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- I. 1. Name RATTENHUBER Johann (Hans)
Last First Middle
2. Aliases/Variants/Maiden Name RATTENHUEBER
3. Citizenship: a. Present _____ b. Previous _____
4. Date of Birth 30 APR 97 Prior 1920 5. Place of Birth Germany
6. Present Residence USSR
7. Past Residence _____
8. Present Employment (Occupation) Last known to have been a collaborator of the Soviet Intelligence Service in the USSR.
9. Past Employment Formerly chief of Hitler's personal guard.
Captured by or defected to the Russians in 1945.
10. Additional Information _____

II. Type of Information Desired:

Biographical _____ Derogatory Only _____ All X

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No Further Info.

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DR. KARL BRANDT: REPLY TO CI QUESTIONNAIREI. SOURCE

Name : BRANDT, Dr. Karl
 Rank : Reich Commissioner for Health and Medical Services
 Interred : 23 May 45, RELENSBURG
 Interrogated : 27 Jun 45

PREAMBLE

For a brief estimate of source and for a chronological account of his life's history, see Report CCPWE # 32/DI-17, paras II and III. The information contained in this report is believed to be generally reliable.

III. BRANDT'S REPLIES TO CI QUESTIONNAIRE

(Ref: SHAEF interrogation Briefs
 GAI/OI - D/383.6/58)

1. PW and the SS HAUPTAMT

PW states that he was not in the SS HAUPTAMT. He was taken into the SS in 1934 from the SA. At about the same time he became HITLER's personal surgeon and therefore was in the closer circle about him. All members of the inner circle, except for members of the Armed Forces, wore the SS uniform. There was one other exception, HITLER's adjutant, BRUECKNER, who wore the SA uniform. PW describes the act of putting on this SS uniform as purely superficial. He never had any specifically SS duties or activities. He never received any money from the SS, did not have an SS paybook or other form of SS identification. He also had no function with the WAFFEN SS.

2. PW and CONTI

PW was in no way subject to CONTI's orders, except insofar as the AERZTEBUND (see para III, 6) had control over him. PW considers CONTI a very gentle person, and he does not believe CONTI would be the type of person who would play an active role in exterminating large numbers of Jews, Poles, etc. If such extermination were carried out on a large scale, and PW denies any knowledge of this, then GERICHPPE FUHRER GRAWITZ would be the man to know. GRAWITZ was REICH Medical Officer for SS and Police (REICHSARZT SS UND POLIZEI) and also Deputy President of the German Red Cross. PW does not believe that CONTI could give GRAWITZ an order. CONTI was a politician, pure and simple. GRAWITZ was directly under HIMMLER and KALTENBRUNNER. He had a small staff about him and centralized all SS medical activities. PW is sure no policies of racial or other extermination were carried out within the framework of the Ministry of Interior.

3. PW's Work as REICH Commissioner for Health and Medical Services.

See Report CCPWE # 32/DI-17, para IV.

a. Research in Medicine

See Report CCPWE # 32/DI-17, paras V-XV.

5. HITLER'S "Inner Circle". Plans for Future Existence.

HITLER'S "Inner Circle": PW gives the following information on personalities close to HITLER:

