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Contacts of OPITZ, Chief of sec

RTF; RGIA 195

1. Reference was much appreciated at FOB and the following dispatch will be an attempt on our part to provide the information contained therein.

2. In the first place OPITZ appears identical with Paul OPITZ, born 17 Sept. 1897 in Bad Schiederberg (Hg. file [ ] [ ]). Former residence was Stuttgart, Kronenstr. 48. He is listed in the 1954 Hamburg Telephone Book and current Hamburg Adressbuch. Attached is RGIA-10860, 12 Dec. 1951 which is a run-down on OPITZ' background from the Berlin Document Center (COM and ER). This document is already in your files). ZIPPER was interested in contacting OPITZ in the Fall of 1951. He was described as having good contacts in the Zollgrenzschutz. Among traces received at the time was a SMERF card stating that OPITZ was a SS Stubaf. and Reg. and Krim. Rat; Grenzregens Inspektor in IV F 1 RSNA in May 1943; official of IV F 1 RSNA in October 1943, born about 1903. There are also references in the German Prisoner. In a ZIPPER memo of November 1952, OPITZ was described as having been in the police service since 1923 and known as an unusually good intelligence man in Amt IV as a Kriminalrat. He was a subsource of V-2950 who is former ~~ZIPPER~~ Otto SOBANN and mentioned to you in previous correspondence. The Walter VOLMET mentioned in attachment was described at the time by ZIPPER as a 'good friend of OPITZ'.

3. Concerning Eric CASHEETS, RGIA-14082 reported no FBI traces. However, a review of FOB files turned up an Erich Gustav CASETH aka Erik KASHEETS, born 24 November 1910 in Breslau, address: Hamburg, Hansteinstr. 9 bei SCHEITH, occupation: shipyard carpenter, who is being considered for a Mitarbeiter position in a BfV field office. (This is no doubt your man and was a BfV request - RGIA-6576, dated 5 May 1955). In both instances ZIPPER has not been checked, and assuming the BfV has checked directly with ZIPPER themselves, we deem it inadvisable to break the third service rule. OPITZ anyway will undoubtedly receive the results of the ZIPPER check.

4. There are no FOB traces on the Greeks mentioned in paragraph 6 of reference.

5. Concerning the KASHEETS V-Heimer in paragraph 7 of reference, fra KASHEETS is identical with Wladyslaw KASHIOWY, Hamburg, Weinstr. 19. He was a loggia for Kazimierz von SEYDA in the Fall of 1953 when they both were employed by RFE. Recently, of course, he came up in connection with the HIGHERY #354 which correspondence is in your files. References: FBIA-7971, RGIA-29, BILA-13178. Con-

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cerning the other names in Para. 7a, 10 has no traces on IG TSC/KM or JOA/121, but we do have a trace on Wolfgang HILF, born 26 April 1919 in Hamburg and residing Hamburg 39, Jean Paulweg 6/1 who is under consideration as a staff officer for the future German army (PCGA-3410, 15 Dec. 1953).

6. There are no IG traces on the DEBERIANOV couple. Their contacts in Para. 7c of reference should be well-enough known to you: von STUDA for his role in UJ DRILLERY #354, and connection to Adam ZAJACZYNSKI per PCGA-89; MELLANON (V-21415) is also involved in UJ DRILLERY #354 (EGLA-13178) and is known to the UB; Stefan APOSTOLINIS is identical with the APOSTOLINIS in PCGA-89, address Hamburg 13, Butschbahn 11. The notation that MELLANON is working for the UB has been passed to ZIFFER and they are investigating this possibility.

7. The WITKOWSKI mentioned in Para. 7b may bear some resemblance to Tamara WITKOWSKI, nee WITKOWSKI the ex-wife of Erhard WITKOWSKI who is the brother of V-21300. She was V-21319 and was listed as drowned in June 1951. Her address was Munich at the time but she may since have moved to Hamburg. Her area of operations was not only Munich but Belgium.

8. Possible traces on Jiri HETCER of attachment to reference were submitted in EGLA-14321. Of the other individuals mentioned in this attachment there are no traces on STRIDHAKSEL, TESTA, SISKAL, or Max KANOR. Because of his association with ZVOISKY it appears HETCER is thoroughly blown to the Czechs.

9. POB traces on SEBASTOR were contained in EGLA-14321. It may be a wild guess but fmw NELKE may be G HETIC (V-1721) Chief Hamburg Aussenstelle, Post. 9. True name is given as Identity 7 of separate cover attachment to EGLA-14277. This once again involves UJ DRILLERY #354.

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NOTE: The above information should not be passed outside HUNTER channels. The main exercise of this dispatch is an attempt on our part to enlarge on the information you have provided in terms of ZIFFER involvement. Furthermore since MELLANON (para. 6) is of operational interest to ZIFFER, could you please provide us with the basis for the claim that he is a K agent.

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