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SUBJECT: Hans SANITZER, official of the former State Police Service in Vienna.

A returnee from Russia revealed the following concerning SANITZER:

"I was with Hans ANITZER during his last weeks in Moscow. The Russians took him out of the Stein/Osterreich prison where he was to serve a life sentence, and brought him to Moscow. There he was treated alternately well and badly in order to win him over. They even promised him a high officer's post in the NKVD, but Sanitzer refused all offers. I know this not only from his conversation with me, but also from the people who were with him in Vladimir Prison. He was also offered a good post with the radio intercept service (Funkabwehr) in the East Zone. The rumor of his alleged change of heart might have been spread intentionally by the Russians in order to discredit him in Austria and in Germany."

Source was formerly affiliated with a high-level police service. The information submitted herewith can be considered reliable.

Comment: Information on Johann Sanitzer was last submitted by the German source on 29 Dec 1955.

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