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From other reports: Meissner moved to NEUHAUS, Kameter-Biehl 4, from STUTTGART on 6 Dec 48. He was not very active in the business world or socially after his arrival in NEUHAUS. He lived in a small house trailer located on his father's estate. During 1949 he attempted to found a chicken raising business but had no success. 1950 he became interested in writing and allegedly wrote a book containing the memoirs of his father and also he wrote articles about his experiences, not further clarified, in Japan and his knowledge of Korea for the illustrated weekly Revue published in Munich. About this time Meissner apparently was corresponding with Dr. KIAUS aka Claus aka Major HUEGEL aka Hubner aka Huessel aka Heiler, born 30 Jan 12 in FREIBURG, residing at FELLBACH/STUTTGART, Robert Koch Strasse 13. HUEGEL was a former SS Sturmbannfuehrer (Major) in charge of the STUTTGART Security Service during WWII. It is indicated that HUEGEL was the security expert on foreign intelligence. In 1951 HUEGEL was suspected of having been a high level SIS agent. However, files reveal that investigation of HUEGEL failed to substantiate this. It is indicated that on 5 Jun 51 HUEGEL received a letter from MEISSNER in which it was indicated that MEISSNER had just returned from SARDENIA and was anxious to make contact with HUEGEL. MEISSNER indicated that HUEGEL and his friend, not further identified, should come to NEUHAUS which was safer, or wait for MEISSNER to come to STUTTGART. Information dated 6 Nov 52 indicates that MEISSNER was residing at MUNICH, Widenmayerstr 58 but this residence had not been reported to the police by MEISSNER.

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