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MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

TO: 25, 25.40A4
THRU: 25.50
FROM: 25.50C

SUBJECT: UJ-DREADFUL, PART I

1. The purpose of Part I of this report is to pull together all known facts about UJ DREADFUL personally. Part II will be an analysis of his major operations to determine whether they tend to negate or substantiate the basic suspicion.

2. Ernst Ferdinand WORM was born on 25 April 1907 in Obergrund/CSR, near Warnsdorf. He was one of three sons born to Anton and Marie WORM. Anton WORM, independent farmer; was born in 1881 in Obergrund, which was then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He died in 1915. Marie was born in Schoenbuschel (now CSR) in 1884. The other two sons, Anton and Karl, were born in 1901 and 1911 respectively, both in Obergrund. Ernst WORM claims that his mother and two brothers were expelled from the Sudeten area in 1946 but that he does not know their present whereabouts. (The expulsion might have been eastwards.)

a. Little is known of his education, except that after the equivalent of grade school graduation he attended a commercial high school, the father's death having left the family in circumstances too straitened to permit the son to attend gymnasium and university. *1-10 learned he had about*

b. Employment: In 1927 Ernst WORM went to work as a salesman for the Mundwasserfabrik (factory manufacturing an oral antiseptic) Odol in Bodenbach. By 1931 he had become the assistant sales manager in this factory. From 1931 to 1945 he was employed by the Elektrotechnische Fabriken, Schmidt and Co. GmbH, with plants in Tetschen and Bodenbach. This firm employed several thousand people; its chief product was electrical insulators. The positions held by WORM are as follows:

- (1) 1931 - 1932: sales manager
- (2) 1932 - 1934: advertising director
- (3) 1934 - 1937: "rationalizer". (In German, Rationalisierung means either "Efforts to systematize and simplify" or "Cooperation between capital and labor".)
- (4) 1938: confidential advisor and procurement.
- (5) 1939 - 1945: director.

His salary from 1931 to 1938 averaged 50,000 Kronen annually. From 1938 to 1945 his salary averaged 32,000 marks annually.

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c. Military Service: None. WORM has attributed this fact to a chronic affliction of both legs which he allegedly suffered from 1937 to 1947. Another reason which he gives is that his position as director of a war industry provided him with exemption.

d. Marriages: His first wife was Angela, nee BILLY, born 2 November 1912 in Ketzelsdorf (now CSR), Austrian national at birth. Date of marriage is unknown. Of this marriage was born one son, Peter, on 1 June 1935 in Tetschen. Angela died (embolism) on 26 December 1937. WORM married his second wife on 14 June 1939 in Tetschen. She is Cornelia, nee JELIASCASCHEK, born 17 May 1914 in Ragusa, Dalmatia (now Yugoslavia), an Austrian national at birth. She is about 5' 8" tall; the undersigned guesses her weight at 130 lbs. She looks slender but large-boned. She has a long face with blue eyes, high cheek-bones, and dark brown hair. She speaks German with a slight accent but fluently, is an excellent cook, reportedly has a bad heart, is often ill, does not like the fact that her husband is in this business, and wishes family life could be made more normal by his acceptance of a normal job. From this marriage two sons have been born. Tilo, born 20 February 1942 in Tetschen, lives with his parents but comes to Munich to attend a private modern, experimental school. (Incidentally, the undersigned has never seen Peter, the son born of the first marriage. WORM states that he goes to school outside Bavaria and lives where he is going to school.) The second son, Marion Nicolai, was born 17 August 1951 in Munich.

e. Description of WORM: 5' 8" tall, 207 lbs., grey-blue eyes with heavy folds of flesh pushing down on upper lids, regular white teeth slightly gapped upper front, brown hair combed straight back without a part and now getting somewhat thin, square face with heavy jaw and double chin, somewhat dark complexion, stocky build, small paunch, erect posture with shoulders well-back. Used to be slender and athletic, played a good deal of tennis. Photographs and finger-prints are available.

f. Residences:

- (1) At unknown date (probably at some time between 1947 and 1949) lived at 47 Ottilienstr., Esslingen.
- (2) In 1949 moved to Duderstadt, Tiftlingerwederstr. (or Tiftlingerroederstrasse).
- (3) Became CSW 1 November 1950 and not long thereafter moved to Seestrasse 20, Holzhausen bei Starnberg, a requisitioned property.
- (4) Because of above fact, must soon move again.

