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KROEMER

DOB: 4 January, 1911

POB: Wengenau/Loabschuetz Germany

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Residence: Schorndorf, Mittlere Uferstrasse 77 Germany

Position: Sub-Section Chief in Section V (in charge of Offensive CE)

LfV Baden-Wuerttemberg

Civil Service Rank: Beamter (current rank unknown)

1. BACKGROUND: Nationality: German; a member of the SA from Aug to Nov 1934; from Nov 1934 to Sept. 1936 he completed compulsory army service attaining the grade of lieutenant. On 1 May 1937, KROEMER, then a police official residing in Berlin, Charlottenburg Schloss Strasse I, joined the NSDAP; party number 4656426; on 10 November 1936, he joined the Allgemeine SS; SS # 308492 and attained the rank of Hauptsturmfuehrer on 21 June 1944; he was assigned at that time to the RSHA-SD main office, working for the SD on a voluntary basis (according to Berlin Documents Center records); from 1 October 1937, he saw service in the criminal police, first in Breslau until 1942, and from 1942 on he worked in Graudenz; he also served Kripo offices in Frankfurt/Main, Berlin, Karlovy Vary in CSR, and Innsbruck in Austria; KROEMER received his denazification clearance from the Schorndorf Denazification Court on 5 April 1948; from June 22 1945 until 8 Jan. 1946, KROEMER was an automatic arrestee held by the US Army as a Kriminalrat at Camp 71 in Aldingen near Ludwigsburg.

2. From 11 June 1946 to 30 June 1950 he was employed in the Sch. bisch-Gnuend Vehicle Rebuilding Shop as a security advisor; and from 1 July 1950 to 30 Aug 1952 he worked as an employee of Kessler and Co., which was an ordinance rebuilding shop operating under US Army auspices, in Waiblingen. From 1 Sept. 1952 until 14 March 1953, he worked with the Federal Refugee Office in Berlin as a member of an asylum commission. From 15 March 1953 until 30 June 1954 he was employed as the Chief of the Land refugee processing camp in Weinsberg, near Heilbronn, which operated under the auspices of the Baden-Wuerttemberg Refugee Ministry.

3. KROEMER applied for LfV employment 1 July 1954, and joined the LfV as Coordinator of recruiting and exploitation of sources working mainly in the CS field. Until granted absolution for his SD service, he worked as a "temporary" civil servant. After the departure of Alexander WAAG and the arrival of Ludwig KOLLATH, KROEMER applied for transfer into the Counter-Espionage Section, which then consisted solely of Willy WALDBAUER, and at which time the CE Section was merely a portion of a general operations section. At first KROEMER was employed in defensive CE activities, under WALDBAUER's direction, but after the reorganization of the LfV in 1957, KROEMER took over as chief of the offensive CE activity, WALDBAUER then being subordinated to him. His effectiveness within the offensive CE field can be credited in many ways to the professional guidance and advice of Willy WALDBAUER, who is native to the area and has had much more experience over an extended period of time in LfV activity than has KROEMER.

4. CHARACTERISTICS: KROEMER is always open to advice, far-sighted, and in many cases more apt to evaluate cases on the basis of their long range possibilities, rather than merely on the prospect of their immediate neutralization. In some cases this proclivity causes him to invest valuable time in operations of a routine nature which return absolutely nothing. However, he effectively manages his work and has a good grasp of the present status of Eastern intelligence agencies, makes in large measure to his study of orientation material supplied regularly by the local office of the BfV. He attempts also to utilize this information, wherever possible, to orient the various police agencies and other civil agencies in the Baden-Wuerttemberg governmental structure with whom the LfV cooperates closely.

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5. He has further more been instrumental in building up an effective refugee debriefing program; this program consists of sending out to the police leads obtained from the various refugee processing centers, and/or from reports of the presence of refugees submitted by the police themselves, with instructions for the debriefing of these particular people whenever there is any indication of contact with Eastern intelligence agencies prior to their arrival in the Federal Republic. If positive, indication of intelligence association is reported by the debriefing agencies, KROEMER screens the information for its content, and in many cases will then contact the refugee concerned directly, conducting a detailed intelligence debriefing himself. However, the breadth of this program is such that KROEMER is always behind in his workload, and the possibility that with present personnel strength we will ever be able to overcome the back log in this field is extremely remote.

6. KROEMER has been an extremely sick man during the past year. He suffered a very severe attack of jaundice, was forced to remain in bed for some three to four months, following which he spent three months in a Bad Margentime sanatorium, returning to duty only on 1 May 1958. He appears now to be completely recovered, but is on a strict diet; it is naturally necessary for him to pace himself and cut down the amount of exertion that he otherwise normally would put into his official activities. KROEMER is basically a sociable individual, although this tendency may have been altered by his long illness and his present weakened condition, forcing him to limit his social contacts.

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