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l. You have no doubt already observed that the information contained in the SI documents T 1813 and T 1814 is embodied in our XLW-590. Unfortunately, we dated our notes as being from a "reliable source - 1939." Actually, they are largely from these two SI documents on Wilna, dated late in 1943.

- 2. As mentioned in reference (b) above, we are receiving increasing indications of control by the SD over the Abwehr, yet exactly how this control is exercised is not known. It is quite certain, however, that the Militarisches Amt, consisting of the Abwehr Abteilungen I (except I Wi) and II has now been made a section of the RSHA under SS Oberf. Dr. Walter SCHELLENBERG (of Amt VI, RSHA). Whether or not the Mil. Amt has been subordinated to Amt VI, we do not know; but this seems unlikely. It is more probable that SCHELLENBERG has taken over the direction of the Mil. Amt as an additional responsibility. This may be only a temporary measure.
- 3. Abwehr Abteilung III seems to have been entirely split up: some parts of it fusing with the RSHA while others have been put under the O.K.W. Abwehr Abteilungen III N, III C and III F have become parts of Amt IV, RSHA. Abwehr Abteilung I Wi and probably Abt. III Wi have become parts of Amt VI, RSHA. Abwehr Abteilungen III H, III M and III L are now under the O.K.W. Abwehr Abteilung III D is now under the Wehrmachtsführungsstab. Abwehr Abteilung III A may now be in Amt IV, RSHA.
- 4. The work of the Zentralstelle has quite probably been integrated with that of Amts I & II, RSHA.

5. Abwehr Trupps, now being called Frontaufklürungs-kommandos have been placed under the command of the O.K.W.

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6. An Abwehrstelle (Ast) is now called a Kommando des Meldegebiets. Incidentally, the Kommandos der Meldegebiete in Rumania are now under the command of the Militarisches Amt C.

7. A very brief outline of our present conception of the additions to the RSHA follows:

> Amt I (- ? Zentralstelle) Amt II

Amt III

Amt IV IV A - 4 Abw. III N + Abw. III C + Abw. III F

Amt V

Amt VI + Abw. I Wi -+ (? Abw. III Wi)

Amt Mil under SCHELLENBERG of Amt VI (? now possibly under Ostubaf. STEIFLE who may be deputising for Schellenberg) + Abw. I (except I Wi) + Abw. II

Amt VII

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