

DISPATCH

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TO Chief, SA; Chief, ES
INFO Chief, Bonn; COS/G; BOB; []
FROM Chief, Munich Base

HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. []
DATE 7 April 1959

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SUBJECT ICIMPROVE/CART/UJDRIZZLY/EQUAL/OPERATIONS
Wilhelm KUEPPERS and George Peter DOHM
ACTION REQUIRED See paragraph 5.

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REFERENCE(S)
A. EGOW-203 16 Oct 1958 (not sent [])
B. EGNA-16706 4 Mar 1959 (not sent [])

1. Reference B reported George Peter DOHM to be in contact with a Fraeulein KUEPPERS, possibly identical with a Helen KUEPPERS, both residing in Grainau, Landkreis Garmisch, according to the BfV investigation. UPSWING listed a Wilhelm KUEPPERS as a member of the UJDRIZZLY complex. Although we do not have sufficient information on Wilhelm KUEPPERS to determine whether or not he is related to or connected with the female KUEPPERS of Grainau, Wilhelm KUEPPERS has been residing in Italy during and after World War II. George Peter DOHM was also in Italy during and after World War II. UPSWING included Wilhelm KUEPPERS in the UJDRIZZLY group which is, according to UPSWING, an outgrowth of one of the Rote KAPELLE nets. This, in turn, brings up the early trace on fnu DOHM, suspect Rote Kapelle member in Italy according to para. 4 of reference A., who has been identified as George Peter DOHM.

2. With the two possible connections, Italian residence and Rote Kapelle background, we are forwarding the information on Wilhelm KUEPPERS as of possible interest. It must be noted that the following originated with UPSWING and cannot be passed to any liaison service. On February 28, 1955, a UJDRIZZLY conference was held with UPSWING and KUBARK members participating (reported in Memorandum for the Record, Subject: UJDRIZZLY Conference, 28 February 1955). The UPSWING representatives were UTILITY and @ Dr. OTTO. The conference was opened with a speech by UTILITY explaining that the UPSWING investigation of the UJDRIZZLY complex was extremely sensitive because it involved current West German political and governmental leaders but that "because we could assist" (KUBARK having the original German Rote Kapelle files), KUBARK and UPSWING should work together. After the opening, @ Dr. OTTO outlined the various target groups in which UPSWING is interested, demonstrating his talk with a chart. There are well over a hundred names involved, mostly in Germany, but, according to the Memo for the Record, @ Dr. OTTO stated:

"In Italy the center of interest is Wilhelm KOEPPERS or KUEPPERS (phonetic spelling by KUBARK member reporting the conference) who is an ex-priest, an ex-partisan and who has a brother in the Bundestag. KUEPPERS is in contact with Mira CLERICI or CLIRICI, secretary to RAHN in Italy and married to fnu GIOMINI, who is a letter box for Carle HAAS (also spelled Karl HASS). He (KUEPPERS) has links to Monsignore WUESTENBERG, the Italian prelate. The organization (UPSWING) has identified links from Albrecht von KESSEL, the Charge d'Affaires (Fed. Rep. Embassy) in Washington, to WUESTENBERG to KUEPPERS. There is a suspicion that von KESSEL is the 'TEDDY' of the Rote Kapelle. This (TEDDY) is his regular nickname despite the given name Albrecht."

On the chart which @ Dr. OTTO showed to the KUBARK participants in the conference, names appeared underlined with red, green and white crayon. @ Dr. OTTO explained that the colors indicated the degree of "Rote Kapelle" activity as follows: Red for "agent" activity; green for "some activity"; white for "dormant" at the present (1955). "KUEPPERS - Rome" was underlined in red.

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3. Munich Base traces on Wilhelm KUEPPERS are following:

a. MGLA-3139, 24 August 1950 ^{per 63-43}

MGLA-3139 was written in response to MGKA-18917, 11 May 1950 which had forwarded PIR-6398 (no date). PIR-6398 alleged Karl HASS (Carlo HAAS) to be an UPSWING agent. MGLA-3139 stated that HASS was not an UPSWING agent but working for CIC Gmunden (Austria) and forwarded a list of Germans in Italy, all with some intelligence connection. No. 13 on the list was: "Kueppers, Dr. Wilhelm. During the war on the staff of General ROMMEL in Africa and Italy. After his liberation from concentration camp Le Fraschelle he worked for the Italian Navy counterintelligence, and still works for them. Address: Rome, Via Veneto 96, where he works for the firm UTECUM and for FERRETTI, tel. 470994. Private tel. 421473."

b. MGKW-7695, 30 Jan 1951:

The dispatch is no longer available in Munich Base files but a card referring to the dispatch contains the following: "Dr. Wilhelm #*KUEPPERS, DOB: 17 February 1910; POB: Muenchen Gladbach (Germany); now resides in Rome."

4. UPSWING's serious and startling charge (quoted in para. two above) that Albrecht von KESSEL might be identical with "TEDDY" of the Swiss Rote Drei net will be discussed in a separate dispatch. It should be noted, however, that von KESSEL was serving in the Germany Embassy to the Vatican during part of World War II.

5. Headquarters and Traces (your files only) are requested on Dr. Wilhelm KUEPPERS. It is also requested that Headquarters ascertain the source of the information contained in MGKW-7695 (See para. 3, b. above). If the source allows, Bonn could pass that to the BfV in response to the BfV request contained in para. 2 of reference B and thus, perhaps, elicit BfV information on Wilhelm KUEPPERS, his brother reported in the Bundestag as of 1955, and possible relationship with the female KUEPPERS of reference B. For the time being, we shall not bring up the name of Wilhelm KUEPPERS with UPSWING to avoid crossing wires between UPSWING and the BfV.

APPROVED: *E. A.*

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