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TO : 25.40/P-1
FROM : 25.40
SUBJECT : Johann SAMITZER
REFERENCE: My memo 6306

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1. The following is known about this case:

a. Subject was interned in Camp Marcus Orr in Salzburg by U.S. authorities and turned over to the Austrians in '47. While in this detention camp his cell mates were Adolf SLAVIK and Franz PIRACHER. He was also reported to be very close friends with one Max SPINDELBOEK while there.

b. In February '49 Subject was removed from Stein an der Donau by Soviet authorities. Since his removal from Stein there has been no reliable positive identification of Subject anywhere.

c. The following are the most common rumors, although it must be borne in mind that these could conceivably all originate from one basic original source:

(1) Subject is in Potsdam or in Bautzen with a leading position to the East German Security Forces.

(2) Subject is actually in jail but his name is being used in recruitment attempts made by the Soviets among ex-Nazis, particularly Gestapo (Subject was in Amt IV).

(3) Subject is frequently, although incorrectly, reported to be a cryptanalytic expert, which he is not, although he did study codes and ciphers while interned in Marcus Orr.

d. Newspaper men figure prominently among the principal sources of reported allegations concerning Subject. One of these is Armin RENTMEISTER whose reputation for reliability has been badly strained through the years.

e. Reliable sources report that there is no known communication between Subject and his wife.

f. In addition to the identification and further information

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given on Subject's relatives previously, the following may be added: Subject's wife is Anna nee GROEGER, born 1906 in Vienna; now residing Vienna/Perchtoldsdorf (Wien/XXV-Soviet Zone), Hoch Strasse 34. She is employed in the Hans MALLECZEK Machine & Tool Company. In addition to the fact reported above, Subject's wife does not appear to be in communication with him. We consider this lead a rather poor prospect inasmuch as she was evicted from her apartment by the Soviets long ago and despite numerous efforts she has not been able to get the place de-requisitioned. It is argued that were stories about Subject's service for the East true, the Soviets would have taken care of his wife.

f. The following are some of the individuals believed to have had some association with Subject in the past who may conceivably be leads for information of a more recent nature:

- (1) BROEDL, Anton, who allegedly was a target of a recruitment attempt made at least in the name of Subject. — V. 143 10
- (2) DACHS, Helmut.
- (3) FENNER, Wilhelm Dr.
- (4) FLEISCHACKER, Johann - investigations of this individual have shown him to be a notorious fabricator. This is not considered a promising lead.
- (5) FOCHE, Erhardt. = FOCHE, Erhardt
- (6) GANSTERER, Kaethe. It is alleged that two policemen from Graz showed her a letter to her from Subject. However, she allegedly was not allowed to retain it.
- (7) HASLINGER, Anton.
- (8) HUEBER, Frau. Dr. of ...
- (9) JOBST (?), Frau, ex-Gestapo man.
- (10) KASPER, Hans, police official. ...
- (11) KOPETSKY, Wilhelm.
- (12) LEUTNER, Karl or Lambert. 1 POC, police official
- (13) MAHEL, Eduard. ... 2456.
- (14) FIRACHER, Franz.

(15) PRIEWASSER, Franz. - Vienna

(16) PROCH, Walter. He is a longtime friend of Subject and one of his co-workers in the Gestapo-leitstelle in Vienna during World War II. As of November '50, PROCH was reported held by the Landesgericht, Vienna I. *Consolidated file copy 10/20/51*

(17) RAAB, fmu.

(18) STEINER, Josef. - Vienna

(19) STONER, Gustav.

(20) URFAN, Karl. *file*

g. The notorious Wilhelm HOETTL, during his recent interrogation, proposed that he be employed by American intelligence to establish contact with Subject, whose name he spelled SARNITZER, allegedly active on behalf of the Soviets. HOETTL proposed to establish contact with Subject's wife or to attempt to make contact with him through Dr. Othmar TREMKER, Dr. Karl EBNER or Ing. Karl KOWARIK. HOETTL gave the interrogator the impression that he did not know much about Subject. Needless to say, we would not, under any circumstances, consider the use of HOETTL on this III-F assignment. His notebook, upon examination, yielded the following address, however: SANITZER, Anny/Hugo, (Vienna) Perchtoldsdorf, Hoch Strasse 31.

