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1. Herewith is a copy of a translation of a report prepared by the subject while underinterrogation. The report deals mainly with Amt. VI of the RSHA and German intelligence activities in Finland.

2. He has had considerable experience as a member of the Nazi Party and as a German Intelligence Official. At the time of the Capitulation he was Leiter of Abt. III Bei KdS at Bergen, Norway.

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Father: Christian ZÜLLNER (Lt ZS)

Mother: Emmie ZÜLLNER *ced*Wife: Käte ZÜLLNER *ced*

Children: Two daughters

Born: 28 January 1914 at Kiel

Education: to and including Oberrealshule

His ultimate intention was to become an officer as his father, and accordingly he joined the youth organizations Pfadfinder and Jungdeutscher Orden which he belonged to until 1932 when most of these organizations were absorbed in the Schutzstaffel (SS of NSDAP). In October 1934 he applied for a commission, but was rejected on account of an eye injury which he had received as a boy. During the fall 1934, he was made leader of the SS Guard at the Arado air plane factory in Warnemünde. However, since he was very much interested in sports, he applied to the RAD (Reichsarbeitsdienst) and obtained a transfer during the fall of 1935. By taking several courses he qualified as Feldmeister after a year's time. From 1936 to 1938 he served his compulsory military training, and was commissioned as Feldwebel der Reserve and Offiziersanwärter. Through the influence of his SS friends, he was taken up in the SD in October 1938, and by July 1939 had been placed in charge of Aust Wismar. In 1940 he was ordered to take several courses, during which time he expressed the desire to enter the "Leading Service." This resulted in an appointment for a short time in Amt III (SD) (July to October 1941) where he specialized in Balkan affairs. Among other things he was liaison officer for Colonel General Ritter von SCHEBERT, (Xith AOK) as well as assigned to the staff of Marshal ANTONESCU on one of his visits to Germany. *→ Bernau.*

In April 1943 he was ordered to Berlin and joined the German Foreign Information Service (AND or GND) where he became acquainted with all of the foreign representatives as well as the main representatives and influential agents of the Amt in various countries. In July 1944 he became Regierungsassessor and SS-Hauptsturmfuehrer, and as such got to know many important personalities within the SS. In March 1945 he was ordered to Norway where he was to be deputy of the chief of the SD, and at the same time Leiter of Abt III. On 7 April 1945 he flew from Berlin to Oslo, remained there for three weeks, and assumed his position in Bergen on 28 April 1945

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II Reports

Subject has prepared the following reports which he believes to be of interest from information acquired within the Foreign Information Service (AND) which was under the control of RSHA. He contends that these reports will be of value to the British intelligence service on account of the attempts of Bolshevist Russia to influence all of Europe from a political and military standpoint. The reports are based on sources of the AND which were available to subject as a member of the Leading Service of this Amt. These reports expressed the truth, and by and large, consist of information for the German leaders. In this connection, an exhaustive report was submitted to the British by subject regarding eventual Russian participation in the war against Japan. This report was submitted 12 June 1945.

A. The German Invasion Net in Finland Directed against Soviet Russia

This net (W/T and information net) functioned in Finland from the end of 1943 until the Finns capitulated in 1944. Altogether there were five transmitters in operation. Communications with the station in Helsinki (illegal) were maintained until at least March 1945, at which time subject was ordered to Norway. Subject believes that the W/T operator, a Dane, could establish communications if given new frequencies provided, of course, he is still in Helsinki. Exact details can be given by the main representative for Finland, who was partly handled by Amt VI and partly by subject. The name of the main representative for Finland is SS-Sturmfuehrer Alarich BROSS. He was last known to be stationed with Frog.Kapt. CELLARIUS at Murwick. BROSS was married to a Finn and lived in Finland until it capitulated. He had an excellent information net within the highest circles. He also had excellent contacts with National Finns who were not National Socialists, but who will work with all anti-Bolshevists. He had great influence in Finland and submitted reports against Russia to the German AND. These reports were partly submitted from Stockholm. The main representative for Finland after its capitulation had a special position in Germany with regard to the Northern countries. BROSS sent his reports to Berlin which were in turn directed back at Finland through a secret propaganda transmitter.