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g. Cover Names:

Ernst Erich WEBER

Richard FARRER (most frequently used at present).

Dr. Erich WANDT (was used in Austria; was to have been dropped as result of a small flap.)

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Thomas E. WORTH (never used. This is name assigned WORM by undersigned on his AGO card, which has not been out of our possession or used by WORM.)

h. Political Background:

(1) WORM joined the Sudetendeutsche Partei in 1934. According to his statement, he automatically became an NSDAP party candidate in November 1938, when the DEUTSCHE Party (Sudetendeutsche Partei) was incorporated into the NSDAP. A Berlin Documents Center check shows, however, that on 1 November 1938 he became a party member, with number 6804466. (As far as the undersigned knows, no one could join the party — although he might be an Anwaerter — except by individual application.) On 3 October 1940 he joined the SS and was assigned # 451 936. He became an Untersturmfuehrer (SS second lieutenant) and was decorated by the ESMA on 3 January 1944. Since July 1942 he had been an Aussenstellenleiter of the SD. (Comment: All of the above was stated independently by WORM in the PRQ which he filled out for the undersigned. He claims therein that the SS position was honorary only and that he first came to the attention of the SD in 1941 upon applying to travel outside Germany on business. He claims that his job for the SD was to guard against sabotage, etc., in the plants under him, regarded by the Germans as important war assets.)

i. Business Travel, 1931-1942: CSR, Poland, Carpatho-Ukraine, Hungary, Balkans, France, Belgium, Holland.


j. Languages: English, German, Czech, Slovakian, French, Russian, Polish, other Eastern European tongues.

k. Arrest by the Czechs and Russian Detention:

WORM has told the undersigned that he was arrested in May 1945 by Czech police and turned over to the Russians. He volunteered no explanation of why he did not flee west with his family. He remained in detention until October, when he was released because of heart symptoms which he induced for the purpose. He also stated that he was very fortunate in being able to speak Russian as a result, he was treated with some sympathy and even respect. (He claims, in fact, to have gained the upper hand, psychologically,

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with the officer who repeatedly interrogated him.) Because the interrogations produced nothing very damaging, and because he was in bad physical shape, he was released to the East Zone with the warning not to return. (He has shown the undersigned a small picture taken, he claims, of himself in the East Zone; it shows a man with thin sunken, sick face and a prisoner's hair cut.) He set out to find his family and crossed illegally into the West Zone for this purpose.

1. History of ZIFFER Employment:

(1) In 1946, WORM has claimed, he was engaged in a private business venture, attempting (as best the undersigned recalls) to establish some sort of wood working shop. In 1947 he joined ZIFFER. We do not know who recruited him or what the circumstances were. Although WONDRAK, for whom he started working, appears in the BAUN reports, WORM does not. Since both come from the Sudotenland, where both were members of the NSDAP, SS, and SD, there is some possibility that they knew each other before or during the War and that WONDRAK brought him into ZIFFER; but there is no evidence to support this guess.

(2) From 1947 to 1949 he worked for Organization I20, directly under Herman WONDRAK (Orgleiter), principally as an economic specialist for the CSR - i.e., a desk and reports man in GV "E" headquarters. He seems (at an unknown date) to have become deputy leader of GV "E" and to have been leader of EV "S". By 1 November 1950 he had been appointed CSW, which position he still holds.

M. Documentation:

Under his true name WORM holds Kennkarte B-07966. Since this is a Bavarian Kennkarte, it is probably safe to assume that it was issued not earlier than 1950. Under the alias Richard PARKER he holds a false Kennkarte, H 498 303, which lists him as born 6 September 1907 in Prague.


N. Pistol Permit:

WORM is one of the Zipperites for whom we obtained permission to carry a weapon for protection. He has gun permit CC 01031, F and D, issued 1 March 1951. The pistol is a Polish FB, Radom VIS, Model 35, 9 mm, serial # 10988.

O. Vehicle:

He purchased vehicle #96.

