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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Alleged Communist Connections of BDJ Apparat and Related Personnel

REFERENCE : DD/P Secret Eyes Only Memorandum, dated 10 November 1952, Subject "The Prowl Flap -- Once Again."

1. In response to your request, the following information on Paul Lueth, Chairman of the Bund Deutscher Jugend, and on a former officer named Hein, is submitted. Neither person was a member of the BDJ Apparat, but Paul Lueth was a close friend and associate of the Apparat Principal Agent, Erhardt Peters.

2. Paul Erich Lueth was the principal agent in the Bund Deutscher Jugend from June 1950 until his resignation as First Chairman of that organization on 20 October 1952.

a. The original contact with Lueth was established through the cooperation of Mr. Boerner of the NICOG Office of Public Affairs and [] of the German SO field staff. During the latter part of February 1950, Lueth approached NICOG with a proposal for the formation of a new youth organization which would play an active role in combatting communism. Since Lueth's plans envisioned a program in East as well as West Germany, Mr. Boerner felt this was a matter for an intelligence agency, and accordingly arranged a meeting between Lueth and [], also of the German SO field staff. [] was favorably impressed with Lueth and reported that he had gathered "a sort of General Staff" about him in anticipation of western support for his plans. Subsequently, Lueth was introduced to [], Chief of the Frankfurt Operational PF station, by []. Under []'s direction, Lueth activated and supervised the course of the Bund Deutscher Jugend until the autumn of 1952 when the organization had more than 20,000 members engaged in anti-communist activity throughout Germany.

b. At the time of the original contact, an SO report on Lueth declared that he had been a member of the Communist Party in 1948, but this information was never verified. Other allegations stated that Lueth had been active in communist fronts and that he had associated closely with the communist mayor of a town in Gross Gerau County (Hesse) to insure himself of a livelihood. In April 1951 a former BDJ member, Bobo Reinhardt, accused Lueth of being a registered member of the Communist Party in the community of Waldorf. Reinhardt also charged that Lueth regularly visited the East Zone. *Comments: I'd not expect verification. I think allegations or suspicions like this one should have disqualified Lueth*

c. This information was brought to the attention of the Frankfurt PP station and in turn communicated to the home office. In the field, the files of SO, EUCOM Intelligence Division, and EUCOM CID fingerprint and

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intelligence files were checked, but yielded no information on Lueth. A search of the CIC central and local files revealed that Lueth's political affiliation was listed as KPD, but contained no verification of this fact. Lueth himself admitted, as stated on his Form XX, that for a short time in 1945 he had been a member of the Kulturbund fuer Demokratische Erneuerung Deutschlands, a communist front organization, but he denied ever being a member of the KPD or SED.

d. I & S was kept fully informed of the derogatory allegations regarding Lueth. Since the charges of communist activity were unconfirmed, a full operational clearance on Lueth was granted on 2 November 1950, with the condition that he be used with caution and receive close supervision. It was also stipulated that further investigation be undertaken in the field to substantiate or disprove the allegations regarding Lueth's communist connections. In subsequent contacts with his FP case officers, Lueth proved to be a highly satisfactory principal agent, exhibiting a great deal of organizational ability and operational efficiency. He accepted criticism and was subjected to ideological probing, but continually exhibited a strong anti-communist motivation. Letter intercepts were conducted in an effort to uncover communist connections, but revealed no derogatory information.

3. The "former officer named Hein" mentioned in Attachment to reference is probably identical with ex-Lt. Colonel Hein, who was an official of the Fuehrungsring Ehemaliger Soldaten (Leadership Ring of Former Soldiers) in 1951. This organization was penetrated and taken over by the Communists. Hein later resigned from the Ring and denounced it publicly as a communist front; nevertheless, his political motivation is still questioned. His connections with the Heimatschutz in northern Germany, as charged in the attachment to reference memorandum, are not known. In any case, Hein was not a member of the BDJ Apparat, nor are there any known connections between any Heimatschutz group and the Apparat.

4. According to our files, the only possible contact of Hein with PP/German operations might have been through Erwin Doerr, the principal agent of Project LCBALSA (B) (Stosstrupp gegen Bolschewistische Zersetzung), now being terminated. The German Mission recently discovered that Doerr had maintained contact with his former military colleagues, some of whom are now connected with the Bavarian Heimatschutz. The extent of Doerr's involvement with this group is not known and there is no evidence that Hein, who lives in northern Germany, was in contact with either Doerr or the Bavarian Heimatschutz.

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