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TO: C.O., X-2 Germany

SUBJECT: Lt. Alfred PIFF Interrogation Report Appendix A:-
Relations between Leitstelle II Súd-Ost and Other
Intelligence Agencies.

1. Relations with HSHA Amt VI E.

The first contact of PIFF with Amt VI E was at the beginning of September 1944. At that time PIFF went to PRATSCH's office in order to obtain authorization for Leitstelle II Súd-Ost to recruit agents from irredentist political groups in south east Europe such as the Iron Guard. This authorization was necessary because Amt VI was responsible for political espionage outside Germany. This first interview was very short but PIFF obtained what he asked.

Toward the end of November 1944 or the beginning of December PIFF received an order from FESCHER to contact the Roumanian Referat of VI E which was working in the same area. In fact, the order had come from higher levels to remain in contact with Amt VI. From that time on PIFF remained more or less in contact with Referat Roumania and with AUNER. He limited his visits to a minimum because he had the impression that AUNER wanted to obtain as much information as possible on the operations of the Leitstelle in order to take over its agents for himself. PIFF claims further that he went so far as to re-write the agents' telegrams, of which he was obliged to show a copy to AUNER, in order to protect vital information. In practice there were certain contacts between the nets of Amt VI E and those of the Leitstelle simply because the agents of the two services had been recruited from members of the Iron Guard or from similar organizations and because the agents knew each other more or less. This contact, however, never achieved a co-ordination of effort at the commanding level. Once only a telegram arrived at the Leitstelle through AUNER. The station KOPA operating in Roumania was temporarily unable to transmit and established contact through the W/T transmitter of Referat Roumania of Amt VI.

VI E left Vienna about 30 March, that is, a little before the Leitstelle. On 6 April PIFF received a telephone call from AUNER who asked him to come to see him at his new location at KREMSDENEZER. There he met PRATSCH, LIEBHART and ... told him they had received orders that they alone had the right to work in Roumania. Consequently, they asked for direct liaison with PERNISAN, the new agent in charge of the Leitstelle, and they forbade the execution of action PIFF was carrying out, until the receipt of new orders. In ..., ... took PIFF to their radio station located ... from KREMSDENEZER and put him in contact with the ... operator so that the question of radio liaison could be decided practically. PIFF proposed to the operator that code ... be used. This code, which is in fact

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PIFF evidently did not have pleasant memories of his relations with AUERER whom he described as the evil spirit of VI D. Brutal and selfish, ready for anything because he had acquired the mentality of those who have lost everything (the rapid advance of the Russians had obliged him to leave his wife and child in Roumania where he had no hope of returning). AUERER called the officers of the Leitstelle "men of 20 July". He was always trying to obtain as much information as possible from PIFF without ever providing any himself. It was not until somewhat later and at PIFF's insistence that he agreed to furnish a certain amount of information of a political nature to the Leitstelle.

2. Relations with the Wehrmachtführungstab and Mil Amt D

PIFF believes that the Leitstelle depended directly from the Wehrmachtführungstab Abteilung FA, at first under the orders of Oberst NAUMANN, then in December 1944 under Oberst BUNTROCK. He has never heard of Mil Amt F and evidently does not know that Oberst BUNTROCK was its head. He lists as other members of this Abteilung FA of the Wehrmachtführungstab: Oberstleutnant Von den KNESEBECK, Oberleutnant GILDEBRISTER, Major LINKS (in fact all members of Mil Amt F). Concerning Mil Amt D, PIFF says that as far as he knows they had no direct relations with this department, but that Mil Amt D had a "fachliches weisungsrecht" vis-a-vis the Wehrmachtführungstab, that is the right to give technical advice on operations which came within the sphere of this department.

3. Relations with Kommando des Meldogebiet Vienna.

PIFF personally had to make contact with KdM Vienna from its beginnings with the Leitstelle. In fact the agents of operation REGULUS were to be trained at BREITENFURT in a center which belonged to the KdM. For this particular question PIFF was in contact with KELLESIK. By order of PECHNER, PIFF also established contact with Oberleutnant SCHUBERT, chief of operations of the KdM, to whom he was to pass on military intelligence collected by agents of the Leitstelle. PIFF was also in contact with Oberleutnant PROKOP who was especially concerned with questions dealing with Roumania at the KdM. The only help received from the KdM consisted in furnishing for the offices and food for the headquarters. These contacts lasted until the departure from Vienna.

4. Relations with Jagdverbande.

The Jagdverbande Süd-Ost had a geographical and political situation very similar to that of the Leitstelle. Consequently relations with them have been frequent and serious, especially the possibility of an attack is taken into consideration.

Toward the end of October 1944 Jagduntersturmführer

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The Leitstelle never inquired as to the activities of the agents placed in the field. The agents were engaged in no espionage activity. In the end the Leitstelle made no effort in trying to recruit the Leitstelle.

5. Relations with Nachrichten Regiment 506.

It is this unit which was charged with the training of the radio agents of the Leitstelle. For this question PIFF established contact at first with Oberleutnant ROHM, later replaced by Hauptmann MARGASDORF. In addition, after the agents were placed, it was NACHRICHTEN Regiment 506 who maintained the radio contact with them and who furnished them before their departure with the transmitting and receiving sets with which they were to operate. The centrales which monitored the agents of the Leitstelle included HEBA and the two sub-stations FEID and WALD, and later HIMMEL. NACHRICHTEN Regiment 506 was installed in VIENNA STUBSBAIRG in the same building and on the same floor as the Leitstelle.

6. Relations with the Wehrwolf.

During March a telegram arrived at the Leitstelle from an authority unknown to PIFF and which ordered FECHNER to establish relations with the NSDAP of Vienna with the object of the eventual absorption of the Leitstelle into the framework of the Wehrwolf. This order was purposely disregarded.

Conclusion

This interrogation of PIFF was made not only to clear up certain aspects of the activity of Leitstelle II Súd-Ost but also to enable us to decide what was the nature of the relations of PIFF with the KSM. In fact PIFF was considered by certain of his colleagues as having particularly close relations with the SD and even of being the SD representative within the Leitstelle. PIFF denies having any other relations with the SD than those necessitated by his service or by order of FECHNER. The simple fact that because of his duties he was in fairly close contact with KSM Amt VI is sufficient to explain these rumours. In addition the interrogation of AUKER on his relations with Leitstelle Súd-Ost and PIFF confirms the statements of PIFF.

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