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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)  
THROUGH : Assistant Deputy Director (Plans)  
SUBJECT : Third Visit of Officials of the West  
German Security Service (BfV)  
REFERENCE : EGNW-2955, 6 February 1963

1. This memorandum is for your information.
2. In accordance with a decision in 1961 to invite several officials of the West German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV), Albert RADKE, Vice President, and Richard GERKEN, Chief of Department IV (CE/CI), of that organization visited the United States in September and October 1961. In May 1962 the second such visit took place when Dr. Guenther NOLLAU, Chief of Department III (Left Radicalism) and Lorenz BESSEL-LORCK, Chief of Department II (Right Radicalism) of the organization came to the United States. It was planned at that time that a third visit would take place and approval was confirmed in Reference.
3. It is now planned to bring to the United States Dr. Richard MEIER, head of the Evaluation Section of Department IV (CE), and Erich WENGER, head of the Operations Section of Department IV (CE). The visit will be for a sixteen day period beginning 3 May 1963 and extending to 19 May 1963. During their visit they will participate in discussions with and be briefed by members of OCR, Office of Security, Office of Personnel, CI Staff, EE, SR, FE, and TS Divisions. Two days of their stay in Washington will be devoted to consultation with the Army, the Air Force and the FBI. On two weekends they will be escorted on sight-seeing tours in the Washington area. The final three days of their visit will be devoted primarily to sight-seeing in New York City.

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4. It is felt that the visit of the above individuals will be to the mutual benefit of CIA and the BfV. During the past two years there has been a marked trend toward closer liaison between CIA and the BfV on matters of mutual concern in the CI/CE field, and the visit of MEIER and WENGER is expected to accelerate this trend. The previous visits of BfV officials were very successful from a liaison point of view, and the planned visit of MEIER and WENGER is expected to further enhance the liaison relationship.

5. It is not expected that you will be asked to participate in the briefings or entertainment of the visitors.

6. Attached for your information are biographic and operational notes on the visitors and a proposed agenda for their visit.

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Acting Chief  
Eastern Europe Division

**Attachments:**

- Tab A - Biographic sketch on Dr. Richard Meier
- Tab B - Biographic sketch on Mr. Erich Otto Wenger
- Tab C - Tentative Agenda
- Tab D - Administrative Annex

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Dr. Richard MEIER

1. Dr. Richard MEIER is currently the head of the Evaluation Section of Department IV (Counterespionage) of the BfV. He is thirty-five years old and will be eligible for retirement when he reaches the age of sixty-two. MEIER is one of Department Chief Richard GERKEN's two deputies and regularly acts as Department Chief in GERKEN's absence. Although no official announcement has been made yet, GERKEN is planning to retire from office about October of this year and there are fairly firm indications that Dr. MEIER will succeed him as Chief of Department IV (Counterespionage) of the BfV.

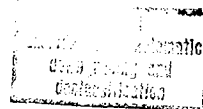
2. A brief summary of Agency file information on Dr. MEIER and Bonn's current evaluation of him follows:

Dr. Richard MEIER was born on 6 January 1928 in Munich. He served a brief period in the military towards the end of the war and soon after the war he commenced his law studies at the University of Munich. He obtained his doctorate in juris prudence and worked as an Assistant Judge with the Public Prosecutors Office in Wuppertal from December 1954 until late 1957, just prior to joining the BfV.

Dr. MEIER is married to Eva MEIER nee MARKOTAY who is of Hungarian extraction. The couple has two children, a boy and girl aged 5 and 7.

When MEIER joined the BfV in early 1958 as a young Assessor he had no experience in the intelligence field, but his legal education and training suited President SCHRUEBBERS' policy of filling the BfV personnel roster with lawyers especially in the field of evaluation. In reviewing MEIER's relatively short tenure with the BfV (five years) it might be said that he was trained from the start to one day take over one of the key positions. Initially MEIER was what might be called a Referent-without-Portfolio. He was given a variety of responsibilities and jobs and received on-the-job training almost comparable to a JOT in our organization. In approximately mid 1958 he took over the EGIS Referat in Department IV/A (CE Evaluation) where he replaced Christian HOFFMANN, a man with six years experience in the EGIS field but lacking legal training. Although this shuffle of personnel caused much criticism within the BfV rank-and-file MEIER weathered the storm well, showed much enthusiasm for his new job and was quite eager, willing and capable of learning his new duties. He soon gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues and subordinates alike.

