

This case should not be mentioned to the GIS. Since our knowledge of this operation is not received open in all respects, ignorance on part is to be expected.

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CASE NAME: THEODOR

AGENT NAME: Guenther TONN CRYPT: THEODOR

GIS C/O: Heinz FELFE @ FRIESEN

CIA C/O: [] Name used with GIS: Unknown

OPPOSITION C/O: SHCHUKIN has used alias CHOSEIN

OPPOSITION SERVICE: RIS, probably KGB in Karlshorst

OPPOSITION TARGET: Political intelligence on personalities, structure and intentions of the West German government.

OPPOSITION CONTACT: A courier contact can be arranged by THEODOR by writing an open code letter to an East Berlin letter drop. THEODOR receives and can also send S/W letters. He goes personally to East Berlin to meet SHCHUKIN occasionally. THEODOR has been given a minox camera by the RIS, but has so far proved himself incapable of using it properly.

GIS CONTACT: THEODOR is met in Bonn in safe houses.

SUMMARY: This is an offshoot of the LENA case. SHCHUKIN, LENA's case officer, told LENA in October 1955 that the RIS had succeeded in recruiting THEODOR in Berlin in September 1955.

THEODOR is an employee of the Bundespresseamt in Bonn who has a prior history of Communist activity. In 1954 he signed a contract to write, under pseudonym, a book for publication in the East Zone. This book will be an expose of personalities and activities on the political scene in Bonn. The publishing house attached to LENA's organization will do the actual printing.

After receiving the tip on THEODOR from SHCHUKIN through LENA, the GIS kept THEODOR under observation until March 1956. LENA also provided a window on THEODOR's activities. In March 1956, having coordinated with the SG, the GIS confronted THEODOR with certain contradictions in his job application (failure to state his prior KPD membership), and also his unauthorized trip to Berlin. The shock of these revelations plus judicious use of information from LENA caused THEODOR to confess completely. THEODOR not only signed a confession but furthermore agreed to work as a double agent for the GIS. The case was continued as it was, and some spielmaterial cleared first with the SG has been passed to the RIS. In June, THEODOR became ill with a gall bladder condition which has kept him out of the office until the present time. He has written to the RIS that he will be back to work on 1 September 1956.

The case so far has confirmed LENA's somewhat shocking story of SHCHUKIN's insecurity, as well as brought to GIS attention certain indications that there is very likely an RIS source currently operating in the Bonn Foreign Office. THEODOR is not a very competent agent and is ill suited for a D/A role. The GIS hopes to be able to ring in another individual (GIS controlled of course) as a replacement for THEODOR. It is hoped also that the case can be so played as to bring about the identification of the RIS source in the foreign office.

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