2. Would you please let us have traces from your Kartel on the individuals mentioned above and let us know which of any of these leads you intend to pursue so that we may avoid crossing lines with other agencies interested in Subject.

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CIC traces in V - 27653 dtd 22 Jan '52, lists one Johann Fleischhacker alias PODBIELSKI as a resident of Vienna 6, Steigengasse 8; in late '51 subj. employed as temporary unpd. informant Vienna CIC; his reports held of dubious value on Sov persons in MVD, intelligence & underground activities; agent used name Sondergaard, provided false information; LCFluttered 3 Dec '51; former KPOe member; mem Polish underground movement during WW II; aided anti-Com underground in CSR with money; born 2 May '05, dropped CIC agent; Aus citizen.

CIC card file lists one Johann Fleischhacker Aus; arrested by CIC Vienna 23 Oct 45; criminal secretary SS Strumscharffuehrer Gestapo.

No additional G-2 traces; no SOB traces.

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SOB traces, in SBG -989 dated 7 Nov 1950, evaluated F-3, states that Johann SANITZER's Salzburg representative is one Gustav STANEK. STANEK was sentenced to 14 months in jail for war crimes and was paroled in 1950. At present he is employed at the Non-Stop kino in Salzburg. STANEK recently approached one Gerhart FOCKE, at present under CIC investigation, to work for SANITZER. FOCKE intends to accept the offer.

MASA -528 dtd 11 June 1951 states that Erhard FOCKE is a source of Grasper 9 who furnished reports on SANITZER (in MASW-125).

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SOB traces, in SBG-989 dtd 7 Nov 1950, list one Anton HASLINGER as a covert representative (Vertrauensmann) of Sanitzer in Austria. HASLINGER resides in Petersdorf near Vienna, Walzenstrasse 7. Haslinger and Sanitzer were friends since prior to 1938.

SOB traces, in Walsmith Rept#131, dtd 1 Dec '51, states that one Anton HASLINGER is a GRLaunch contact who has been identified in L SX-704 as a member of the Vienna Gestapo. A [] report (MAV-2216) claims SL HASLINGER is in Vienna and is in touch with SANITZER.

MAS-W-112 dtd 18 April 1951 states that MAV 127 identifies the HASLINGER mentioned in L SX -704 as Anton HASLINGER, born 1889, member of the anti-Communist brigade who later served in the Gestapo in Vienna and was subsequently interned at Camp Marcus Orr. It is interesting to note that, according to [] rept dtd 7 Nov 50 (MAV-2216) that a certain Anton HASLINGER is in Vienna and in contact with Sanitzer.

CIC traces in D/F to G-2, dtd 24 Oct '50, Soviet Agents File #613, states that one Anton HASLINGER, b. 13 Sept '09 in Vienna; add: Perchtoldsdorf bei Vienna, formerly belonged to Nazi terrorist group.; Soviets recruited him in Aug or Sept '50; divorced, no religion specified; in '30's, identified with a Nazi groups which tried to blow up public bldgs., trains and stations; June '37, sentenced yr. in prison for attempt to blow up Vienna Westbahnhof; noted for anti-Jewish excesses; fanatic Nazi; served German Abwehr WW2; maintains relations with one Egyptian princess ~~Hamida~~ Nashbschah alias FAZDIA; considered by Vien pol. as a highly dangerous addition to Soviet IS.

G-2 files had no additional traces.

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CIC traces list numerous Edward Hueber traces. Card file states one Dr. med. Eduard Hueber b. 3 Sept '71 @ Salzburg, is a physician formerly practicing @ Salzburg and now residing Leogang bei Saalfelden; no adverse info known.

Card file traces:

Dr. Franz HUEBER b. 10 Jan '94 in Grunburg, Mattsee #60; former SA brigadefuehrer, president Austrian administrative court; brother-in-law of Hermann Goering, Reichs air marshal.

Herbert Hueber, Gestap member at Salz in 1940.

Dr. Hubert Hueber b. 26 Oct '05 in Piessling; Salz newspaper digest of 22 Jun '46 identifies subj. as former gestapo chief named on Salz police list of war criminals; SS since 1 - 10 - 34; NSDAP since 9-30-30.

