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CSDIC BAOR, PIR 149 on Walter HABECKER

- 1) Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is MGB 2450 (BSC 684).
- 2) In referenced report, dated 15 June 1946, it is stated that HABECKER was interrogated regarding personalities mentioned in a Warrec Brief on Golden Fleece, but was without any knowledge.
- 3) According to the Werner MUELLER interrogation reports, AUGUSTINE was "an American Flight Officer (first name and rank unknown) who parachuted after his plane was hit during a night raid early in December 1944. The case came into the RSHA apparently because AUGUSTINE had the misfortune to land near HIMMLER's house. He was captured by HIMMLER's cook."
- 4) MUELLER made no mention of HABECKER being concerned with the AUGUSTINE case. His interrogation reports do, however, contain information on HABECKER's interrogation and maltreatment of members of the captured OSS Slovakia mission.

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SUBJECT GOLDEN FLEECE: Kriminalkommissar HABECKER, RSHA IV

Reference report mentions Kriminalkommissar HABECK as one of the Gestapo investigators on the activities of the SCHULZE-BOYSEN group. Information supplied by present source suggests this HABECK is identical with Kriminalkommissar HABECKER of Amt IV 3 of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt.

- HABECKER was known to source as a Kriminalinspektor during the period 1942-43; shortly before the end of the war he was promoted to Kriminalkommissar. Source considered HABECKER a very clever investigator for important, special cases. For a long period he handled cases of Russian espionage, especially cases of Russian agents parachuted into Germany. One of his more spectacular cases was that of the Geman air force officer, AUGUSTIN, who had become a Russian agent. Source, who read the 200 page dossier on this case, called it a very fine, high-level piece of work.
- 3. First Lieutenant AUGUSTIN was a fighter pilot who had been shot down over Russia. After being subjected to indoctrination and propaganda in a PW camp, he had volunteered to work for the Russians. First used as a speaker on a front-line radio beamed for German troops, AUGUSTIN then undertook a mission which brought him to Berlin (on an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate SS General GOTTSCHEDT, AUGUSTIN gave up to the Germans. After undergoing detailed inter-rogation at RSHA Berlin, he was presumably used by the Germans against the Russians, and presumably lost his life in the course of that activity.
- 4. In the last months of the war a reorganization dissolved HABECKER's office. HABECKER and a part of his staff were transferred to the Staatspolizeileitstelle Berlin. After only a few days there, he was given a special mission and moved with his staff to the Reichssicherheitshauptamt building on Kurfuerstenstrasse.
- 5. HABECKER was born on 13 September 1893 in Berlin. According to police records, he moved on 1 July 1945 to Berlin/Weissensee, Holzkircher Strasse 11 b. His wife is still living at that address.
- 6. A recent check at the Weissensee address reveals that Frau HABECKER has not seen her husband since April 1945, has not heard from him, and claims she does not know his whereabouts.

This HABECKER is probably identical with the Field Comment: HABECKER who participated in the slaughter of 15 OSS Slovakian Mission members (reference Berlin Cable 805 of 18 January 1946). He was the subject of an extended, but unsuccessful search conducted by Mr. STERN of the Vienna office. The HABECKER file was sent to AMZON in the summer of 1946.

This report was prepared at the request of Hq. to supply information on individuals who may be able to give detailed reports on GOLDEN FLEECE activities.

The interrogation of Werner MUELLER, RSHA IV interpreter, may contain further references to the AÚGUSTIN case.

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