3. MGS-3098, 30 January 1951, is the only positive reply which we received on requests for traces on WORM. It tells a wierd story. An anonymous letter, addressed to CIC Regensburg, was left by a person or persons unknown at a soft-drink bar in the Neues Rathaus, Regensburg, on 25 October 1950.

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The only clue to the writer's identity appears in the letter itself, which states "He (WORM) recently attempted to employ the writer as a specialist mechanic-and-tool-maker and promised to give him a position but refused to give the name of the firm or its location. Writer declined the offer since he feared that he might be forcibly removed."

a. The letter contains a good deal of very accurate information about WORM. It states that Ernst WORM was born about 1906 (actually April 1907) in Nidelgrund bei Warnsdorf (actually Obergrund bei Warnsdorf); that he was a leader in the SD during the Nazi regime, and "1st Chief" in the Bodenbach-Tetschen (Sudetengau) district; and that he was "an activist in this work." In May 1945 Bodenbach was occupied by the Red Army. "A major of the Red Army told a man from Bodenbach that he had shot WORM with his own pistol and that WORM was buried in a cemetery in Bodenbach. The Russian officer personally showed this grave to this man. About September 1945 Herr WORM appeared suddenly from the dead in Arnstadt, Thuringia, and stated that he came from an internment camp in Pirna, Saxony, and had the intention of going to the West. It is known that he passed through Duderstadt (see list of residences, above). During recent years Herr WORM met various acquaintances from Bodenbach and claims to have resided in Stuttgart, Munich and Esslingen (all true). He stated that he would have been unable to secure employment in his own name because of his previous SS membership, so he always went under assumed names. It is known that he used the identification papers of a certain deceased Rudolf RICHTER, born 1906 in Barken, Post Topkowitsch, Kreis Tetschen." (Field Comment: The only Rudolf RICHTER of whom we have a record did work for EV S of GV "E"; and at one time WORM was head of BV "S"! His date of birth, however, is listed as 12 September 1908; and in 1950 he was living at 67 Grossbeerenstr., Berlin.)

"Recently Herr WORM has represented himself as a Herr WEBER. A woman acquaintance of WORM saw him in Leipzig several months ago and found out that he is now the head of a business. She hardly recognized WORM, since he has now changed in appearance so much. He is about 5' 6" tall, heavily built, full faced, and has thick brown hair. He is often in the West Zone and drives an expensive car. It is known that WORM speaks Russian...The last address which WORM gave to an acquaintance was Ernst WORM, Esslingen-Norkau, Ottilienstr. 47. (Field Comment: correct.) He has recently lived in Frankfurt/Main, Bayreuth, and Giessen."

Dated 14 October 1950.

b. Field Comment: Had the true Ernst WORM been killed as described and were DREADFUL a plant, much would be explained in respect to his polygraph test. Moreover, the fact that he showed the undersigned a picture, allegedly of himself, taken in Thuringia after his release from detention by the Russians -- a picture in which resemblances can be seen but which presents a striking contrast to his present chubby self -- could be merely a clever move to bolster his story. Unfortunately for the theory, DREADFUL's reactions when asked whether Ernst WORM is his true name, whether 25 April 1907 is his real date of birth, etc., indicated that his affirmative answer was true.

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4. Evaluation of WORM by 25.50/C:

a. Just as it would be a serious error to under-estimate this man, so it would be a mistake to over-rate him. The first element in his character which I should like to point out is an inability to keep his mouth shut about his work and his person. The above story is chiefly remarkable in that a man probably untrained in IS work was able to gather so much accurate information about WORM, who seems to have talked loosely to several people. A long declaration given CIC by V-3348 (true name: Walter GEIFEL), whose case will be summarized in Part II of this report, includes the following:

At Easter 1949 GEIFEL and wife were at Uebersee, near Chiensee, in a restaurant called "Zum Hintervirt". This restaurant had also been patronized frequently by WONDRAK (known to GEIFEL as HETTMANN) and WORM (known to GEIFEL as WEBER). The restaurant owner asked GEIFEL if it were true that he too belonged to the espionage group, saying that WEBER had told him about it. The restaurant owner added that WEBER frequently came there with a man from the Zeiss works in Jena, with whom he conducted economic espionage.