- a. BORMANN, Martin: PW states that he (BORMANN) forced his way between HITLER and practically everything except the SS and HIMMLER. He was a very enduring, virile person and a tremendous worker. As deputy for HESS he gradually took over the administration of the BERGHOF and thus came into closer contact with HITLER personally. This position was much strengthened when HESS left. HITLER showed him enormous confidence. BORMANN was very little known in GERMANY.
- b. BORMANN, Albert: He is a brother of Martin BORMANN. PW describes him as a quiet, decent person. He had the rank of NSKK GRUPPENFUEHRER and was adjutant to HITLER. He played no outstanding role, but tried to arbitrate whenever possible. HITLER considered him a good soul.
- c. ALBRECHT: He had the title of NSKK BRIGADEFUEHRER. He was formerly 2. Navy adjutant and was chief of HITLER'S Personnel Office (ADJUTANTUR) in BERLIN. PW describes him as very objective and decent. HITLER definitely did not like him because he constantly tried to bring complaints, etc. before him. The Personnel Office was purely a personal agency of HITLER'S and did not handle any SS material, as this went directly from HIMMLER to HITLER.
- d. BOUHLER: Chief of the Chancellery of the Fuehrer. In the last few years, PW states, BOUHLER stood quite aside. He is described as a decent fellow.
- e. HOFFMANN, Heinrich: The Fuehrer's Personal photographer. He was constantly close to HITLER and the two of them discussed art frequently and at great length. They also constantly discussed the museum at LI'Z that was to be built. In the last winter, 1944-45, HITLER discharged HOFFMANN because DR. MORELL said HOFFMANN had a case of typhoid. PW is sure he did not. HITLER liked HOFFMANN because he was a very good and entertaining talker. HOFFMANN'S photography business was also a very profitable one and he did a lot of business in the occupied areas, for instance, FRANCE and HOLLAND.
- f. HASSELBACH, Dr. von: This individual has been mentioned in Report CGPWE # 32/DI-17, para. III, B (1937, 1938) and XV, C. He is a quiet, conscientious person, very critical in his whole nature. After he was discharged from HITLER'S circle as deputy surgeon to PW, he was drafted into the army as OBERFELDDARZT and sent to a field hospital. In Oct 44 HASSELBACH was stationed in ADENAU/AHR Valley. PW believes he is probably an American PW.
- g. KEITEL: PW believes HITLER must have valued KEITEL, because he kept him on to the end despite all the other changes. The connection is described as primarily official and not social.
- h. EUBLE, General: He was a very capable officer, working on many problems. HITLER thought highly of him.

- JOUL: Pw believes HITLER liked him very much.
- j. PUTTKAMER, Admiral von: Naval adjutant at HITLER's headquarters. Very alert.
- k. ENGEL, General: He was Army adjutant at HITLER's HQ, an extremely lively and clever person.
- l. BELOW, Col. von: GAC adjutant at HITLER's HQ. The last three named were always present.
- m. There were four (4) female secretaries as follows:
- i. Miss WOLF: Pw states she is now in AUGSBURG PW Camp. In her middle forties, very capable and decent.
 - ii. Miss CHRISTIAN: She was the wife of Gen. CHRISTIAN, GAC General who was head of the GAC Operations Staff.
 - iii. Miss Christa SCHROEDER: An intelligent person, a quick, hard worker, who had been there for years.
 - iv. Mrs. JUNGE: Her husband had been valet to HITLER and then been killed in action. She had been active as secretary during the last year.
- n. LINGE: He was valet and succeeded JUNGE, though he had been there a long time too. He was an insignificant and dissatisfied person.
- o. RATTENHUBER, OBERJEHNER: He was the SD man who was chief of the KRIPO Section that protected HITLER. This Section amounted to some 20 people in all. RATTENHUBER had held this job for 10-12 years at least. He was a typically active civil servant.
- p. HOEGEL, STANDARTENFUEHRER: He was deputy to RATTENHUBER. Neither he nor RATTENHUBER ever did anything independently, but took orders from HITLER and HIMMLER.
- q. BAUR, OBERFUEHRER: He was chief pilot for HITLER's plane on most flights.
- r. BEETZ, OBERSTURMFUEHRER: Deputy to BAUR. RATTENHUBER, BAUR and BEETZ wore the uniform of the Field Police (FELDPOLIZEI).
- s. KEMPA: This was HITLER's chauffeur.
- BRAUN, Eva: Pw states he knows her well, but he had seen her around HITLER's entourage for several years before he realized who and what she was. She never pushed herself into the foreground, but kept her place. She often tried to smooth things over. There was nothing unusual about her looks. Pw believes HITLER was absolutely faithful to her. Her sister was Mrs. BEGELLIN.

Hitler had her husband shot!

Plans for Future Resistance

PW does not believe that GERMANY has made any large-scale underground preparations. The country is too exhausted. Some few individuals, who have lost everything, might carry out sabotage and murder.

6. The NS AERZTEBUND

All doctors in GERMANY had to join the AERZTEBUND. If not, they could not practice. PW never attended a meeting of the AERZTEBUND. The organization published a monthly periodical which contained some political articles, but this was not overly emphasized. Dr. CONTI, as REICH Leader of Doctors, was its head.

7. CONTI and the DEUTSCH-INDISCHE GESELLSCHAFT

PW knows nothing about CONTI's connections with the DEUTSCH-INDISCHE GESELLSCHAFT.

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