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SUBJECT : "KD", Alleged German "secret intelligence".

1. KD (Kontrol-Dienst, Control Service) came into existence in April 1947. It was organized at the instigation of the chief of the Economic Reconstruction Union, WAV, Dr. Alfred LORITZ in his capacity of the Minister for Special Tasks (Denazification). The actual organizer is the Deputy Denazification Minister, MESSMER and his assistant, STUNDL.

2. LORITZ' excuse for organization of KD was the OMGB desire to maintain control over the many thousands of Nazi prisoners held in prisons supervised by the Ministry For Special Tasks.

3. Members of the KD have received the regular Prison Guard School instruction at Camp Moosburg, Bavaria and in addition personal instruction of undetermined secret nature from MESSMER and STUNDL. Since KD members are responsible only directly to LORITZ, MESSMER, and STUNDL and are in no way responsible to any local prison authorities - the KD is a personal intelligence service of Dr. LORITZ and of WAV well capable of carrying out secret tasks.

4. Operational methods of KD are very similar to those of the Gestapo; collection and prompt utilization of black-mail type of information on the prisoners and on the prison administrators; since KD has direct contact to LORITZ it can bluff anyone into submission to its authority.

5. IT IS WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT KD COLLECTS INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET I.S. That possibility is based on the following observations:

- (a) LORITZ is being suspected by the American (OMGB) and Bavarian sources to act on behalf of the Soviets;
- (b) KPD has never yet attacked either LORITZ personally or WAV, LORITZ' political party;
- (c) Neither LORITZ nor any other WAV official has yet ~~been~~ attacked officially the Communist Party;
- (d) Of 53 known KD members majority are WAV members and ~~some~~ are members of the KPD; no other political party is represented in KD.

6. Additional information on KD can be found in a report written by Lt. OTT (source of this information) in his report of 5 May 47, entitled "KD" and forwarded by him to Special Branch, OMGB.

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