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Article in DER Newspaper

1. The Tagliche Rundschau of 19 December 1953 printed another extract of the Gehlen organization and lists among its contacts a "Gruppe []". According to the article, this "Gruppe" is closely allied with the Kaiser Ministry, and engages in espionage and propaganda activities. The leader of the espionage activities of the group, Ohlbrecht (sic) is reportedly closely allied with the Gehlen organization.

2. We call your attention to EOLA-4497 wherein [] states that General Foerstch told him "he had a line to the Gruppe []". You are aware of Ohlbrecht's activities and ties (see previous dispatches) and know that Ohlbrecht knew Hieber since both are or were associated with the FDP "Richtertatensusschuss".

3. Our initial conclusion is that the information cited in the newspaper article comes from Hieber, based on what he heard from Ohlbrecht. It is interesting to note that Foerstch is the first and only one of whom we are aware who refers to the organization as "Gruppe []". It seems that only the Gehlen organization refers to it as such since the term is otherwise completely unknown. We surmise that Ohlbrecht coined the phrase and that it was adopted by his superiors.

4. As to the ramifications of the article, [] has been called a Gehlen agent in previous DER exposes and the leader of the West Berlin pro-EDC affiliate "Alien". Regarding the accusation contained in the latest charge, i.e. closely linked with the Kaiser Ministry for propaganda work and with Gehlen for espionage activities, it is reported from a reliable source that [] stated he was honored by the accusation since he could not have been tied up with "alien" and were "rein deutsche" people than Gehlen and Kaiser.

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