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NOTE: There have been indications during the past two days that the personal security of PR agent () has been compromised to such an extent that the agent is in actual physical danger. It is as yet undetermined from where the danger comes, but it may be presumed to have a Russian origin. Luckily, from our point of view, the threat was quickly recognized, primarily because of the alertness and professional conduct of () and ZIGZAG. It is too early to tell what the ultimate results of the case will be, but even at this early stage it throws an interesting light on the methods the RIS applies within the U.S. Sector, and it also shows the prophylactic measures used by the appropriate American agencies to protect the physical security of our source. It was therefore decided to relate the events chronologically in the form of BSC/Op3 reports.

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Following background information is necessary for the appreciation of further developments: (), a former Major of the Luftwaffe and one of the noted German test pilots, has been working for this organization for almost a year. His first residence in Berlin was at 5 Promenaden Strasse, Lichterfelde, and from there he moved to 70 von Luckstrasse, Nikolassee, both in the U.S. Sector. There were only a few people in Berlin, those closest to (), who knew about the two addresses. Among those was a certain KUNZE, who was later arrested by the Russians, allegedly for black market activities.

1. Around 1500 hours on Tuesday, 18 February 1947, ZIGZAG became aware of a dark limousine which cruised along Promenaden Strasse at a very slow pace. There were 3 people in the car, one of whom was a blond woman. ZIGZAG, observing the movements of the vehicle, had the impression that the occupants of the car were looking for a certain house. The car stopped in front of No.5, and all occupants showed extreme interest in the building. They parked for approximately one minute and then drove off at a much quicker pace than they came. Source was able to note the license number of the vehicle: Berlin City 20449. He could not give any details about the appearance of the vehicle, except that it was a dark-blue or black, middle-sized sedan. He could give no personal descriptions of the occupants, but noted there were two men in front and the blond woman in the back seat.

2. () ed the following: He left the house (70 von Luckstrasse, around 1845 hours on Tuesday, 18 February 1947. The moment he slammed the garden gate, he noticed a vehicle, which was parked about 100 meters from the house, turning on its headlights. Source walked in the direction of Potsdamer Chaussee, away from the vehicle, but the car followed him at a slow pace in such a manner that he remained in the beam of the headlights. Source turned into a side street (Im Mittel Busch) but there, too, he was followed by the car, which proceeded about 10 meters behind him at a walking pace. Coming to the American compound on Albigerweg, source entered the barbed-wire enclosure, making pursuit by car impossible. Because of insufficient light, source was able to note only that the vehicle in question was a dark blue, older type sedan, license number Berlin City 204..., and that it was occupied by 3 people. The car, source observed, waited at the entrance of the compound, whereupon source climbed through the barbed-wire at another point and returned to his home unobserved.

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3. Above clearly indicated a definite design of action against PHAEDRA on the part of unidentified persons, and it was decided to take appropriate counter-measures. Through Public Safety Branch, OMG BS, it was ascertained that license number 20449 was given to a vehicle belonging to a certain Heinz MURAWSKI, residing at 2 Wilsede Strasse, Berlin/Steglitz, U.S. Sector. Our case was seemingly strengthened by the fact that a certain MURAWSKI (fnu) has been identified as a former Gestapo-man, now working for the MVD on Elsaesser Strasse, in the building adjoining the Police Praesidium. (For reference see BSC 577, dated 23 October 1946.) Berlin SC therefore requested Berlin CIC to arrest MURAWSKI, and it was emphasized that extreme caution must be used not to frighten MURAWSKI off by a precipitate attempt at apprehension. MURAWSKI's house was immediately placed under surveillance by the Steglitz CIC on orders of the Special Case Section, around 1500 hours, and MURAWSKI was arrested at 2300 hours on 19 February 1947 as he came home. He was placed in Wannsee Detention Camp for disposal by Berlin SC.

4. In the meanwhile, that is during the afternoon of 19 February 1947, there was another incident in the neighborhood of von Luckstrasse, further indicating the existence of a definite plan to capture either [] or at least a member of the household. Around 1740 hours, []'s housekeeper, Fril. LUETZE, left 70 von Luckstrasse and walked in the direction of Potsdamer Chaussee. At the corner of the Chaussee, she noticed the same dark-blue sedan and was able to recognize the numbers 20449 with absolute certainty. As she passed the parked vehicle, she heard the engine starting, and as she turned onto Potsdamer Strasse, the car followed her at a distance of only a few meters. The girl walked toward the town on the right side of the road, and the vehicle trailed her on the near side - that is the vehicle drove on the wrong lane of the parkway! Opposite the UNRRA Camp on Potsdamer Chaussee, there was a Military Police road check. Shortly before reaching the check-point, the vehicle crossed to the correct lane but continued to keep Fril. LUETZE under observation. This continued until the corner of Lindenthaler Allee, where the girl entered a strange house in order to elude her observers. The car parked for some time in front of the house, but then drove off. While the car was waiting, source observed that the wind lifted the license plate 20449 and that there was a second license plate underneath. Fril. LUETZE gave the following personal descriptions of the occupants of the vehicle:

a. Driver - about 5'9", broad-shouldered, prominent cheek-bones, slit eyes, dark hair and eyebrows. Mongolic type. Wore dark coat with upturned collar and dark, visored cap.

b. Next to the driver - a man in uniform, possibly in that of the German police.

c. In the back seat - blond woman, in dark coat and dark ski-cap. Hair-do like that of women auxiliaries of the Soviet Army.

5. Further investigation established that MURAWSKI (see para.3) does in fact own a car with the license number 20449, but that it is a trailer-type truck and not a sedan. In any case, MURAWSKI has a satisfactory alibi covering his activities during the afternoon. The conclusion is therefore obvious, i.e. that unidentified persons are using a vehicle with false license plates to capture [] Appropriate action designed to effect the capture of the individuals in question will be undertaken by Berlin SC and Berlin CIC in the afternoon of Thursday, 20 February 1947.

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