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SUMMARY: (State concise summary of report. Use appropriate to final one-paragraph paragraph. List indicators of source left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part 11.)  Transmitted herewith is information received on the activities in Argentina of Colonel HANS ULRICH RUDEL, a former Nazi flying ace.		
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1. Information was released recently in Argentina which stated that the Investigating Commission in Cordoba had produced interesting details concerning the activities of PERON's protégé, the former Nazi flying ace, Colonel HANS URLICH RUDEL.

2. From information available there are indications that RUDEL entered Argentina under the name of EMAL MAYER and signed a contract with I.A.M.E. (Industrias Aeronauticas y Mecanicas del Estado) where he received a large salary but did no work. Information from Cordoba police files indicates that he later resumed his real name.

3. This Investigating Commission has supposedly published a series of letters received from German Nazi leaders urging RUDEL to return and take over the leadership of the Nazi movement in Germany. The last letter, according to this information, voices anxiety about RUDEL'S services after the 16 June revolution and states "your friends here see you already at the head of the army fighting for Sr. PERON or in command of the Argentine Air Force."

4. The most interesting information produced by this Investigating Commission is believed to be a letter by Sir OSWALD MOSLEY, former leader of the British Fascist Party, addressed to ex-general PERON on 2 January 1955 in which he writes:

"Your Excellency, I have the honour to write to you in connection with my friend Colonel H. U. RUDEL to beg you to again have the kindness of sending him to Europe as soon as possible.

"Several of us have the impression that his presence in Europe is of the greatest value for the maintenance of the position of Germany and the whole of Europe against the dangers that now threaten.

"Confidence can always be had in him to sustain with ability and energy the true values of civilization, so much furthered by the work done by Y.E."

5. From a different source it was reported that in approximately March of 1953 Colonel RUDEL attended a gathering of former Nazis in Stuttgart, Germany, where a number of speeches were made by former Nazi officers who were anti-U.S. and generally follow the communist doctrine. A very good supporter of RUDEL, VON REICHENAL, a brother of the German Field Marshall VON REICHENAL, was one of the principal speakers at this meeting. This contact told reporting officer that VON REICHENAL had worked for the British during the war in India but after the war had joined up with the communist movement. Contact stated that after this speech in Stuttgart no further contact was made with VON REICHENAL and his whereabouts at this time are unknown. Information available seems to indicate that RUDEL is possibly leaving Argentina and going to Russia or to the Eastern Zone of Germany in the near future. Contact stated that RUDEL had made numerous trips to Germany and had been living in a very luxurious fashion during his stay in Argentina. There are indications that RUDEL'S activities here in Argentina could possibly have been financed by the communists.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

6. Generally the information is believed to be true as it has been verified by several sources. Colonel RUDEL is not known by members of this office but is reported to be very anti-U.S. Information from Argentine Air Force personnel indicates that RUDEL contributed nothing to the Argentine Air Force and is not liked by a great percentage of Argentine Air Force personnel.

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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT (Uncl.) Newspaper Account of Irregularities concerning Entry of Dr. KURT TANK and Col HANS ULRICO RUDEL into Argentina.		
AREA REPORTED ON <u>Argentina</u>	FROM (City) <u>CAIRA, Buenos Aires, Argentina</u>	EVALUATION <u>0-3</u>
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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Do not duplicate in brief and summary form reports. Use numbers to identify reports. Do not exceed 200 words.) <u>1. Attached is a translation of a newspaper article on Dr. Kurt Tank and Hans ULRICO RUDEL, former Nazi flying ace, concerning the irregularities in securing passports, visas and so forth when these persons came to Argentina.</u>		
Comments of Preparing Officer: <u>2. The procedure which was followed by TANK and RUDEL is definitely illegal but it was a procedure which quite a few Germans used during 1947-1948 in escaping from Germany to Argentina and other countries in South America.</u>		
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Translation of Article appearing in "La Razon" on 12 January 1956

ANOTHER NAZI HIERARCH, KURT TANK, WAS PROTECTED BY THE DICTATOR; AS PLANE DESIGNER LIVES IN COUNTRY AND HELD FALSE DOCUMENTS