Dr. Josef HUEBER, ~~xxxx~~ (info dtd 26 Jy '46), minister of justice for Austria; brother in law of Goering.

Dr. jur. Richard Eduard HUEBER, Zell am See; b. 11 May 1909 @ Salz; lawyer; ~~NSV 138~~ NSV '38 - '39; NS Rechtswahrerbund since '39; Reichskolonialbund '39; no adverse info, screened by CIC 25 Feb '46.

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SOB traces in MASA -750 dtd 28 Aug 1951 states that one Hans KASPAR, former criminal police officer who served in Vienna and Graz, at present residing Graz, allegedly rec'd a direct letter from Sanitzer which was somehow intercepted, leading to an interrogation of Kaspar by police. (Since the Austrian police has no censorship facilities, it may be presumed the letter was intercepted by the British who thereupon requested the Austrian police to interrogate Kaspar.)

SOB traces in MASA -815 dtd 26 Sept '51 states that Johann KASPAR was b. 12 Oct 1908 in Vienna, former Kripo officer, divorced; address: Graz, New Hart, Widmannstettergasse 9, c/o Mrs. Baernthaller. In Dec '47 Kaspar was sentenced to 18 mos. in prison for war crimes. Presently employed by coal firm in Graz.

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CIC traces, card file, lists one Karl Leutgeb, b. 22 April '13; add:
Vienna XVIII, Peter Jordanstrasse 165; KPOe member in '49.

G-2 traces , card file, lists one Karl Leutgeb, b. 22 April 1913 @ Vienna;
Aus.; Catholic; married; parents, Karl and Elisabeth nee Teufel; former wife,
Rosa RUPP; present wife, Magdalena Neuteufel.

CIC traces in V - 5531 dtd 19 April '49, lists Karl LEUTGEB as provisorischer
Kriminalbeamter; member KPOe.

CIC traces in V -31773 dtd 7 Aug '52, lists Karl LeutGEB as residing
Weidhofen?Ybbs. Weyerstrasse 18; attended KPOe classes at educational and
indoctrination center, Mauerbach, Austria; father, Karl Leutgeb, also KPOe member.

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G-2 card file lists one Eduard MAHEL b. 9 Nov '06 @ Vienna; address
Padrichsam 8, Gam. St. Willibad; accountant, merchant; acting ortgruppenleiter
Ober St. Veit April '38 - 2 June '41; ht. 1.71; wt. 126; slender drk br hair,
br. eyes, glasses, proud carriage; arrested by CIC ~~in~~ 31 Oct '45, discharged
to Aus police 30 June '47.

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Additional trace forwarded POB in ~~SEE~~ EASA -916 dtd 2 March '53.

"CIC file card reports that Eduard MAHEL, born 9 Nov 1906, was arrested by
CIC since Subject was an Ortsgruppenleiter in the NSDAP. Subject was released
to Austrian authorities 27 Jan 1947. No other information."

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CIC traces, in S - 17602 dtd 28 April '53, lists one Franz PRIEWASSER as a Communist police official in Salzburg. (Eva. C-6). Priewasser, employed in Criminal records branch, was suspected by Pol. Inspector Ferdinand Buchmayer, head of wanted persons department of Salz police dept, of submitting confidential information to KPOe. Buchmayer requested that Priewasser not check wanted files anymore. Buchmayer, in turn, protested to labor union, threatening to take up matter with Ernst Fischer, KPOe parliament representative Vienna. (Eval. -6).

S - 15709 dtd 23 Dec 52, states that PRIEWASSER was born 22 Mar '12 at Schalchen, Upper Aus.; kriminal police investigator who has been KPOe member since '39; member and courier of KPOe intelligence. (Eval B-2).

S - 17126 , dtd 20 Mar '53, states that Priewasser has access to all western immigration cases processed; KPOe members have been seen in his office after hrs.; resides Itzlinger Hauptstrasse 17, Salz.; not a member of NSDAP.

SOB files contain no traces on PRIEWASSER.

Note: The above extracts are merely a sample of the information filed in G-2 and CIC on PRIEWASSER. The latter files contain volumes on PRIEWASSER. If more info is desired, or a specific type of info is desired, please resubmit request.

