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SUBJECT: LOBBES, Hans

CROSS REFERENCE: Membership in SD and SS

CASE CLASSIFICATION: Former Criminal Police Official

1. REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: As per IOM's dated 19 June 1947 and 23 June 1947, the undersigned agent undertook the investigation and interrogation of the above named subject for the purpose of studying the possibility of the use of Mr. Lobbes as an investigator for this Region.

2. SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION: See SRI dated 30 April 1947 submitted by the Tempelhof Field Office. Also see photostatic copies submitted by Public Safety Branch CMGBS collected during the investigation of Mr. Lobbes' denazification application.

3. SYNOPSIS OF PRESENT INVESTIGATION:

a. Check of German police records shows the following:

NAME: LOBBES, Hans
Present Address: Berlin-Tempelhof, Wulfila Ufer 50
Occupation: Criminal Police Official
Place of Employment: Unemployed
Born: 27 April 1895 at BELZIG, Brandenburg H53/230
Height: 168 cm.
Weight: 135 lbs.
Color Hair: Grey
Color Eyes: Grey
Build: Small, wiry
Identifying data: None
Marital Status: Married, with one daughter
Identification Document: Personal Ausweis 201/17287/46

b. Records show Subject was a member of the NSDAP since 1 May 1933, party number No. 867556. Subject carried a nominal rank in the SS since 1 June 1941 SS #393299. Subject was promoted to the rank of SS Obersturmbannfuhrer on 9 November 1943. Subject

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was a member of the German Kriminal Polizei in Berlin since 1 January 1920 (see SRI 30 April 1947).

e. Interrogation of Subject indicates that Subject was a confirmed believer in national socialism until approximately 1938. After 1938 he claims that through his position in the criminal police, all his former hopes in the party had vanished and he began to espouse the Nazi regime. Though not openly active in 1938, Subject claims his affiliations became more and more with those with anti-fascist ideals. In 1941, with the Himmler order that all members of the criminal police or Amt V would wear the uniform of the SS when on foreign service and investigations, Subject claims he was given a uniform permit. Being the head official of Group "F" of Amt V and due to a police order that the uniform would be worn at all official meetings and occasions, Mr. Lobbes claims that it was impossible for him to be seen very often in civilian clothes as his official contacts were almost daily and a uniform was necessary. (For details on this order see MOIC submitted to head office on HILLMANN, Frits.)

d. Interview with Curt Moritz, former Kriminalrat of the Berlin criminal police force, indicates that Mr. Lobbes was interested more in the technical field of a criminal police officer and it was never apparent that he was interested in any political movements.

e. Interview with Mr. Frits Hillmann indicates that though he knows Mr. Lobbes, he knows him only as the chief of his section, but cannot say if Mr. Lobbes exerted any pressure upon his subordinates to become members of the National Socialist Party.

f. Interview with Mr. Bauer of the Public Safety Sector GMSBS indicates that he knew Lobbes fairly well during the war years and as such cannot make any derogatory statements about same, other than the knowledge that in 1944 Lobbes was arrested for shielding his friend, General Nebe, and was imprisoned for this crime.

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g. Through various interviews of other former members of the criminal police force, no derogatory statements could be found with the exception of an interview with Mr. Rudolf Lissigkeit, born 6 November 1896 in Koenigsburg, Germany, at present residing at Fabekstr. 61, Berlin-Steglitz, and who formerly was a member of the German criminal police force, serving with Mr. Lobbes until 1933 when Mr. Lissigkeit was discharged by paragraph 4 of German Police Law, which required the discharge of all Jews and half-Jews. Mr. Lissigkeit claims that Mr. Lobbes was a fanatic Nazi and had previously attempted to gain membership in the SS but due to his short stature, he had been refused. It was only through the intercessions of his friend, General Hebe, that he was allowed to wear the uniform in 1941. Mr. Lissigkeit claims that Lobbes was an idealist and pro-Nazi until after Stalingrad, when indications were such that Germany would lose the war and that all higher officials of the Nazi party, SS, and SD would be punished. In order to save their own skins, General Hebe and Mr. Lobbes, utilizing their position as head officials of the criminal police, contacted members plotting against the Hitler regime with the hope that should the attempt on Hitler's life be successful they would be spared by any new government taking over power and thus would be allowed to keep their leading positions in the German police force. (See translation attached.)

4. AGENT'S NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Even though it is a proven fact that Lobbes, through attempting to protect his friend, General Hebe, was punished by the Nazi regime, there has been no proof that he himself was an anti-fascist but rather that he was willing to protect his friend at all cost. It is known that Lobbes and General Hebe were close friends and thus any action on the part of Lobbes to protect his friend can be expected. Previous to his arrest in 1944, Lobbes gave no indication of being anti-fascist but rather that he was willing to play ball as long as he could hold his position with the criminal police. Though it can be recommended that Lobbes be denazified, it is doubtful that one should trust men of such character to return to their former positions. Primarily, Lobbes has not in any way proved himself to be an anti-fascist, but, secondarily, because the

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reinstatement of a leading official and long standing party member of the criminal police force would find opposition from all political parties, victims of fascism, and the population in general, it is recommended that Lobbe at no time be allowed to become an investigator for this organization or, by the same token, be allowed to join the police forces of any area under American occupation.

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