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EGFA-21585

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DATE: MAY 15 1958

TO : Chief of Base, Hamburg
FROM : Chief of Base, Frankfurt
SUBJECT: General - CART []

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Specific - Report on Hamburg Kuenast Chief, Paul OPITZ

1. Attached for all addressees is a brief report on the Hamburg Kuenast Chief, Paul OPITZ, volunteered by [] during the meeting held with him 16 April 1958.

2. Frankfurt traces on the personalities mentioned in the Attachment are as follows:

a. Paul OPITZ: EGGA 266, 6 March 1953 reporting he formerly the director of the Kuenast In Hamburg.

EGGA-104, 14 March 1955 is proposal of contact.

EGGA-127, 25 March 1955 states contact established.

EGGA-208 and 209, 21 May 1955; EGGW-4, 5 May 1955 and EGGW 8, 15 July 1955 are concerned with unfavorable Headquarters traces on him.

EGGA 242, 16 June 1955 reports he is responsible to the BfV for sabotage/espionage on north German coast.

EGIA-16575, 8 November 1955 indicates he has a poor security consciousness, reporting he lost a brief case containing a true name list of many informants.

EGGA-559, 6 February 1956 reports he among a group visiting the Schnackenburg control point.

EGIA-24588, 5 August 1957 notes he source of information on Jiri NEMECEK reported in EGGA 175, 28 April 1955.

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EGGA-11862, 6 May 1957 reports his position as Chief of Hamburg Kuenast.

EGGA-816, 3 January 1958 requests traces on him and provides DOB/POB data.

b. Paul PFEIFFER:

Files reveal many dispatches concerned with him, all of which appear to be available to HOB, for which reason we shall merely list them as follows:

MGFA 6484, 25 April 1952
EGE 181, 28 January 1954
EGNA-3823, 2 March 1954 (given DOB 2 Oct. 1901)
EGR 97, 10 September 1954
EGGA 92, 4 March 1955
EGGA 86, 2 March 1955
EGGA 104, 14 March 1955
EGGA 242, 16 June 1955
EGGA 403, 14 July 1955
EGLA 15853, 15 September 1955
EGGA 357, 26 September 1955
EGGA 796, 13 December 1957
EGGA 817, 6 January 1958
EGGA 819, 9 January 1958
EGGA 849, 24 January 1958

3. While this dispatch was in the typewriter we received EGGA 923, 23 April 1958 on the Hamburg Kuenast in general and OPITZ in particular. If HOB has any specific questions on OPITZ which [] could resolve, do not hesitate to levy a brief on us.

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Attachment to EGFA-21585

SUBJECT: Paul OPITZ, Chief of the Hamburg Kuenast

1. [] reported that Paul *OPITZ (born 17 September 1897 in Bad Schmiedeberg/Kreis Wittenberg) Chief of the Hamburg Kuenast, is in a disgruntled state of mind.

2. At the present [] could only report that OPITZ is an old intelligence hand ("ein alter Abwehr-Hase"), and [] suspects that he was actually a member of the RSHA during the National Socialist regime, [] also believes that at that time OPITZ held Beamter status, as a result of which he receives a pension because of his advanced age; [] could only state he was over 65 years, and at the moment does not even know OPITZ's first name.

3. [] stated further that the Chief of the Hamburg LfV, Paul *PFEIFFER (born 24 September 1910 in Hamburg), a member of the SPD, has a strong dislike for OPITZ. This dislike has reached such proportions that PFEIFFER has instructed all the Hamburg LfV personnel that they may not even indulge in professional association with OPITZ. Therefore, if any inquiries are to be made of the Hamburg Kuenast by the Hamburg LfV, such inquiries are forwarded, usually by FS, to Cologne, and forwarded by the BfV to Kuenast, Hamburg. Replies return by the same route.

4. [] stated that OPITZ is completely indifferent to the Hamburg LfV attitude toward him, regarding that organization with considerable scorn. However, OPITZ also regards the BfV with equal scorn, but is not in the happy position of being ignored by that organization as by the Hamburg LfV, nor of being able to ignore it. He allegedly regards the BfV as incompetent to maintain the security of the FedRep, and is further disgruntled by the fact that his old age pension has been cut as a result of his employment by the BfV; he currently holds the status of an Angestellter with the BfV.

5. During a conversation with [] (who contacts OPITZ personally, since it is useless to make inquiries on Kuenast matters with the Hamburg LfV, with both of whom [] claims excellent relations) about in the first week of April 1958, OPITZ was relating his financial and professional woes, and allegedly observed that if "they" wanted to cut his pension, he ought to tell "them" all to go to the devil, since he had frequent and interesting contact with "the Americans", and they would jolly well pay OPITZ well for what he could do for them. and there would be no opportunity for a pension cut for that work. [] states OPITZ has no family, and appears to be incredibly conscientious and competent intelligence officer, working from early morning until late at night, often to midnight and later, with scarcely a break. OPITZ allegedly expressed to [] a personal liking for those Americans with whom he dealt professionally, drew an unfavorable comparison to the BfV between its members and the sobriety and level-headedness of these Americans, and complimented the Americans' method of doing things with thoroughness and competence.