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on Priewasser to POB.*

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SQB traces in SBG - 989, dtd 7 Nov 1950, evaluated F - 3, states that one Ing. Richard Kauder-Klatt maintains contact with one Lena PROCH, wife of Walter Proch, former SD official and collaborator of Johann SANITZER, former polizeirat of the Vienna Gestapo who holds an important post with the East German police with hqs. at Weimar. Walter PROCH at present is in a Vienna prison. His wife lives at Plomberg/Mondsee, Upper Austria. Kauder-Klatt recently stated that he had been invited to work for Sov intelligence, but thus far has declined those offers. It is believed that Kauder-Klatt may be in touch with Sanitzer thru Lena PROCH who recently mentioned that her husband had received news from Sanitzer.

CIC traces, card file, lists one Walter PROCH, b. 30 Oct 1902; add: Mondsee; arrested because of past position as Kriminal Sekretare, SS "auptscharffuehrer; confined Camp Marcus Orr; released 4 Aug '47 to Aus pol Vienna.

Ltr from G-2 to 430th CIC dtd 7 Aug '45 states that Walter Proch arrived 23 Jy '45 at Vocklabruck, OO.; connected with Kripolietsteale Salz from mid-44-45.

COG intercept dtd 7 June '47 states that Walter PROCH rec'd suspicious telegram while ~~xxxxxxx~~ confined at Camp Marcus Orr. Further info on this item not available.

G-2 card file lists one Walter PROCH of St. Lorenz 80, Mondsee; in 1938, asst. of the Kripo-Koln; Feb '42, obercriminal asst.; Feb '44, criminal secretary Vienna.

SOB traces, MASA -418, dtd 18 April '51, identifies Walter PROCH as an assistant to one Johann Sanitzer.

G-2 traces, in a list of persons wanted for extradition dtd 10 Sept '48, lists one Walter PROCH, b. 30 Oct '09 at Teplitz-Schoenau, wanted by Polish govt.

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SOB traces in MASA -750 dtd 28 Aug 1951 lists one Josef Steiner, former Vienna criminal police officer, as a driver for the firm Claderoba in Graz, allegedly maintains contact with Sanitzer through a cover address in Vienna. Sanitzer allegedly tried to recruit him for the East German police and offered him a salary of 3,500 East Marks per month.

MASA -815 dtd 26 Sept 51 identifies Josef STEINER as born 14 Jan 1905 in Graz, divorced, residing Hammer-Purgstallgasse 23. Steiner came to Graz from Trofaiach in April 1950 and employed as driver for firm Claderova, Kastellfeldgasse 24, Graz. Joined NSDAP in 1931, participated in Nazi revolt of July 1934, subsequently fled to Germany, joined SS and in 1939 became Hauptsturmfuehrer in the SD.

MASA -815 dtd 26 Sept 51 states that STEINER rec'd a letter from Sanitzer, through a Vienna intermediary, inviting him to join East German police. Letter received about year ago. STEINER did not reply to letter but stated he had not given up the idea of joining Sanitzer's staff in view of the worsening economic situation in Austria. STEINER promised he would try to reestablish contact with SANITZER thru the former police officers in Vienna, Max KAIBLINGER and (fnu) KAMBA.

G-2 card file lists one Josef STEINER, b. 14 Jan 1905 @ Graz, who served as SS Hauptsturmfuehrer, SD Hauptamt Berlin; Abwehr Stellv., Norway (Oslo); Arrested ~~xxxxxx~~ 3 July '46 at Klagenfurt by Brit.; Party # 614386.

No CIC traces on subj.

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CIC traces ~~list~~ in MOIC - V - 9445 dtd 20 Dec '49 lists one Karl URBAN, b. 9 Jan '08 @ Vienna; add: Vienna XI, Hasleitengasse 10/Bl, as a KPOe member.

CIC traces in MOic -V -9445 dtd 20 Dec '49 lists one Karl URBAN b. 26 Sept '08 & residing Vienna X, Buchengasse 70/11, as a KPOe member.

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CIC traces, in same source as above, lists one Karl URBAN, b. 30 Oct 1903, as a KPOe member, Vienna.

G-2 ^TTraces same as above; no SCB traces.