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ASSESSMENT OF OFFENSE

AGENT PERSONNEL

(TRUE NAME): Paul Lueth (AGE): 33 (ADDRESS): Frankfurter Str., Offenbach.

PROJECT: LCPROWL - Bund Deutscher Jugend

POSITION IN PROJECT: Principal Agent, formerly Chairman of BDJ.

CLEARANCE STATUS: Cleared 3 November 1950 by Home Office.

SALARY: 950 DM per month

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AGENCY: Subject served in the Medical Corps of the German Army as a Medical intern from 1940 to 1945. From 1947 until 1950 he devoted his efforts to journalism—including an assignment as editor of the U.S. licensed periodical "Der Bogen", an editor for the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" and free lance writing. Subject became interested in youth activities, and in the spring of 1950 contacted Mr. Boerner of the Office of Public Affairs with a view toward selling a youth organization to the Americans. Mr. Boerner placed Lueth in contact with [] (pseud of OSO Case Officer) and subsequently [] took over Subject. Lueth has had no previous intelligence experience. He was friendly, however, with an indigenous OSO agent Carpage. Subject was also successful in winning the recognition and friendship of German General Halder who both encouraged and advised him regarding his embryonic youth organization.

BACKGROUND: From 1945 to 1947 Lueth practiced medicine as a refugee doctor in Kreis Gross Gerau in Western Germany. Subject came from an average family, and there is nothing either interesting or pertinent in his background, except that he displayed a flair for journalism early in his youth. He also devoted much time in his high school days to studying Leninism. It is now fairly conclusively proved that Lueth did join the German Communist Party in 1945 for reasons still unknown to us. His exit from the party is also still a mystery, although the consensus is that he quit the party early in 1947. (Lueth never admitted to us that he was a member of the KPD, but recent newspaper attacks branding him a KPD member were never refuted by Subject and accepted as fact by many functionaries of the BDJ as ascertained by intercepts). His flair for writing, and his thorough knowledge of Communism have been a great asset in guiding anti-communist BDJ activities.

PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER:

- A. Motivation: Lueth undoubtedly had one reason for contacting the Americans, i.e., financial aid for a rather incompletely conceived project. It is also quite certain that Subject was motivated to organize

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an anti-Bolshevist youth organization for two reasons - his penchant for good living, and a strong anti-communist leaning. Although Lueth declares repeatedly that his one desire is to combat communism, and rather less convincingly extreme rightism, it is clear that Subject saw in the organization of the EDJ a means to gain prestige, popularity, an excellent source of income, and many other personal advantages. His journalistic efforts are most convincing, and there is no doubt that the man is an inspired, brilliant writer. We believe that much of his satisfaction is derived from publicity granted to his work - especially on projects politically controversial. We are convinced that he is motivated, but it is extremely difficult to determine which motivating factor is predominant, i.e., his desire for personal acclaim and material prosperity, or his anti-communist convictions.

- B. Personal Integrity: Lueth has proven trustworthy to all intents and purposes. He is rather outspoken at times and would never resort to lying in order to cover up some inefficiency, or mistake. In his relations with us he has always been honest; however, if one interprets the abstract term honesty in the strictest sense, it would be difficult to affirm with certainty that Lueth is 100% honest. There are certain deals not directly connected with our working relationship that would warrant a more detailed explanation. Consequently we must at least credit Subject with understating or omitting stating facts. Lueth has no other known loyalties, and it is very doubtful that he would doublecross us, or individuals dealing with him. The present Case Officer has known Subject only 2 1/2 months, but states that he would certainly be on his guard in all dealings with him involving deep trust.
- C. Character: Subject's chief interests are in the literary field. He spends most of his spare time in either reading or writing. He has a flare for ostentatious living, and is attracted to the opposite sex to a degree that invites attention even from Europeans. He likes to wear expensive clothes, but is not a neat dresser - has almost an unkempt appearance. He likes to drink, but we have never seen him intoxicated, or heard that he drinks to excess. He does not attempt to elicit information from Case Officers, and when he does ask questions they fit into the general pattern of project activities. Lueth is not as security conscious as he should be, and is especially careless in his telephone conversations and his personal correspondence. He lives in apparent modesty with the exception of driving a Mercedes which would normally require a salary higher than we are paying Subject.

