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SCHMIDT, Guenther Otto Hainer

Reference: MORA-30697, 16 Mar 1956

1. BOB requested traces on Subject in BUL-1933, 28 November 1955, to which POB in PULL-2606, 30 November 1955, replied possibly identical to Guenther SCHMIDT, VP Oberkommissar Section II, Head MSS Berlin, November 1955; paragraph 29 b of reference seems to preclude this possibility. POB files contain no additional information on Subject since BUL-1933.

2. In regard to paragraph 31 of reference, POB files contain the following traces:

a. One Dr. Werner BEST is a known associate of Werner HAUMANN, formerly state secretary of Guesdels Ministry of Propaganda, and publisher of "Mixer den Kulissen." Both Dr. Werner BEST and Werner HAUMANN are members of the "Gauleiters Circle," a Neo-Nazi political group.

b. OPTIZ, Paul - born 17 September 1897 in Bad Schmiedeberg, living Eppendorfer Landstr 44. Subject is presently Chief of KUEHAST, Hamburg. Subject was a subsource of former ZIPPER V-man Otto SOMMER. All other background material on OPTIZ is contained in MORA-10860, 12 December 1951, which POB assumes COS will summarize for BOB, if requested.

3. POB files contain no identifiable traces on other individuals in reference.

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