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As mentioned above, MEIER was apparently slated for bigger jobs from the very start of his BfV career and when Lorenz BESSEL-LORCK was transferred to chief of Department II (Right Radicalism) in late 1959, MEIER was moved up to chief evaluator for Department IV, the position vacated by BESSEL-LORCK. Although this advancement of a relatively young and inexperienced civil servant to a job of considerable responsibility was again undoubtedly in compliance with President SCIRUEBBERS policy of filling key posts with lawyers, MEIER's performance in the EGIS Referat and his apparent ability to familiarize himself with a new subject matter with relative ease, stood him in good stead.

In his present job MEIER is one of the main liaison contacts of Bonn Base at the BfV and has been found to be extremely pleasant and most cooperative at all times. He still lacks a certain amount of experience and know how in the operational intelligence field but has a thorough understanding of the legal aspects and implications involved. Initially MEIER may have considered his BfV service as a short time experience and stepping stone for other Civil Service jobs but in the meantime he seems to have become more than content with his BfV assignment and will most likely remain with that office for the foreseeable future. Approximately a year ago he was promoted to Oberregierungsrat and if, and when he, get the job of Department chief (now occupied by a Leitender Regierungsdirektor) he will very likely be promoted again.

3. As head of the Evaluation Section of Department IV (CE) of the BfV, Dr. MEIER is responsible for the BfV's collation, evaluation, and analysis of information on hostile intelligence activities in West Germany and on the organization, method of operation, and targets of those hostile services operating in his country. MEIER's experience in the intelligence field is confined solely to his BfV service and there, with the exception of a few months familiarization training in various sections of the BfV, he has always worked on the evaluation side of the Ce Department. Nevertheless, as a frequent substitute for GERKEN he has gained insight into the overall CE efforts of the BfV and has recently been developing closer personal contacts with other BfV Department Chiefs.

4. Dr. MEIER has been in witting contact with representatives of this Agency and other branches of the American intelligence community since early 1958 when he joined the ranks of the BfV. Dr. MEIER fully supports the concept of Western unity and recognizes and appreciates America's leading role in the Western camp. He has always shown an extremely friendly and cooperative attitude towards the American liaison officers. He is most anxious to gain a fuller first-hand knowledge of the United States and is looking forward to his forthcoming trip with open enthusiasm and anticipation.

5. MEIER has a fair command of the English language. He understands and reads English very well but his speaking ability is somewhat more limited. His colleague and travel companion Eric WENGER has no English language capability worth mentioning.

6. Cover will be that of a German official making contact with police authorities. In special cases, where desirable, he may reveal that he represents the Interior Ministry.

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ERICH OTTO WENGER

1. Erich WENGER is one of Department Chief Richard GERKEN's two deputies. He heads the operational (Beschaffung) Section of Department IV (CE), undoubtedly the most important and responsible operational job within the BfV. He has held this job since ca. 1956, and due to both his operational experience and excellent performance in the job, there is little likelihood that he will be transferred to another position in the foreseeable future. WENGER is fifty years of age, of apparent good health, and there is no indication that he will retire before his date of eligibility, which is 12 years hence.

2. A summary of the information on WENGER available in Agency files and Bonn's current evaluation of him follows:

Erich Otto WENGER was born on 20 November 1912 in Romeyken, East Prussia. His political record during the NSDAP years is most discrediting, and as we will point out in subsequent paragraphs has indeed had a strong negative influence on his BfV career.

WENGER joined the NSDAP in 1932, was a member of the SA from 1932 to 1933, and in 1933 transferred to the SS/SD where he reached the rank of Hauptsturmfuehrer. He served several years with the Reichssicherheitshauptamt Abt. IV-Berlin and later in France - Paris and Nancy. Our records do not indicate his whereabouts at the time of the capitulation; however, from his own statements and those of his wife, we know that he was somewhere in the West. In the closing days of the war, his wife fled from Berlin to West Germany with their three small children. The family was also joined in the West by Subject's mother.

WENGER was picked up by the BfV as a contract agent in ca. 1950 or 1951 and was immediately assigned to the CE field. He worked as a CE case officer using the alias Eguard WOLTERS - and Allied Services had few dealings with him at that time. There was much deliberation at the time, as to whether WENGER's dubious political past would permit him to be hired as a full time BfV staff employee. In 1955, realizing his predicament, WENGER threatened to leave the BfV and attempt to find employment with the then to be established Armed Forces Counter-intelligence Service. The BfV could then as now ill afford to lose its most experienced and by far

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most competent CE officer, and in 1956 after much prodding, the Interior Ministry approved WENGER's appointment as a full time employee of the BfV with the rank of TOA 3.

