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1. Richard ROGGON, who began to work as an agent for MVD Weissensee in July 1945, was assigned to case officer Captain SKURIN in the beginning of October 1945. He worked with SKURIN for a month and a half, until the middle of November 1945, at which time he was again given a new case officer.

2. At first SKURIN had been interested, as had his predecessor, in ROGGON's knowledge of SS officers and leading Gestapo officials. Having submitted a series of reports on the form of work of the heads of Gestapo Referats and Abteilungen, ROGGON had to prepare a list of all Gestapo officials known to him--the same list which he had submitted four months earlier to the previous case officer--followed by a trace of the present whereabouts of the people listed.

3. Toward the end of October 1945, SKURIN ordered his agent to investigate a woman (ROGGON has forgotten the name and street) living in Berlin-Wilmersdorf (British Sector). Having located the woman, ROGGON was ordered to arrange a meeting with her in the Soviet Sector, in order that she might be arrested. SKURIN was extremely interested in her and promised ROGGON a reward of RM 300 in the event the arrest came off.

4. ROGGON returned to the woman's flat. Having learned from her during his first visit that she had personal property in Strausberg (Russian Zone) she was anxious to recover, ROGGON now offered her his assistance, and a rendezvous at Potsdamer Platz was quickly arranged. The woman arrived on the scene at the appointed time, and she and ROGGON proceeded toward the car which had been placed at his disposal by SKURIN. Before they reached the car, SKURIN, dressed in civilian clothes, approached ROGGON, identified himself as a Russian police official, and asked to see ROGGON's identification papers. Having inspected the man's papers, SKURIN requested ROGGON to accompany him, since the papers were not in order. The woman was told that unfortunately she, too, would have to come along to have her papers checked. The party got into the waiting car and drove to the MVD offices in Weissensee, Grosse See Strasse 113. When the party arrived at the office, ROGGON's papers were first quickly checked, and he was ushered into another room. SKURIN was very pleased with the successful arrest and handed ROGGON the promised reward of RM 300, which he had to sign for under his cover name of GUSTAV.

5. About a week later, ROGGON was ordered to contact a Frau SPRAFFKE, who lived in Berlin-Tempelhof, near the Ullstein Haus (American Sector). After several unsuccessful attempts to find the woman, whose husband was still a PW, at her home, ROGGON finally wrote her a letter, telling her he could give her information about her husband, since they had been in a PW camp together. Adding that he was only staying in Berlin for a short time, he suggested they meet at Bismarck Platz, in Weissensee. He wrote a short description of himself, and stated she could further identify him as he would hold a newspaper in his right hand. While SKURIN was watching across the street, ROGGON and Frau SPRAFFKE met. As the two were walking up the street toward a restaurant, SKURIN stopped the couple and asked for their papers. He ordered them to proceed to his office for a further check. Again ROGGON was ushered into another room, and SKURIN, pleased

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with his success, handed ROGGON RM 300 for his efforts.

6. There followed a few more investigations, all in the Russian Sector; none were successful, as the names and addresses led nowhere. Then, about the middle of November 1945, SKURIN introduced ROGGON to Captain DIVAKOV, who was to be his new case officer.

7. During the period when ROGGON worked for SKURIN, the latter had his office at MVD Weissensee, Grosse Seestrasse 113. ROGGON was impressed with the appearance of luxury of this office, and declared that the work rooms of other officers he visited later were primitive in contrast. ROGGON had the impression that SKURIN played a special role in the MVD Weissensee set-up. Another difference ROGGON noted was that there were always many dossiers on SKURIN's desk, while his other case officers never had more than one or two in view. Further, on several occasions when ROGGON was in SKURIN's office, the latter was called to the chief's office, and always left with a folder of papers. ROGGON also knew, from his previous case officer, that SKURIN was deputy to the Major (CO of MVD Weissensee).

8. SKURIN's interest in the Gestapo, as far as ROGGON was able to judge, lay especially in learning how intelligence work was organized in the Gestapo, and who worked in this field. He also wanted to know the chiefs and officials of the Wehrmacht Referat, the KPD Referat, counter-intelligence, and the office handling affairs in occupied western territories, such as Holland, Belgium and France.

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