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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EE/G

SUBJECT: SS File on Ernst WORM

1. Attached is a copy of the SS file on subject. The file was obtained from the Berlin Document Center (BDC). The Director of the BDC noted that there had been two previous requests for name checks on subject:

On 10 October 1957 the BDC supplied fifteen copies of the file to the 7791 U.S. Army Regional Support Group.

On 24 June 1964 a name check was made for Dr. Ina KASTNER in the Bundessicherheitsverfassungsschutz.

2. According to the documents in the file, subject was a Nazi Party member since 1 November 1933. He was also a member of the RSHA and began his career in that organization in August 1940 as an SD collaborator. On 15 December 1942 he became a member of the SS with the rank of Private. He held that rank until 30 January 1944 when he was promoted to 2nd Lt. The direct jump from Private to 2nd Lt. was not explained in the papers in his file. The recommendation for the promotion was made on 9 October 1943 by SS Major Wolf KOCH, who seems to have been his commanding officer in 1943 and possibly also before that time. Several evaluations of subject by KOCH are included in the file. The file also contains two essay-type of personal histories prepared by subject as well as three photographs of him.

\* Other captured documents, not attached, list one Wolf KOCH as an SS Lt. Col. with a date of promotion as 9 November 1944. This person was born on 7 October 1911 in Nordhausen (Harz). His SS number was 107387 and his Nazi Party membership number was 2913547.

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3. In examining the BDC file, we also note a point that could be a discrepancy:

The records dated before 1943 show that subject had knowledge of several foreign languages (Czech, Slovakian, English and French). The records beginning with 1943, however, show that subject claimed also partial knowledge of Russian, in addition to the above-named languages.

Although subject could have acquired his Russian language knowledge through studies, the file contains no indication to that effect. It can be assumed that had he attended official language courses, this fact would have been recorded. Similarly, private studies, if known to his superiors, would have been cited as additional justification in the recommendation for promotion to 2nd Lt.

Attachment - a/s

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