AIR POUCH   **OFFICIAL DISPATCH.**   TAB-W- 1732

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1. A cable dated 10 November 1950 from the Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Berlin, to the Department of the Navy reports that Colonel RUDEL, ex-Luftwaffe ace presently residing in Argentina, recently visited Western Germany where he contacted several groups of the former Wehrmacht officers' corps, expounding that the Germans should not lift a finger against a Soviet conquest of Germany and Europe as, in time, the Germans could do better with the Russians than with the West. A controlled German ex-naval source, with whom RUDEL also spoke, is very suspicious that RUDEL is in the pay of the Communists. RUDEL advised this controlled German source that he had broken off his relationship with General GALLAND and Colonel BAUMBACH as both would like to again get into uniform since Argentine industry offered no possibilities for aviation technical development. RUDEL also visited Switzerland, where he spoke to various people. He departed two weeks ago to return to Argentina.

2. The above cable, which was evaluated B-3, suggested that U. S. representatives in Buenos Aires take up with Argentine officials RUDEL's highly suspicious pro-Communist talks among German military circles and attempt to establish if he is in the service of the Soviet. RUDEL apparently had financial means.

3. There is set forth below additional data on RUDEL which was taken from a voluminous report written in German by a fairly reliable German source in Chile on the German colony in Argentina and Chile. Headquarters is now engaged in processing the report and, upon completion, will furnish _____ with a translation of the complete report.

"RUDEL came to Argentina under the assumed name of MEYER. He lives in Villa de Lago, not far from Professor TANK's residence. He is greatly dissatisfied with conditions as he found them. Under existing circumstances, he has no desire to continue working. On the other hand, various Argentinians are annoyed with him; consequently his ability as a training expert cannot be properly exploited.

"The development of North America's defense industry and the training of men in all branches of the armed services must definitely be a preparation for a war with the Soviet Union. (Continuation) as RUDEL, who was delivered on all fronts during the course of the war, has not only military successes to his credit but is also a fine strategist, the competent U. S. military authorities may wish to have him on their side, thereby gaining valuable experience which

the U. S. Air Force could not possibly have at first-hand because it has never conducted an enemy offensive in the areas on which MODEL is an expert.

"There are in Argentina other combat pilots in a similar situation whose desire to work with North America cannot be ignored."

4. Headquarters desires to obtain any information which you may be able to develop through covert means on the above report that MODEL had pro-Communist talks among German military circles in Germany and that he may be in the pay of the Soviet. The results of your continuing investigation of the subject of TAB-2209 will also be of interest to headquarters.

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