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PERTINENT INFORMATION

VIETH, WERNER, [ ] CO-HEAD OF THE INVESTIGATIONS ESPIONAGE SECTION OF THE SG "HAUPTREFERAT E" HEADED BY WERNER VIETH (KHK) CIT: GERMANY. BORN 19 JANUARY 1914 IN BREMEN, GERMANY, AND HEINZ LUEBKE (KOK), [ ] CIT: GERMANY BORN 24 APRIL 1926 IN STARGARD, GERMANY. THIS IS THE SECTION WE DEAL WITH PRIMARILY. BOTH VIETH'S AND LUEBKE'S JOBS HAVE REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. OF THE TWO LUEBKE IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MORE EFFICIENT AND CAPABLE INVESTIGATOR. HE IS YOUNG AND AMBITIOUS, HAS AN EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH HIS INTERROGATORS, AS WELL AS WITH HIS SUPERIORS. WE HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE DEALINGS WITH HIM AND FIND HIM A MOST PLEASANT AND ACCOMMODATING LIAISON CONTACT. YOU WILL FIND A DETAILED BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF LUEBKE IN EONA-21255 OF 24 MAY 1961 WHICH WAS SENT IN PREPARATION OF HIS TRIP TO THE STATES. ALTHOUGH VIETH IS OF HIGHER RANK SAEVECKE UNDOUBTEDLY RECOGNIZES HIS LIMITATIONS AND MOST OF THE IMPORTANT ESPIONAGE CASES ARE PASSED TO LUEBKE AND HIS STAFF. VIETH'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE ROSALIE KUNZE CASE HAS NOT HELPED HIS REPUTATION, EITHER. (VIETH WAS CARRYING ON AN AFFAIR WITH ONE OF KUNZE'S GIRL FRIENDS AND THROUGH HER HAD MET KUNZE. WHAT MADE MATTERS WORSE IS THAT VIETH DID NOT VOLUNTARILY REPORT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH KUNZE TO HIS SUPERIORS WHEN THE CASE BROKE BUT WAITED TO SEE IF HIS NAME WOULD COME UP DURING THE INTERROGATIONS - WHICH OF COURSE IT DID WHEN KUNZE ADMITTED HAVING SENT REPORTS ON VIETH TO THE HVA). AT THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT NO ONE EXPECTED THAT VIETH WOULD HOLD HIS JOB AT THE SG BUT FOR REASONS NEVER CLARIFIED BRUECKNER SATISFIED HIMSELF WITH A REPRIMAND AND VIETH MANAGED TO WEATHER THE STORM.

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