

von LEERS, Johannes [ ]

EGYPT

EGFA-18713

25 Oct 57

A professor at the University of Cairo's language school, and occasional advisor to the Egyptian Press and Information Office lives at Cairo-Meadi, Nor 21, rue 83. Received visit from K.H. PRIESTER on 30 Sep 57.

EGMA-32934

19 March 1958

PAGE 2

Subject Born 25 January 1902, Viet-Lubbe bei Gadebusch/Mecklenburg) presently resides in Cairo, Meadi #21, Rue 83. Von LEERS went to the Gymnasium and studied law in Kiel, Rostock and Berlin. He chose the career of diplomat and belonged to the German Foreign Office until 1928. Then he switched to journalism and devoted himself to intelligence propaganda. In 1928 he became a member of the NSDAP, and of the SA in 1932; in 1938 he became a member of the National Literary Chamber (RSK) and the National Press Chamber (RPK). He was appointed SS-Sturmabfuhrer in 1935 and in the meantime was chief editor of the HJ-publication "Wille and Macht". He was also Professor of Oriental Studies at the University in Jena. After the war he succeeded in escaping both Russian and American imprisonment. He stayed in Germany until circa 1950 and then emigrated to Argentina with his family. He was employed there by the publishers of the magazine "Der Weg", which appeared monthly in Buenos Aires, and in 1954 he published "Reichsveraetter", a work which concerned the illegal activities of the German resistance before and after the second World War.

(SEE REVERSE SIDE)

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2002 2006

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

(CONTINUED) EGMA-32934

Since early 1956 von LEERS has REMAINED IN EGYPT. His main activity is that of Professor of German at the Cairo University Fuad el Anwar. He also holds an important position with an Egyptian radio program, "Stimme der Araber" and since 1950 has been engaged by the Egyptian Ministry of Information to translate and instruct a language course at a government language school. He is occasionally entrusted with propagand, tasks by the Ministry of Information. Von LEER's daughter, name unknown, desires to study in German. Her father has approached the German Embassy in Cairo to this effect, fearing that an entry permit would not be granted by them, and has been advised by the German Government that she may do so if she wishes. Von LEERS has become a Mohammedan and has taken the ~~KHAK~~ first name "AMIN" (phonetic).

X  
Subj refted teaching German in Egyptian schools.

X/N/XX  
N.Y.H.T.27 Aug 58

BEST AVAILABLE COPY