SECURITY EVALUATION

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1. A field investigation conducted on Subject revealed that on 9 June 1950 a personality card maintained on Lueth by CIC contained the designation "KPD". Further inquiry at CIC revealed that no source or evaluation appeared on the card, and that CIC had no additional information on Lueth.

2. An OLGH Restricted Weekly Intelligence Summary, dated 13 September 1950, states: "Lueth, presumably one of the BDJ's principal founders, was until recently the Press Chairman of the BDJ. Now reportedly out of the BDJ because of his involvement in a narcotics case". No evaluation was given to this narcotics accusation, and further investigation conducted by this office revealed no indication of a narcotics charge against Lueth with the German police.

3. Censorship intercepts placed on former German General Frans HALDER picked up a letter from Lueth to Halder dated 15 January 1951, an extract of which appears below:

"....I have a matter of great urgency to discuss with you. I have been approached to recommend individuals as instructors for certain projects to which we have alluded in the closing chapter of our book. They are to be trained outside Germany.....I would prefer if you told your candidates, if you have any, to write to me directly, in care of the Bundesfuhrung (of the BDJ)..... I have worked on this project now for three months....."

This example points out the case officer's statement in the Assessment Report that Lueth is not as security conscious in his personal correspondence as he should be.

4. An Air Force OSI report dated 1 March 1951 to 15 March 1951 (no evaluation given) is extracted as follows:

".....An investigation disclosed that Dr. Lueth had, from 1945 to 1947 been a member of the Communist Party in Germany, and that he has currently visited the Soviet Zone where part of his family resides. The fact that in spite of his proclaimed anti-communist attitude, he never had any troubles with the East German authorities during these visits, was the cause of a police investigation. A search of BDJ premises by the Frankfurt/Main Police, carried out on 9 March 1951, revealed that the BDJ, whose leaders boasted a membership of over 20,000 had in fact only 700 registered members; further, that the BDJ had apparently received large amounts of money from various undisclosed sources, which were used to pay exorbitant salaries to functionaries in the BDJ branches in the various states. The Frankfurt/Main District Attorney's Office is continuing investigation."

Lukety stated, per 1213-CFRFG dated 8 August 1951, that Lueth had not visited the Soviet Zone for a long time, that his family had been brought to West Germany many months before, and that the only person formerly connected with Lueth still living in the Soviet Zone was his ex-wife; communications intercepts placed on Lueth revealed that he had not contacted (or been contacted by) his ex-wife or any other Soviet Zone resident for a long time. Lukety further stated that the story about

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the financing of the BDJ had been refuted often enough that it hardly warranted new refutation.

5. Pulleeh Operations Base dispatch EOLA-612 dated 27 October 1952 states that ZIPPER traces on Subject were forwarded per MOLA-1306, dated 20 February 1950; the ZIPPER files revealed (in 1950) that Lueth was not a ZIPPER member; and that "The high esteem he (Lueth) has for writers who are well known for representing and spreading communistic ideologies lead one to the conclusion that Lueth has the same, at least a very leftish political attitude." The Pulleeh dispatch also reveals: "An editorial on the front page of the Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Friday, 17 October 1952, states that Dr. med. Paul Egon Lueth, leader of the BDJ is not a doctor and that he was not born in 1919 but 1921. He allegedly falsified his age so that he would be old enough to claim graduation from medical school."

6. On the basis of all available information on Lueth, and in view of the current status of Lueth and the BDJ, this office will only reaffirm the case officer's evaluation that QKFENCE should certainly be on guard in all dealings with Lueth.

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