WORM frequently dramatizes himself and his operations; he delights in the cloak-and-dagger side of his job, and this delight tends to make him wish to share with others his picture of himself as a smooth, subtle, psychologically adept manipulator of hidden wires. It is possible that he has learned some discretion in the past two years, but 25.50/C has always considered this trait one of the reasons for terming him second-rate.

b. More obvious than the above trait are WORM's sycophantic qualities. He has flattered 25.50/C to the point of nausea, as he would not have continued to do were he acute in matters of psychology. (The flattery has, in fact, kept distrust alive.)

c. Associated with the above trait is the praise which he heaps on all things American. His admiration is voluble. The reverse is also expressed: a dislike, if not of Germans and Germany, than at least of those Germans whom he knows professionally. The only member of the ZIPFER staff for whom he has expressed anything but distaste and disdain is WINTER, and even in this case he has indicated serious reservations.

d. The longer one knows WORM, the stronger grows the impression that his erect posture, fluent speech, air of calm, and displays of skill and knowledge all are devices to bolster a personality which is inwardly uncertain. It is true that he has stood up well under such pressures as the undersigned has seen him subjected to; but these pressures have been very slight. When speaking, he looks the listener straight in the eye; yet one gains the impression that he is aware of doing so, and is afraid to do otherwise.

e. He reads widely and has picked up such a smattering of science that he makes, at first, the impression of being not only widely but also deeply informed. Detailed discussions, however, tend to dissipate this

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conviction. In practice, moreover, his scientific attitude has a broad taint of superstition running through it. He is distrustful of qualified M.D.'s, for example; and when ill a few months ago, he placed himself in the hands of an unlicensed practitioner for whom he claims supernatural powers. Although 25.50/C has never discussed palmistry with him, WORM certainly seems the sort of man who would grant credence to such hokum.

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f. He seems a reasonably affectionate husband and father. Only one charge of adultery is known to us. Walter GEIPEL, in the course of his written statement to CIC, says that FISCHER (cover name of his GV "E" handling agent at one time) told him that a red-headed secretary employed by Org. 120 had tried to kill herself. "First she was in bed with WEBER (at 120) and then with HERRMANN." If the story is true, however, the episode was probably isolated. WORM does not talk or act like a rake. As for other pleasures, he enjoys good food thoroughly, smokes, and will drink socially — in fact, will drink heavily under suitable circumstances.

5. A few points should be made in summation:

a. The story which WORM tells seems internally and psychologically consistent except at two points:

(1) His remaining in Bodenbach until the Red Army had taken the town and he himself had been arrested seems illogical in view of his political background and the fact that he was well known to any number of people who could be expected to denounce him.

(2) Re his lack of information about his mother and brothers from the date of his own arrest to the present, it is unlikely that he would merely write them off the books without using intelligence resources at his disposal in an effort to find out, at the least, whether they had been expelled to Germany or taken eastwards.

b. His story also (and naturally) has gaps in it. Chief of these is the story of his recruitment into ZIPFER. How did he first make contact? Did he take the initiative, or did someone seek him out? Did he know other Zipperites before joining in 1947?

Another gap is the year 1946. He has told 25.50/C that he was trying to found a wood-products business during this year — presumably in the West, since his story is that he soon left Thuringia and crossed the border illegally in search of his wife and children. Where was this business? What other German businessmen know about it and could verify the story? How did he, a penniless refugee discharged from a Pirna prison, acquire capital for this venture? If, as the polygraph indicates, Ernst WORM is his true name and identity and if (as is also indicated) he was not recruited by the Soviets prior to discharge from Pirna, then 1946 looms large as the likeliest period for dealings with an Eastern IS.

6. No recommendations will be made until an analysis of his major operations has been completed.

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On above date ADS discussed with 40 the sensitivity of [] and asked who else, besides 236, 40 and 30 office, had knowledge of it. 40 answered that it was handled on a very restricted basis and that information concerning [] was not passed outside Hq., i.e. that GV C and CSF were not informed. On this basis, I assume that UJ-DREADFUL is not aware of [] as of this date.

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cc: UJ-DREADFUL

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