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CART AERICK The Fate of Gestapo-Chief Heinrich MUELLER, born 28 April 1900.

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Please see para. 4.

1. In the course of consolidating our information on this missing Nazi official, we uncovered an article in the Spiegel (16 October 1963, #42) which states unequivocally:

"Four rosebushes grow over grave number 1, row 1, section 6, of the former military cemetery at Berlin-Neukoelln. Ivy surrounds the mound. But the corpse--which according to the inscription on the brown marble is that of 'our dear daddy Heinrich Mueller, born 28 April 1900, fallen in Berlin May 1945'-- is a mystery."

"For Hitler's Gestapo-chief Heinrich Mueller, SS Groupleader and Lieutenant General of Police, does not lie, at least not completely, under those rose bushes as was hitherto believed. After the grave was opened twice, the Berlin Institute of Forensic Medicine of Professor ROMMENEY ("Berliner Gerichtsmedizinisches Institut des Professors ROMMENEY") determined beyond all doubt toward the end of September 1963, that the grave contains the remains of three different persons. The Berlin Attorney General's office, which had ordered the opening of the grave, learned that: 'The skull belongs to a man about 35 years of age.' At the time of his alleged death, however, Heinrich Mueller was exactly 45 years old. . . This false grave released a spectre, for the Gestapo chief who aimed to have a file on every German and before whose dossiers the mighty of the Third Reich quailed as much as his victims did, may well have survived the destruction of the regime. . ."

"According to the investigations of the Berlin Attorney General all that is actually known is that the--actual or supposed--corpse of Mueller was found in the fall of 1945 in the ruins of the Berlin government area. The criminalist LAMPOLD,

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now deceased, identified the corpse on the basis of decorations and documents found with it. However, when the belongings of Mueller were handed to the relatives in Munich, the photographs were gone. . . further investigations shed little light on the matter. On the 15th of December 1945 Mueller was entered in the Registry of the Dead (file number 11706/45) Berlin-Mitte-- but who made the report can no longer be determined. It is also uncertain as to who provided the remains of Mueller that were buried. . . in the military cemetery. Chief States Attorney NEUMANN said, 'It is all very obscure.' The marble monument on the grave was placed, on 1 July 1958, by the firm PELZ, on orders of a lady who resides in Berlin. This lady lived together with Mueller a long time and probably provided him with a number of children. . ."

2. It seems clear from the text of this article, a copy of which is attached, that whoever wrote it did a good deal of research and that the Berlin Attorney General's office ought to be able to confirm or deny these statements with ease, as well as supply a good deal of other information. Information provided by various sources, especially [] clearly indicates that there is reasonable possibility that Mueller, perhaps together with important records, either fell into the hand of ABAKUMOV of the RIS, then the leading specialist on the German ABWEHR, or that Mueller actually defected to the Russians. Conceivably the documentation and remains were supplied by the RIS to head off the sort of search that went on for the other two key Nazis then believed to have escaped; Martin BORMANN and Adolf EICHMANN, who was executed after his capture by the Israelis. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the Soviet services instigated the activities which led to the allegations concerning the Mueller grave.

3. It is known that the RIS and ABAKUMOV ran high priority operations of great scope to locate and identify all former Nazi intelligence officials and agents, clearly with the objective of using them operationally. If in fact the RIS acquired the services of Mueller and his principal records, our estimate of their capabilities to locate, control, and manipulate such officials and the people exploited by them must be greatly upgraded. The implications for the assessment of the West German counterintelligence vulnerabilities are obviously great.

4. It is accordingly requested that you ask the appropriate Berlin authorities to comment upon the Spiegel article and to provide us with copies to whatever reports on Heinrich Mueller they may possess and be willing to release to us. Hopefully this information will also identify the donor of the gravestone and her presumed offspring.

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