This main representative, who was one of the most able men of the AND abroad and who was stationed in Flensburg during the last days of the war, had revealed the true situation of Finland to Foreign Minister von RIBBENTROP on his last visit to Helsinki. However, von RIBBENTROP did not accept his report as it conflicted with the opinion of his ambassador. Subject believes that this main representative can be found and is definitely ready to work actively against Russia in the interest of the British intelligence service.

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In spite of the fact that the Russians had some inkling of the affair, the main representative was able to escape by submarine sent by Amt VI, taking along with him his staff as well as equipment, money, and documents of utmost importance. This occurred in the month of January 1945.

Subject believes that the leader of the Finnish Academic Korelia Society, Oberleutnant Helanen, is one of the most important men for Finland. By the aid of the German AND, he was brought back to Finland. The Russian NKWD have and are making energetic attempts to secure HELANEN. The subject was officer-courier for the Waffen SS headquarters, and spent about four weeks in Finland during 1943 as such. Another purpose of his visit was to get acquainted with the important personalities. This was done at the request of the Leiter of Amt VI.

The exact political developments in Finland were well known to the AND. They started with the trip of Marshal MANNERHEIM to Switzerland ostensibly for his health. Meetings were arranged with the Allies through Madam KOLLANTAY (Russian ambassador to Sweden) and resulted in Finland's exit from the war. This was arranged through the AND, while the German Foreign Office was working at cross purposes.

Subject has detailed knowledge of the invasion net in Denmark and can ascertain the names of persons who were in deed SS-Fuehrers but who did not belong to the executive branch (Gestapo.) These persons are known through subject's administrative work, and concerned themselves particularly with the transmitting of information; in other words, not incriminated as SS. Subject can furnish important information on Sweden which has been obtained from agents who have penetrated the Russian Legion and who belonged to Madam KOLLONTAY's set. The main representative in Sweden is a close personal friend of subject. This is also true of those in Denmark, Rumania, and Bulgaria. In addition, reports can be obtained from these countries embracing the unofficial attitude concerning Russia's political moves against her allies, particularly England. This applies equally to the Spanish, Italian, and Greek sectors.

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B. Special Mission

During the month of March, subject was entrusted with a special mission for Amt VI. An English major by the name of DUDGE or DOUDGE (probably DODGE), who was taken prisoner at Dunquerque, was given a mission by AND. An employee of Amt, Dr. THOST, who was a correspondent of the "Völkischen Beobachter" in England before the war, was assigned to him. Major DODGE, who had been taken in the confidence of the highest quarters, was to be mediator for the German Reich. According to Major DODGE, he knew the English Prime Minister well and also had many personal acquaintances who were leading figures of the Empire. When the bombing attacks on Berlin increased in intensity, subject evacuated Major DODGE to Dresden, where he was introduced to the inspector of the SIPO and SD. Through subject Major DODGE was accredited by the superiors of the inspectorate. Dr. THOST was also placed at the disposal of Major DODGE in Dresden. The inspector acquired liberal quantities of tobacco, ration cards, etc. from Berlin. Major DODGE was also introduced to the Höheren SS und Polizeifuehrer. He remained here until the terrific bombing attack in the beginning of March which practically wiped out the city. The day after the attack, subject was ordered to Dresden to take Major DODGE to Weimar to safety. The Höheren SS und Polizeifuehrer had personally assured himself of the safety of the Major, who had lived in one of the leading Dresden hotels and who was allowed to move about freely, not even accompanied by Dr. THOST. Subject found Major DODGE uninjured at the best hotel in the city. When the bombing attacks on Weimar increased in intensity, subject was to bring Major DODGE to a manor near Mecklenburg for his personal safety. Major DODGE was to be sent to London via Stockholm by order of the Fuehrer. However, as subject flew to Oslo on 7 April, he does not know whether this took place.

The relationship between Major DODGE and subject, as well as other SS-fuehrers, was one of great friendship. Subject was assured of this by Major DODGE when they parted.

