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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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~~The following information is classified~~

1. On 30 June 1955, OCA learned the Sicherungsgruppe was planning a large action on 2 July. No details were given at this time.
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2. On 2 July our ~~Officer~~ Officer informed us that the roundup was one started on the basis of information from Herbert WEINMANN alias BUBKHARDT, who was in prison on the basis of black market charges and was offering information on persons in contact with the Sfs in return for his freedom from prosecution. They also reported that two of the persons indicated by WEINMANN as Sfs agents were SDU employees Robert KAESTNER and ~~Ludwig~~ Ludwig ALBERT.
3. On 7 July our CIC Liaison Officer ~~learned~~ learned from CIC HQ that the German authorities in conjunction with the BfV and SDU had conducted a swoop operation the weekend of 2-4 July and arrested 15 persons including 2 SDU members.
4. Also on 7 July Dr. Ernst BRUECKNER, chief of the Sicherungsgruppe informed a member of this office of the background of the arrests and confirmed the fact that ALBERT and KAESTNER were arrested. Aside from giving capsule account of WEINMANN's arrest and the gist of his disclosures, no details were given. BRUECKNER stated ~~that~~ that ~~one~~ one KATHAL, fnu, an employee of the Deutsche Post in Frankfurt ~~had~~ had passed the Sfs some military phone books. Other than this, BRUECKNER said, there were no ~~other~~ matters of a security nature affecting the U.S. except for the two SDU men, neither of whom had made any admissions. He said further that this was only a tentative ~~judgment~~ judgment, inasmuch as voluminous material found in ALBERT's possession was still being ~~studied~~ studied. There was, however, no doubt but that ALBERT had been in touch with the Sfs, since the witness WEINMANN had on one occasion ~~seen~~ seen the Sfs case officer whom he knew as

BERGER, give ALBERT some money, at a clandestine meeting in the woods near Frankfurt. Subsequent meetings with BRUCHNER revealed no further information which he was willing to pass us.

5. On 19 July, BRUCHNER gave a list of the arrestees as follows:

- a. Kurt LEFEBRE, Berlin-Wilmersdorf, Wetzlarerstr 28, born 8 July 1921 in Berlin. He was known to WEINMANN personally and confessed having worked for the SFS in 1953. His confession is not complete.
- b. Heinz H. RUMANN, Berlin-Schmarnwerder, Inselstr 30, born 10 December 1914 in Dresden. He has made a partial confession.
- c. Dr. Rudi WALTER, Berlin, born 14 August 1912, Berlin. He had made a partial confession, including the fact that he recruited some people for the SFS.
- d. Gerhard UMLAUF, Oranienstr 14, Berlin, born 1 March 1921 in Berlin. He has made a full confession.
- e. Felix VIETH, Berlin, chief of the Vertriebenestelle at Tempelhof. He has denied working ~~for~~ for the SFS.
- f. Heinrich JONAS, Weiskirchen bei Offenbach, born 16 February 1920 in Weiskirchen. Has confessed.
Frankfurt/Main;
- g. Inu KARTHAL, Niddastr 8, Has confessed selling military phone books to SFS through ~~XXX~~ WEINMANN.
- h. Alvin ROSENGARTEN, ~~Kassel~~ Frankfurt/M, mover and proprietor of omnibus company. He has confessed working for the SFS since 1954.
- i. Georg Ernst TETZNER, Fassberg, born 16 February 1920 in Schmoelln, Kreis Altenburg. Released as case of mistaken identity.
- j. Karl BARTHOLOMAEUS, Braunschweig, born 18 September 1920, Goettnitz, Kreis Bitterfeld. No confession so far.
- k. Robert KAESNER, Munich. SDJ employee, born 27 October 1913 in Frankfurt am Main. Denies any treasonable activity on behalf of an eastern intelligence service.
- l. Ludwig ALBERT, Neu Isenburg bei Frankfurt, Rainstr 80, born 8 July 1900

in Frankfurt. Committed suicide the night of 14 July in jail without having made any confession except that he was guilty of the misuse of ~~official~~ operational funds. He denied in his suicide note having had any contact with the SFS.

m. fmu HUESTER, Frankfurt a/M. Released for lack of evidence.

n. ~~IKK~~/ZWICLER, Stuttgart. East-west trader. Has confessed working for SFS, also connection with DIA Hstall and Meletex.

o. fmu SCHIEDT, proprietor retail store Berlin-Tempelhof. ~~Successor of~~ ^{associate of} ~~VIETH~~ VIETH. No details known.

p. Martin SPINLER, Berlin, born 4 September 1918. He has confessed to having worked with JONAS (see 5f above) on behalf of the SFS against the Federal R public. He had been given a radio number code for receiving blind voice broadcasts and was also in possession of S/W material.

In a section titled voice & wanted for more detail:

- a. German language instr Det R, alleged SFS informant (Vieth). Mela Russ told driver Det R gave Weismann info on courses.
- b. married fem. employee Amn Hotel Garnisch. alleged agent.
- c. Gd in CIC Wbadeu alleged SFS contact. His Hg believed vicinity Rudwigtstr 4, Wbadeu.