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SUBJECT (General) Chief, Western Hemisphere Division
(Colonel) Hans Ulrich RUBEL

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REFERENCES: TAB-N-1738, TAB-N-1883

1. The following information was reported by [redacted] in April. The report was submitted by a usually reliable source with contacts in the Italian police. It is evaluated [redacted] and the date of information is January 1951.

2. Subject passed through Rome en route to Argentina via Naples after making a trip to Germany in October-November 1950. While in Rome subject made the following contacts to his followers residing there:

3. He had been in Bonn, Germany, where he was called by German military leaders who wished to learn the attitude of subject and his comrades in regard to German recruitment. Subject stated that he refused the Bonn authorities any collaboration on behalf of his comrades and himself in the participation in German recruitment under Anglo-American sponsorship, until the policy of Great Britain and the United States towards Germany changes. Subject stated that the German people have fought with all their strength against the danger from the East for a much longer time than the Americans and the British have been aware of the danger which Europe must face in the event of a Soviet invasion. Subject also commented that the best pilots of the German Air Force are at present in Argentina and they have no intention of leaving Argentina.

4. Also for your information there is set forth below a report dated 24 November 1950 submitted by U.S. Navy representatives in Germany. The source of the information is a former ranking German naval [redacted]

5. Oberst RUBEL, ex-Luftwaffe ace, distinguished himself particularly in the destruction of Russian tanks in aerial support of German infantry despite the loss of one leg in combat. He has been in Argentina since 1948 and is officially employed by the Argentine Government as test pilot and inspector of all planes purchased by [redacted] that government.

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However, his employment is limited in scope due to the fact that Argentina does not have the financial means to purchase many aircraft nor the industry with which to produce and develop planes.

"RUDEL arrived in Germany along about early October 1950 and spent about four weeks touring Western Germany; he left Germany about 8 November for Switzerland.

"RUDEL is very idealistic and possesses strong fascist tendencies and beliefs. During his tour through Western Germany he made a number of speeches to selected groups of influential friends, acquaintances and students, directed at encouraging the Germans not to offer any resistance to any aggression from the 'East', arguing that it would require at least one hundred well-equipped and trained divisions to repel any such aggression and that the Western Powers were not in a position to supply adequate protection for Western Germany. He also expressed views to the effect that it was no longer possible to attack Russia from the air in daylight raids, and that the Russians were well equipped with many short-range jet fighters capable of gaining 15,000 meters altitude within four minutes after take-off.

"RUDEL appeared to be well supplied with money - far above that which he could be expected to draw from the Argentine Government in his present position. He professed to be non-communist but it is strongly suspected that he is being financed and used by undercover communist organizations.

"RUDEL exhibited a very strong antipathy for the following named Germans, now also residing in Argentina, merely because they were not in sympathy with his views:

Professor TANZ - former builder of F-W planes and now engaged as aircraft constructor for the Argentine Government.

Ex-General GALLAND - former Luftwaffe ace, now employed in Argentina as pilot instructor.

Ex-Oberst BAUMBACH - former Luftwaffe ace, now engaged in civil employment in Argentina."

6. Upon receipt of the document on German colonies in Argentina and Chile which was attached to TAB-W-1803, the State Department commented that

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they are interested in the political orientation of subject and the report that he had engaged in pro-Soviet activities while in Germany. The State Department had received information in May 1950 from a former Austrian diplomat in Buenos Aires that several former officers of the German Air Force (presumably in Argentina) were at that time working for Soviet Intelligence.

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