With this change in status WENGER was moved into the BfV building and given the job of chief of the CE Operations Section, a position he holds to this day. The BfV considers WENGER its outstanding CE expert, and from their extensive dealings with him over recent years, Bonn fully concurs in the BfV's assessment and gives him full credit for his know-how and professionalism in the CE field.

His road as chief CE operator at the BfV has not always been a smooth one. As an employee he was in a position where he had to supervise the work of higher-ranking Civil Servants with ranks as high as Regierungsrat, and although he has always been dedicated to his work and diligent in its performance he was less than satisfied with his official status. WENGER's BfV superiors, giving him full credit for his achievements, pushed through a promotion to TOA II, but for years both they and WENGER himself, for that matter, saw little chance that he could ever gain Civil Service status.

WENGER is married and has three grown children, two daughters and a son. Bonn contact with him in recent years has been frequent and is probably one of the most productive and rewarding at the BfV. The relationship is based on mutual respect, and he holds the Agency in high regard.

3. As head of the operations section of Department IV (CE) of the BfV, WENGER is responsible for all CE operations (double-agent cases, penetrations, etc.) run by the BfV and for the coordination of cases run by the local provincial security services (LfVs). He is also responsible for BfV investigative activity in the CE field. As indicated above WENGER has been in intelligence work, primarily in counter-intelligence, since the early thirties and is the most experienced and capable operator in that field of activity in the BfV. Over the past years he has worked against virtually every Eastern target.

4. WENGER has been in formal witting liaison contact with representatives of this Agency and other branches of the American intelligence community since ca. 1956. Before that time he was known to the AIS community but contact was loose and less frequent. WENGER recognizes the seriousness of the Communist threat to which his country is exposed, and

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fully appreciates that only a united Western front under U. S. leadership can oppose this threat. He has never visited the United States and is most appreciative that he is offered this opportunity now. WENGER has never expressed anything but pro-American sympathies to us, and we have always found him to be a most pleasant and cooperative liaison partner.

5. WENGER has no English language capability worth mentioning.

6. Cover will be that of a German official making contact with police authorities. In special cases, where desirable, he may reveal that he represents the Interior Ministry.

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**SUBJECT: TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR BRIEFING BFV VISITORS**

**Monday 6 May:** 0900-0930: Greeting by Chief, EE  
0930-1200: Agency Briefing  
1200-1400: Lunch  
1400-1630: International Communism

**Tuesday 7 May:** 0900-1200: Soviet Intelligence  
1200-1400: Lunch  
1400-1630: Soviet Intelligence

**Wednesday 8 May:** Visit to Pentagon

**Thursday 9 May:** 0900-1000: Polish Intelligence  
1000-1100: Czech Intelligence  
1100-1200: Hungarian Intelligence  
1200-1400: Lunch  
1400-1500: Chinese Intelligence  
1500-1600: Yugoslav Intelligence  
1600-1745: Bulgarian/Roumanian Intelligence

**Friday 10 May:** 0900-1000: Personnel Recruitment and Training  
1000-1100: Machine Records  
1100-1200: Personnel Security  
1200-1400: Lunch  
1400-1630: Interrogation Seminar

**Monday 13 May:** FBI Tour

**Tuesday 14 May:** 0900-1200: FI/D Briefing  
1200-1400: Lunch  
1400-1630: OCR Tour

**Wednesday 15 May:** 0900-1200: Audio Briefing by TSD in  
R&S Building  
1200-1400: Farewell Luncheon  
Depart for New York

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ADMINISTRATIVE ANNEX

The following is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 3a (6) and 3a (7) of CSI #60-3:

1. Costs of the 3-19 May 1963 visit of the two BfV Staff Officers is estimated as follows:

a. a. Transportation to and from Germany, including cost of travel of the CIA escort officer, \$3,050.00

b. Other Expenses (These will include the cost of hotel rooms for the visitors and the CIA escort officer; meals and incidental expenses for the visitors; planned entertainment during their visit to include a musical comedy and a baseball game in New York City and luncheons and dinners in Washington attended by various Headquarters officers; other expenses, including car rental, for sight-seeing trips for the weekends of 4-5 May and 11-12 May, 1963. No subsistence allowances will be paid.): \$1,200.00

c. Maximum total cost: \$4,250.00

2. Agency vehicles will be needed during the periods 6-10 May and 13-15 May for transportation to and from Headquarters buildings.

3. The allotment to be charged is 3139-9300-5995. No additional funds will be required.

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