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C Organization of the Amt for the Political Foreign Information Service Amt VI

By decree of the Reichfuehrer SS, in his capacity as Chief of the German police, Amt VI became the sole agency for the German Information Service (political) and was known as Auslandsnachrichtendienst (AND) or Geheimen Meldienst. (GND)--Secret Report Service.

The main offices of this Amt, comprising the office of the Leiter and other top figures, was located until April 1945 in Berlin Schmargendorf, Berkaerstr 32-35. (Some of the Referats had been moved to the suburbs of Berlin as early as 1944 on account of the stepped-up bombing attacks.) Because of the approach of the Russians, the Head Offices and most of the Amt were evacuated to Bavaria (Tegernsee) in April with the intention of setting up in Innsbruck. The Foreign Office and most of the foreign representatives were to be evacuated here also. Subject cannot state whether the plans were carried out in all details as he was transferred to Norway at the time (April 7, 1945). A partial evacuation to Central Germany of the Amt had taken place already during February; however, it was the intention that these sections were to be combined with the remainder at Tegernsee.

The Amt was under the leadership of the Amtschef, SS Brigadefuehrer and Major General of Police (Generalmajor der Polizei), Walter SCHELLENBERG, who in turn was responsible to the Chief of the Sipo and SD, General of Police (General der Polizei), General of the Waffen SS, Dr. KALTENBRUNNER, who also was in charge of the other Amter of the RSHA (I, II, III, IV, V, VII and Amt N).

Amt VI was subdivided in so-called Gruppen, each directed by a Gruppenleiter, and the Gruppen again into Referate whose chiefs were termed Referenten.

See
Gruppe VI A - Chief, SS Standartenfuehrer Dr Martin SANDBERGER. This Gruppe comprised the Referate for Administration, Finance, Personnel, Travel and Visas, and Orientation.

See
Gruppe VI B - Chief, SS Standartenfuehrer Eugen STEIMLE (also Deputy for the Amtschef). This Gruppe comprised Referate for Italy, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal, France, Belgium, and Holland. The Referate for the various countries also embraced their colonial possessions.

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Gruppe VI C - Chief, SS Obersturmbannfuehrer RAPP. This Gruppe included Referate for the Soviet Union, Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) and Poland, Japan

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and China (this Referate also included Free India), Turkey and the Near East (Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Arabia, Egypt, and representation for the Minister President Gailiani of Iraq as well as for the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.)

Gruppe VI D - Chief, SS Obersturmbannfuehrer, Dr. Thoe *and*
~~PAFFGEN~~. This Gruppe comprised the Referate for Great Britain (Empire), the United States of America, South America and Central America, Scandinavia (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland).

Gruppe VI E - Chief, SS Obersturmbannfuehrer *W* WANNEK. *from*
This Gruppe was located in Vienna since May, 1944, and included Referate for Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia, and Greece.

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Gruppe VI F - Chief, SS Sturmbannfuehrer and Oberstleutnant BOHNING. This Gruppe was located partly in Berlin-Grunewald and partly in Berlin-Wansee and was the technical Gruppe. It was subdivided into Referate with the following functions: acquisition of all technical matters, chemical laboratory and research, weapons and clothing, radio and radio training (communication links to the various countries), photography and broadcasting, and issue of all necessary papers for foreign travel.

Gruppe VI G - This Gruppe was the scientific Gruppe which was in the process of being formed. Name of the Chief is not yet known to Subject. The subdivision in Referate had not as yet taken on definite lines of demarkation, but they were to cover the following subjects: scientific evaluation and organization within the scope of the various case offices, information service (covering all personalities worthy of mention in Germany and abroad), special news service (all foreign newspapers), consolidation of all scientific material developed by the Referate for the various countries.

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Gruppe VI S - Chief, SS ^{United States} Sturmbannfuehrer and Colonel of the Waffen ~~SS~~ KORZENY. This Gruppe had only their administrative offices in ~~Berlin~~ ^{United States} ~~the rest being~~ located in ~~Berlin~~

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