Dresden,
His name is Dr. Reinold*
FOEBSTER.
- A Who was this?
- B He was interpreter of the MVD in Pirna.
- F Dr. FOEBSTER. F-O-E-B-S-T-E-R This fellow was an interpreter with the
Military Intelligence of the NKB in Pirna, a small town in Saxony.
- B And this Dr. FOEBSTER say to KIRCHBAUM "come to Dresden to the Russian
Intelligence Service."
- F He tried to
- A Establish contact - to invite him.
- B This was in '46.

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- F 1946. We know that for sure.
- A Oh, he fits. I mean that case that you described.
- F How I will tell you one more thing why this fellow is of prime interest for us. He is, let's say, the father of a whole family of - well, employees of Western services, supposed to be silent agents for the time being, the idea being that maybe --you never know- the Red Army sweeps the country - to have behind some sources being active after the Red Army swept the country. The idea was not to have his man in service, in active service, during the normal period of time like this one now. The idea was just to train these people in case something happens; so it should be to very great interest/^{I should say}to the KGB the window of course that there are preparations to have a silent net. Certainly - they do the same thing all over. And they must be very interested to know the sources of this silent net. And you can call him the father of a whole family, as I said, of silent agents spread all over the Federal Republic and you can go on from one to the next one. It's done most silly. We came in the last years after his time - since we know that he had a contact with Dr. FOERSTER and with POWNER and with other people, we were interested in his activities and and so we found out -
- B Got a tip for FELPE and CLEMENS in 1953. Yes.
- F Yes. He tried to sell us FELPE as early as 1950.
- A Of course it's very interesting.
- F He knew him from Dresden of course, where FELPE was in pre-war times. All these people from the old Fascist organizations stick together.

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A He fits very to that case - I mean that he supplied them. Did he at any time participate in the clearing of the ex-Fascist personnel ?

F I don't think so. He was most interested in not to clear them.

A I mean officially. Officially.

R De-Nazification, he means.

F Yes, that's right. That's right. In Nurnberg when there was a big process in Nurnberg he was called upon as being a witness.

A Because you see I told this case previously of course without mentioning that it's Germany could be. But it could be of course Germany or some other European country. And the case is the following: that I read it as a rather of course fresh example - I mean given in the end of '60 - they could give him after his death as example and it was the case where they mentioned that KGB had very experienced agent and trusted agent in Police who had some kind of connection with clearing ex-Fascists personnel and in that connection he was like a member of some kind of commission or so and he was as they say very influential person and in that connection he helped to clear one that mentioned him as a code man in intelligence or -

F A code man ?

A Yes. Who was compromised by Fascist activity during the war. But that agent helped to - that code man was dismissed, but that agent helped him

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- to restore his position but during that period he was recruited by KGB -
- F The code man ?
- A Yes, with the promise that he would be returned to his work if he would work with them and he agreed and they helped him through that agent. It is possible of course that case can be some - It should be of course a continuous searching for such an agent. Maybe it's not that one.
- F We will have to look into this very seriously I think, yes. ~~If I understood~~ right, the fellow you mentioned and we think may be KRUG or KRIECHBAUM, maybe.
- A KRIECHBAUM very possible - I mean that name even of course I could heard.
- F Possible. And was in a position where he was able to clean or clear old Fascist colleagues after the war. Under these people cleaned by him was one who was a former code man, compromised through something or other -
- A No, through his Nazist activities.
- F Through his Nazi activities and this one you have in mind helped him to get clean from his Fascist activities and to return to his office. During the time when he was getting back to his office or getting restored or rejuvenated or rehabilitated, he came into contact with KGB -
- A They came in contact.

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F They, together, right. And they told him well, you can be restored or rehabilitated and you can be again a code man if you agree to stay in contact with us.

A Yes, and he under severe pressure agreed and was an important source for them.

F Certainly. He will have been in a jam.

A Oh yes.

F Yes, maybe it's of interest to you too. This fellow we were speaking about, with the alias KRUG, had a very interesting connection too. He had a friend living in Bamberg, which is a city near Nurnberg. This friend of his had a shop, a radio shop. He sold radio - all sort of electrical articles, everything in connection with radio or with these recording machines or TV, everything. And being in the situation of selling all these things he had a big crowd of friends and people who came to his shop, buying things or looking for things, especially in the days, let's say in 1953-4 when electrical equipment was not so easy to have. Now this friend of his was in the position to do a lot of things for our organization too. Equipment we were interested in he tried to buy for us and gave it to our organization and through this sort of activity he came in contact again with different members of our organization. So, through his friend, the fellow KRUG got quite a couple of new lines into different branches of our organization, especially

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on the branch which is dealing with radio transmitting and telephone arrangements and so on. - the whole sector of signals, Signal Section.

A As I told before, I don't know in what part, in which organization. But my conclusion was there were Soviet agents in the radio maybe units of intelligence or counterintelligence of Western Germany and in those units which responsible for monitoring of the embassies, Communist embassies.

F I think the latter part, the monitoring thing was strongly connected with FELFE as you know probably. For years his main interest seemed to be monitoring the different Soviet delegations and missions in the Bundesrepublik. I don't think that they needed another person to do this sort of thing for them.

A Maybe. I think of course it can explain.

F Yes, it can. It can. I personally think we don't need to go further into the complex of KRUG. Are there any questions from your side in connection with KRUG ?

R I would say not.