1. Cordoba - The investigating Commission made known the following: "Some days ago the provincial investigating commission told of information on irregularities proven in the granting of documents (Passports, identity cards, certificates, etc.) in favor of HANS ULRICO RUDEL, an ex-German ace of the last war and who had been designated by the Neo-Nazi German Movement as the "Fuhrer" to replace ADOLF HITLER. This confirmed what was in a book written by SILVANO SANTANDER while in exile in Montevideo during the Argentine dictatorship, a twin to that of Germany."
2. KURT TANK is another of the Germans denounced in the mentioned book. Upon the war's end in Europe, the Argentine dictator in keeping with his fraternal leanings towards Hitlerism, Italian Fascism, etc., gave RUDEL and many others a most cordial welcome. This cordiality made a joke of Argentine law. A designer of Focke Wulf planes, TANK was placed under contract by I.A.M.E.
3. In the same way as RUDEL, TANK obtained documents in the country under an assumed name. His case has distinct features, perhaps more grotesque than in RUDEL's case. TANK appeared before the Cordoba police as an Argentine. He was "FEDIC JORGE MAFLES", son of GUILLERMO and ANA SCHERTZINGER. Country: Argentina. Province: Santa Fe. Town: Rosario" The rest of the data was authentic. On 7 December 1948 this "Argentine citizen" appeared before the Cordoba police and with the pretext - the same as RUDEL - of a "Visa for driver's registration" gave these facts and asked for the opening of a file. Here you have an "Argentine citizen" not offering probationary Argentine documentation - as one would easily believe - an enrollment passbook, identity card obtained in another state, birth certificate - No. He presented, as is evidenced from the file which was opened without even any authentic copy nor signature of an official who certified to the strange presentation, a passport issued in Denmark, 13 November 1941, bearing Number 2 and the initials T.E.R.M.E.E.P. and whose translation was delivered to the interested person. Where are the translation and the original?
4. The same considerations which were made in RUDEL's case applied to TANK: MAFLES was an unknown personage in the technical-aeronautical circles. The one contracted by I.A.M.E. was KURT TANK, the world famous plane designer who was sought after by the Allied authorities to determine his part in the fighting and infamous regimen in whose service he was employed.
5. As with RUDEL, the file on TANK is fruitful in documents which were given TANK for use in his distinct activities. Thus TANK committed the crime of using false public documents which is prohibited by article 296 of the Penal Code. All this - making a joke of Argentine law - was aided and abetted by the Argentine dictator and his followers to whom this aspect of fundamental subjection, the ignorance and the civic violation of legal structures, which they imposed upon the country, mattered little. Pure Ayrrians these men - apocalyptic agents of the most developed technical and dreaded barbarousness known to the world - what does it mean to them to violate, with the complicity and complicity of the Argentine tyrant, the juridical ordinances of a country like ours, as far as they were concerned inferior and inhabited by an impure race?
6. As in the case of RUDEL, there came a moment in which TANK decided to "retake" his true name. That moment surely is marked by a change in international conditions and a disappearance of the danger for Nazi-German air aces and technicians. With the

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tranquility and assurance of one who, among trusting friends, TANK presented himself to the Cordoba police with a passport which read: "Government of Germany, Passport #68.210. The present was granted to KURT TANK, born on 24 February 1898 in Schwedenhöl, residing in Bremen (Germany); by profession an engineer; medium height, oval face, blue-gray eyes, dark blonde hair. Issued in Bremen, 21 May 1937 and visased by the consulates of Poland, France, Rumania, Egypt and Italy for use as a tourist".

7. Then the police, as in RUDEL's case, simply inscribed the new name on the file of "PEDRO JORGE MATTIES", "Argentine" and the file then read "PEDRO JORGE MATTIE or MATTIES is KURT TANK". The part which read "Argentina, Santa Fe, Rosario" was changed to read "Germany, Bremen, Schwedenhöl". In another part the nationality of the individual was confirmed based on the translation of German passport #68.210 belonging to the individual, translation of which is attached to that document. There is no signature.

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