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1. A check of the West Berlin authorities revealed that the file on the Heinrich MUELLER investigation is held by Department I of the West Berlin Police (Political Police.) The file, which is in three volumes, was borrowed from Department I and a Rekordak film copy of the complete file is being forwarded under separate cover.hereto for Headquarters.

2. The investigation to attempt to locate Heinrich MUELLER for prosecution on a charge of murder was evidently initiated by the Landeskriminalamt Baden-Wuerttemberg, Sonder-Rommission, Zentrale Stelle, in Ludwigsburg. The date when the investigation commenced is not reflected in the Berlin Police file, however, Department I of the West Berlin Police was first involved circa September 1960. Subsequently Department I interrogated a number of possible witnesses concerning his fate, however, without any success. Among those interrogated was MUELLER's Berlin girl friend, Anna (Anny or Anni) Maria Crescentia SCHMID, DPOB 9 December 1913 in Ingolstadt, Bavaria,

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who at that time resided at Berlin Steglitz, Schuetzenstrasse 4, and who, according to police registration records now resides at Berlin Steglitz, Klingsorstrasse 80. SCHMID was employed by RIAS at the time she was interrogated by the police concerning Heinrich MUELLER's fate (1961).

- 3. Anna SCHMID's parents were already acquainted with the MUELLER family in Munich and this contact was renewed after Anna SCHMID's parents moved to Berlin. In 1940 the contact Anna SCHMID and Heinrich MUELLER developed into a love affair which continued until the end of the War. According to Anna SCHMID Heinrich MUELLER's wife was aware of their relationship but MUELLER's wife continued to be friendly toward Anna. There is no indication from the file or from police registration records that Anna SCHMID bore Heinrich MUELLER any children. During the interrogation Anna SCHMID informed the police that she had arranged for a gravestone to be placed at MUELLER's grave, but that she did this at the request of his legal children, who were residing in Munich at that time. At the request of Heinrich MUELLER's father she tends the grave. SCHMID claims that she last saw MUELLER on 24 April 1945 at his offices at Berlin Tiergarten, Kurfuerstenstrasse 116, to which MUELLER had moved his offices after the Reichssicherheitshauptamt headquarters in Prinz-Albrecht-Strasse was bombed. She also informed the police that she saw MUELLER, along with certain other members of his staff, on 20 April 1945 at his residence at Berlin Lankwitz, Corneliusstrasse. At that time she asserted MUELLER and the other members of his staff present burned all their personal documents and other papers, and MUELLER offered to give her an alias document for her own use. SCHMID stated she declined this offer as she saw no need for the document. Other witnesses asserted they last saw MUELLER at the Reichs Chancellery Bunker
- on 1 May 1945 as they were departing the Bunker.

 4. The police investigation revealed two additional females by the name of SCHMIDT who were employed at high offices of the police authorities in Berlin. One is Eva Minna Gertrud SCHMIDT, DPOB 18 February 1905 in Oderberg, who now resides at Berlin 46, Eiswaldstrasse 11a, and who at times substituted for MUELLER's secretary when she was absent. She had nothing of value to offer to the investigation. The other Erna Frida Else SCHMIDT, DPOB 19 January 1902 in Berlin, who resided in 1962 at Berlin Steglitz, Borstellstrasse 37, claimed never to have worked for or been in contact with MUELLER.
- 5. The police also interrogated Walter LUEDERS, DPOB 20 September 1892 in Osterberg, who in 1963 resided at Sindorf, Kreis Bergheim, Erft., Huettenstrasse 62. LUEDERS was in charge of a group of workers who in mid-June 1945 was assigned the task of recovering bodies in Berlin for burial. LUEDERS asserted that during August 1945 his group recovered a body in a general's uniform which he was able to identify as the body of SS General Heinrich MUELLER. The body was recovered on the grounds of the Ministry of the Airforce. He was able to establish identity from an official duty identity document which he found on the body and which he later turned over to the registrar's office (Standesamt), Berlin Mitte (East Berlin). According to LUEDERS the document contained MUELLER's photograph and the body had not deteriorated to the extent where it was not recognizable. LUEDERS asserted the photograph was still in the document when he turned it over to the registrar's office. This document evidently is the same document which the registrar's

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office later turned over to WAST in West Berlin, and which WAST later turned over to the MUELLER family in Munich. By that time the photograph had disappeared. Whether it was still in the document when it was turned over by the registrar's office to WAST is unknown.

- 6. From a thorough perusal of the file the only thing that is clear is that it is unclear as to what fate befell MUELLER at the end of the war; i.e., was he killed in the last days of the battle for Berlin, did he commit suicide, was he captured by the Soviets, or did he make his way to the West? It seems almost certain that the bones exhumed on 25 September 1963 were not those of Heinrich MUELLER, although some of them may have been his. LUEDERS stated that he found the body in a mass grave at the Airforce Ministry, and that it was reburied in a mass grave at the Jewish Cemetery in East Berlin located on the Grosse Hamburger Strasse. The body, was transferred during September 1945 from the Jewish Cemetery to the Standortfriedhof (not the Garnisonfriedhof as reported in the Spiegel article) where it is buried in plot 6, row 1, grave 1.
- 7. As far as the West Berlin Police are concerned the efforts to clarify MUELLER's fate continue and the investigation has not been closed.
 - 8. If we can be of any additional help, please let us know.

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